

he made no prediction at all of what would happen, but the Bible on the other hand, has a great many predictions. And of course a great many of these are about events which happened during the time when the Bible was being written. Predictions of something that was happening next year or next month or ten years later or a hundred years later, and yet we fall back at such a time that a ~~any~~ person can say well, how do you know this wasn't written after the event which was predicted. I think that in many of those cases, we can prove that it was before. I think that many of them have very good evidence. But I'm not going to take your time with any such evidence tonight. Tonight, I want just to look at a few of these predictions, a few of the outstandingly clear ones, a few of the instances in which we can say that the prediction was fulfilled long after the time at which it was given, so long after that there was no question in this world that that prediction was in writing long before the events took place, and to see whether the prediction took place in such a way that if it happened in a different way you couldn't say it was fulfilled. Now I'm not saying by that at all that prophecy was-hidden is history written in advance. God ~~is~~ does not give us the Bible to satisfy human curiosity. If we were to know all about the meaning of the universe, it would take several big encyclopedias to give it to us. More than that. It would take books to build a tremendous library to tell us all that. God didn't set out to do that. He set out to tell us how to be saved, and how to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and to be saved for all eternity, and how to make our ~~life~~ lives worthwhile in this life. And so the main purpose in some cases the predictions are to prepare people for emergency and a situation, but the very frequently the prediction is to simply give an evidence of the fact that it was actually God speaking. In other words, they are given, not to satisfy curiosity, but to strengthen faith. They are given in order to make it clear to us that God really