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His Creation. While this might seem to be the most important aspect of the prophetic work, it rarely occurs entirely by itself. Usually the important facts that the prophet reveals about God's character and purposes are contained in passages presenting rebuke or giving encouragement. The work of the prophet is intensely practical. The words of all the different prophets taken together provide a great source of knowledge of these important facts, but their messages rarely consist entirely of information of this type.

4. Information as to the Action to be Taken on a Specific Occasion. This aspect of the prophets' work represents a comparatively small part of their total message, but it is the part that often seemed most important to their contemporaries. During the wilderness journey Moses was frequently given directions as to the immediate actions that the people should take (e.g., Exod 16:4-34; 17:1-7; Num 11:16-24; 15:32-36; 17:1-13; 21:8-9). While Joshua is not listed as a prophet, his work being that of leading God's people, God gave him specific revelations at many points in his career as to the