

PROPHETS AND PROPHECY

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1 was given to the prophet's contemporaries. The
2 man of God followed up his distant prediction
3 (v.2) with one that would be fulfilled that very
4 day (v.3;cf.v.5).

5 More than a century before the destruction of
6 Jerusalem Isaiah predicted that after the people
7 had been in distant exile for many years a new
8 conqueror named Cyrus would set them free and
9 would make it possible for Jerusalem to be
10 rebuilt (Isa 44:28; 45:13). When this occurred
11 it produced further evidence that Isaiah was
12 indeed a true prophet.

13 4. The Most Important Test of All--
14 Agreement with Previous Revelations. It is
15 clearly brought out in Deut 13:1-5 that a man
16 might claim to speak for the Lord, might perform
17 what appeared to be a miracle, and might make a
18 prediction that would come true, and still might
19 be a false prophet. It is the duty of God's
20 people carefully to check the content of any
21 revelation and see whether it is in line with
22 what God has previously revealed. Paul brought
23 out this truth very clearly in Gal 1:8 where he
24 said, "But though we, or an angel from heaven,
25 preach any other gospel unto you than that which

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