

Prophets 11

talk, giving us all this sort of thing, and the prophet answers and says, "No, but with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people, to whom he said, 'This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear!' He says, "They would not listen when I gave them simple , when I gave them wonderful promises. Therefore, God is going to speak in another way. He's going to give them stammering lips and another tongue. He's going to give them harsh language that they find guttural and difficult to understand as these brutal aggressors march across their land and they will see that if they won't listen to God when he speaks in plain, simple language, He will speak in the harsh movements of history to them. A great lesson, of course, for the lives of each one of us. I don't think we should ever pray God to keep us from tribulation, to keep us from suffering. I think we should pray God to give us the lessons He wants to give us and to give us attentive ears to hear them so that it may not be necessary that He teach us by tribulation and suffering, but that we pray that He will, if we do not hear when He speaks in a still, small voice, if we do not heed to the simple, clear teaching of His word, that He will then give us the disagreeable experiences in our lives which of chastening His own and of driving home to them that which He desires them to know and understand. Well, that is, I think, in the light of the context, the lesson of this passage here. Now, let's look at I Corinthians 14 and see what Paul says about it. Does Paul say, "Now is fulfilled that which was predicted by the prophet"? "Here is brought^{to}/ pass the wonderful thing that the prophet said would happen." What does he say in 14?

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Prophets 12

The important thing is getting the teaching across to the people. He says in Verse 11, "Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me, and thus he continues with his argument trying to show them that