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1 further prediction, that Hananiah would die that  
2 very year (vv.15-16). Two months later this  
3 prediction was fulfilled (v.17), giving evidence  
4 that Jeremiah was the true prophet and Hananiah  
5 the false one.

6 Sometimes a prediction referred to the  
7 distant future, and therefore a prophet's con-  
8 temporaries could not form an immediate judg-  
9 ment. Thus there is an account in I Kings 13 of  
10 a prophet who traveled from Judah to Bethel to  
11 denounce the type of worship that Jeroboam had  
12 introduced by setting up the golden calves. He  
13 declared that a king from Judah, which was only  
14 about a third as strong as Jeroboam's kingdom,  
15 called Josiah, and belonging to the house of  
16 David, would defile the altar that Jeroboam had  
17 built. Nearly 300 years passed before this  
18 occurred. Then a king, bearing the name the  
19 prophet had predicted 300 years in advance, per-  
20 formed the deed that had been foretold. People  
21 living at that later time would have striking  
22 evidence that the prophet described in I Kings  
23 13 was a true prophet and that the worship of  
24 the golden calves was wrong.

25 In this particular case an additional proof

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