

I spoke last time on how difficult it is to predict the future. How often alledged predictions of the future consists of ambiguous statements that would be equally true no matter what happened. It is impossible for ordinary human beings to predict future events with certainty. A person 100 years ago could not have imagined such a world as we have today. Factor after factor is utterly different from what anybody would have ever dreamed at that time.

The second time I spoke on this I gave examples of predictions that were made by the prophets about certain ancient countries or cities and showed how these were fulfilled in ways the prophets would never have dreamed of. Ways that were contrary to anything they could have imagined, and yet weere so specifically and acurately fulfilled that if it had been stated differently or had referred to a different place it would be easy to see that the prophecy had not been fulfilled.

Today I want to speak about two kinds of prediction. The terminology I use is something I've invented myself. Perhaps someone else could think of something better in terminology. But I think that the actual type of prophecy which I will refer to are definite types, regardless of what may be different.

I have given them the names organic prophecy, and inorganic prophecy. By organic prophecy I mean a declaration of the way in which God is going to do things in order to accomplish certain purposes. When God says that He is going to protect His peoeple, when that He is going to destroy a certain nation, when He says that He will cause certain great results to happen, generally the prophecy cimply points to some great event in God's economy of the universe and usually does not give us much detail about it. But ocasionally we find a prophecy which we cannot see(or would be difficult to see) how they particularly advance God's work(word). They are not organic in the sense that they are pointing to a definite procedure in the accomplishment of God's great purposes, but they are pointing to some incidental fact which might be considered as rather unimportant except the fact that it is literally fulfilled that it gives us an evidence that actually there was a knowledge given for the prediction beyond what any human being could make.

Many of us could predict that God is going to pour out great blessing on this world, and we're going to have a wonderful time of prosperity in the next century such as was never dreamed of. Other millions of us could predict that in the next century there will be chaos, evil and war and things will return to the dark ages. If we did that I'm sure that one of the two groups would prove to be correct, but it would not prove that they had any particuàar divine knowledge, but merely had made a good guess.

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Organic prophecy is very important because/it comes from God and He gives it. We can trust it; we can depend on it. The inorganic prophecy has comparatively little importance as far as the accomplishment of God's great purposes are concerned. I believe it is inserted simply as an indication, a truth, that God actually spoke. I originally developed this idea of these two types of