

The prophets spoke for their immediate contemporaries and also for future generations. That which is recorded of their relation to their immediate contemporaries and of the actions of these people is itself a part of the revelation of the nature and will of God, to future generations. In view of both of these considerations it is impossible to state that a certain section of the Bible or of a book or of a chapter is meant merely for the prophet's contemporaries and another part merely for a future generation. All of it must be considered as having a purpose both for the immediate contemporaries and for future generations. Predictions which are primarily intended for one or for the other may therefore be given in close proximity to one another and are not necessarily carefully distinguished.