

Deut. 18:15. "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken." Here is a ~~the~~ verse which we can (3) pick from the context, disregarding everything before and afterward, and say, all is Moses forgot everything else he has been talking about, and just suddenly gave a prediction of the coming of Christ. You can do that. I don't think you should do it. What is Moses doing here? Now it may be, we always in looking at any verse, or any passage, we ask ourselves does a brand new section start here, so that the previous verse is unrelated? Or does a section end here, so the following verse is unrelated? You don't want to prove from context, if it is not a context, but you want to examine the context and see whether the verses are related, and I think you will find quite readily that verse 9, a section of this chapter begins. When you come to the land that the Lord gives you, don't learn the abominations of the heathen nations there. Don't cause your son or daughter to pass through the fire. Don't use divination. Don't observe times. Don't have enchanters or witches, or charmers, or consultants with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. What is the purpose of all these things? The purpose is to tell the people what they should do, and to predict the future to them. To give them the knowledge they need to go forward, to get that knowledge from a heathen or an ungodly source, that is the purpose of this sort. People want to know what to do. I read in Hollywood there are astrologers who receive thousands of dollars from people who come to consult them as to whether they should take part in a ~~church~~ certain preparation, of a certain movie, or whether a certain movie should be planned or put on, or whether it would be good to start a certain business deal at a certain time. I heard there are even prophecies in government, to go to people in that. These people claim to look at the stars and to tell them what to do. The ancient Assyrian and Babylonians were a very great and successful people, but they had men ~~e~~ who were hired, whenever the king would start anything important, this man would kill an animal and look at its liver, and they had a whole science of the inspection of livers. One time they examined an animal and they found that the liver had a queer sort of a growth on a certain part of the liver, and the king went out and fought a battle and was defeated and was killed.