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and it is not at all strange that today the word prophecy in popular usage has come largely to be restricted to the idea of prediction.

D. Special Problems in the Interpretation of Predictions. In addition to the important principles of prophetic interpretation that have already been discussed, certain matters particularly related to prediction require consideration.

1. Conditional Predictions. Sometimes two parallel predictions are given with opposite conditions attached to them. One of the earliest instances of this is found in Lev 26. Verse 3 gives the first condition: "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them." Verses 14-15 give the opposite condition: "But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; . . ."

Verses 4-12 describe the wonderful ways in which the Lord will bless the people if they fulfill the conditions expressed in v. 3. Verses 16-39 describe the terrible punishments that God will give to those who meet the opposite conditions expressed in vv. 14-15. In the book of Jeremiah such parallel predictions are particularly