

Nobody could ever have predicted anything like that! And then I thought of Hitler again. I remember how in the year 1939 Hitler had declared war. I remember how in 1939 Franklin D. Roosevelt was president of the U.S. He was in his second term, and no president had ~~never~~ had ~~more~~ than a second term as ~~presis~~ president of the U.S. I remembered other events of that eventful year 1939. Then I recalled how in January of 1940 I was going over some old things and I came across a copy of a popular magazine that I had bought in January of 1939. But I had not read it then. I had read some of it and laid it aside. And in January 1940 I happened to come across ~~xxx~~ it and I saw the headline, "What ~~xxx~~ 1939 will produce!"

I thought how interesting that is. So I looked ~~add~~ they said, So and so is a great astrologist. Prominent politicians in Washington; great movie stars in Hollywood -- they all consult him to know what the future is. And this magazine has been so fortunate as to get him to tell us what's going to happen in 1939. So he made a dozen predictions about 1939. But I didn't read them in 1939. I read them in 1940, and it was very interesting. He said, During this year Hitler will die a violent death. Well, Hitler died a violent death 6 years later, but in the meantime his name was in every newspaper of the world practically every day during those six years. They said, During 1939 no war will break out. And it was that fall that the greatest war in history ~~bozke~~ broke out. He said that during 1939 Franklin D. Roosevelt will announce that he will not run for a third term. He not only ran for a third term; he ran for a fourth term! As I went down it and I said, How many people read this in 1939 and thought, How brilliant this astrologer is to tell us what's going to happen. But how few looked at it in 1940 and saw how it is impossible for mere human beings to make a guess which maybe has a chance of maybe one chance in ten of hitting the truth of what is going to happen in the future!

But God declared, He cried out to them, Show the future. Tell us what's going to happen. You can't do it, He says. Therefore you are of nothing. At this point the gods who had felt greatly encouraged by the way that ~~Isenberg~~ and Plank had talked, they looked very happy and they said, That's right. We can't prove we are gods by predicting the future. But they said, We can turn it back. We can challenge Him! You tell us what's going to happen in the future. You show us what the future will bring forth and then maybe we will believe you really are the God who created the universe. And no voice came from Heaven. And I felt it would be very wicked of me to stay silent when such a challenge was made. So I turned to them and I said, Look at the Bible. Look at the things the Bible tells us about the future. Look how it tells us Babylon is going to become desolate and barren and deserted. Well, they said, Most great cities in the world have become desolate and barren and deserted. Most of them are ruins as people move on to other places. That doesn't prove anything. They said, That no more proves anything unless you can get some remarkable details in it than our statement about the enemy of Rome perishing. Well, I said, Look at what the Bible tells about Tyre and Sidon. What it says about Tyre if it had been said about Sidon could be shown to be demonstrably false! It happened in a marvellous way about Tyre. It never happened about Sidon. Look what it said about Egypt. How different Egypt has been ever since. Ezekiel made that prediction about Egypt. Look what it said about those two Egyptian cities of Memphis and Thebes. What it says about Thebes is more or less general. It exactly fits Thebes.