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1 has continued to the present time and has been a
 2 prominent factor in the attempts of modern
 3 critics to date many of the books much later
 4 than the time at which they claim to have been
 5 written. It was doubtless in order to forestall
 6 this sort of interpretation in relation to the
 7 most important predictions of the OT, those
 8 relating to the life and death of Christ, that
 9 God caused that the OT should be completed some
 10 centuries before the time of Christ, so that it
 11 would be obvious that the OT predictions of
 12 Christ were made long before His time.

13 A second method that is sometimes used to
 14 discount prophecy is to assert that predictions
 15 have been intentionally fulfilled, as in the
 16 case of Jehoram's death in II Kings 9:14-26, and
 17 perhaps, of Josiah's actions in II Kings 23:
 18 16-17. Thus it is pointed out that Jehu remem-
 19 bered Elijah's prediction and deliberately ful-
 20 filled it (vv.22-26). However, this does not
 21 really destroy the force of the authentication.
 22 No one could have predicted that at the time of
 23 Jehu's rebellion Jehoram would have returned to
 24 Jezreel to be healed of his wounds, or that
 25 their encounter would take place at the very

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