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treated him with such indignity that his body 1 was thrown out into the wilderness for a time 2 before being buried, perhaps even remaining unburied. If Jehoiakim had died a natural death and been buried with the customary pomp attend-5 ing the death of a king, Jeremiah's many enemies 6 would have had no difficulty in persuading 7 everyone that he was a false prophet. Even on 8 the unlikely assumption that the followers of a 9 pretended prophet whose prediction had proved to 10 be so completely wrong still supported him, it 11 can be safely assumed that so demonstrably false a prediction about the king's death would not 13 have been included in his book. 14

There are many prophecies in the Scripture 15 that have been fulfilled in remarkable fashion. 16 To reconstruct history on the basis of imagina-17 tion at points where there is no evidence and then to use this as a means of declaring that some of the prophecies were not fulfilled is 20hardly a proper way to treat God's Word. 21

C. The Rise of the Higher Criticism. When the higher criticism was applied to the OT and scholars began to divide the Pentateuch into 24 25 various alleged sources supposedly written at

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