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common.

Individual conditional predictions also occur. Thus when Ahijah promised Jeroboam that he would become king of Israel (I Kings 11) he predicted that God would build him a sure house, as He had done for David. However, this part of the promise was connected with a condition: "If thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did" (v.38a). Since Jeroboam did not fulfill the conditions this prediction was not fulfilled; instead Jeroboam's house was totally destroyed (I Kings 15: 29-30). There are many other instances in the Scripture where a prediction is clearly indicated as conditional. When no condition is clearly expressed a prediction should normally be considered as unconditional.

Sometimes one feature of a prediction may involve a condition though the prediction as a whole is unconditional. Thus when the forms of legality had been so carried out as to make the murder of Naboth seem like a proper execution, Elijah met Ahab and solemnly pronounced his