

very easily by seeing that all your predictions relate to ~~some~~ things three hundred later. Then nobody is going to be able to say that you are a very poor prophet. Well, this evident, of course, didn't take place and didn't take place and three hundred years ~~later~~ went by before it took place. So you might say, "Why should Jeroboam worry about this?" As a matter of fact I don't think he did. Not at this point. The next verse makes it more practical. We read, "He gave a sign the same day." This word sign means exactly what it says, ~~and~~ an indication. He gave an evidence. It doesn't mean necessarily something that is miraculous in our ~~day~~ modern sense; it means something that is an indication, a sign; it may be miraculous, or it may not, but it is an indication. The indication that he gave is this: this is a sign that the Lord has spoken. God hath given you a prediction for the future and an assurance that God is not going to allow this wickedness to continue indefinitely. Sometime it is going to coming to an end. Actually it was three hundred years later. ~~The indication which he gave is this~~ But here is a sign which is going to show you now that the prophet is speaking from God and gives you a reason to trust that his prediction is going to take place in the future. Here is the sign. In this sign the Lord has spoken. "Behold the altar shall be rent and the ashes that are on it shall be poured out." Well, there is the sign. The destruction of the altar is in the future tense, but he says that there is going to be ~~some~~ some trouble ~~with~~ with the altar right here. ~~These~~ Look at those lights. Those lights aren't much good. They will have to be replaced within the next few years. It might be this very hour one of ~~these~~ these will give out. Well, supposing one of them began to blink right now; you would think that I was a pretty good prognosticator. My statement about what would happen in the future wouldn't interest you so much, but if you say its immediate fulfillment happen the way I said it would you would say, "Well, I think your future statements are probably true, too." In this case the prediction was made regarding the