

will go here and there to increase knowledge." The same idea is repeated in verse 9: "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end."

It is thus made clear that some predictions will not be fully understood until the approach of the time to which they refer.

- 5) It is easy to forget that the Bible, though expressing the mind of the infinite God, is written in human language. In every language words change their meaning from time to time. As we have noticed, each of them expresses a certain area of meaning, not a point. The areas in different languages vary greatly.
- 6) It is a common error to think that one verse of the Bible can be taken by itself and squeezed to the point where a tremendous amount of truth may be extracted from it. Such an approach is dangerous, in view of the nature of human language.

God has provided a Bible that is true and inerrant. If it is properly interpreted no false idea will be deduced from it, but its interpretation requires comparison of scripture with scripture, and at any one period of time some of its statements may elude full comprehension.

##### **5. Recognition that Prophecy, like History, is by its Nature a Survey Rather than a Complete Statement**

It is a common misunderstanding to think that prophecy gives a complete picture of the future so that by studying it we can know every important detail. Such an expectation is bound to be disappointed, not only in prophecy, but even in history. A little thought will show how impossible it is to expect that either of these will give a complete answer to every question that might be asked.