P. 5. (8)

he did it.

Now God says here, I am predicting a hundred and fifty years in advance what Cyrus is going to do. I am predicting these events, and then when they come to past, you may not see my hand in it, but you know that I said, that I was going to do it, and that is a pretty good proof that I did it.  $8\frac{1}{2}$ 

the exclipse I read the Atlantic monthly. It told the story of a trip to the sun, and he said he was standing on the front porch, he and his family, and she said they went out and looked and saw the eclipse become permanent and all got dark, chickens went to roost and everything. Then in a minute or two the sun starts to come out and life began and they were just watching it and he said just as it was finished he said his little boy looked up to him. He said, Daddy, do it again. (Laughter). Well, if he could have caused it to happen again, that would have been evidence that he had done it. The little boy had no when way to tell, so naturally he thought it was his daddy. It is hard for us to tell of causation. And the Lord will choose to do things in a way way, that may prove to be absolutely definite but He ordinarily does not. And so one of the great proofs He has chosen to give is this of predictive prophecy. And it is one of the great proofs about Christ, that so many things in His life exactly fulfilled through the prophets hundreds of years before. And God caused the Old Testament to come to an end and there's a period of 400 years in which none of this was listed, and the Septuagint translated 200 years before the time of Christ, so that when Christ came you have mm this that there is no question of anybody having written after it happened. And you find his life fulfilling the goal exactly in so many portions, so many points, that the German Skeptic, Strauss, found the best place to get around it, he could find was to say that Jesus read the Old Testament and studied it, carefully and saw the picture there and wanted people to think He was the one, so He worked things around so that He could get proofs like this to make people think that He was the one who was predicted in the Old Testament.

Now I don't think anybody called Strauss on that interpretation into question. It is utterly rediculous, psychologically, that a person would go through those things would get Himself crucified to prove that He was the Messiah, when He really wasn't.

And in addition to that, a man who would do a think like that, wouldn't have the