PROPHETS AND PROPHECY

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Even though not explained in the Scripture it is clearly implied that sometimes at a particular crisis or when death seemed to be approaching the Lord enabled a patriarch to catch a glimpse of the future of his descendants, and to state struly what was ahead for them.

After the undescribed sin of Ham's younger son, Canaan (Gen 9:22,24), Noah declared a curse upon him, which was fulfilled in the subjugation of the Canaanites at the time of the Israelite conquest. At the same time the patriarch was 12 permitted a glimpse of the blessings that lay in 13 store for some of the descendants of Shem and Japheth in days to come.

A rather similar instance of a prophetic 16 blessing occurred when Isaac, old and nearly 17 blind, thought death was approaching (Gen 27:2, 41). Although God revealed to the patriarchs 19 many aspects of His plan, they were human beings 20 with fallible minds. Isaac knew that when Esau and Jacob were born God had declared that the older would serve the younger. Yet the foolish thought may have entered his mind that he could change the situation by giving Esau the blessing that God intended for Jacob. One kind-hearted

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