

to show the distant one is true. And God wants us as we present His Word and present His great truths to point to immediate evidences wherever we can. To give evidences people can see of the truth of the thing they can't see that we are giving them from God's Word. He does not ordinarily allow us to give this sort of a prediction, but in this case he says the altar is going to be broken and the ashes on it are going to be poured out. Now, is this a miracle? We read that that is what happened. But is it a miracle? Did God by His supernatural power -come down and break that altar? Maybe He did, but the Bible does not say He did. It is just as possible that these stones had gradually been having the tension being built up in them with the alternation of heat and cooler weather as they were used over a period of time and that the point was reached at which by natural causes these stones would break. It does not make the slightest difference whether it happened by natural causes or whether God entered in and made a supernatural change. The fact is that God enabled the prophet to say exactly when it would happen! He enable him to predict it, and it occurred. A proof of the other prophecy that God's mercy would continue to the house of David from which eventually Jesus Christ would come.

So he gave this nearer prediction. Then we read in v. 4 that King Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God. Evidently the king was right there, and the king immediately brings forth his hand and he says, Grab that fellow! Lay hold on him, it says. He reached out his hand and it laid hold on him. Who would say, lay hold on him today? We need the Bible in our own language of today. The KJV was a marvellous translation for the people of 300 years ago. Young people today that are not raised on the Bible don't