

## Prophets 7

city after city and have driven the Germans out and taken everything over and taken it but the only reason they could do it is because more powerful nations have destroyed it. Well that happened three hundred years later. Somebody ten years ago might have said, "Things are working up toward that." Nobody would say that in the time of Rehoboam. There was no visible expectation and it didn't happen till two hundred and fifty years after this prediction. So there is a third element in it which certainly shows that this man of God here when he spoke made a prediction which took divine knowledge. It wasn't a mere clever guess.

Now a fourth factor which he could not have known, which no human being could have known, is this, that when this man who was named Josiah became king of the land in the course of his reign he decided he would like to restore some of the old landmarks and he said, "There's that temple up there and it's a nice place but it's in pretty bad condition. Let's go to it and reorganize it. My father and grandfather didn't have any use for the place and they let it fall into disrepair. Let's rebuild the thing" and he put some men to work going through the temple and reestablishing it and as they went through they found the book of the law and they read the book of the law to Josiah and Josiah said, "Great disaster has come upon land because the people ignored this book which they should have been following and studying and obeying." He said, "Let us obey it." and he took the book of the law and obeyed it and in a great revival came into the land and the result of that revival was that he desired to go and to put an end to this wicked rule. Now that sprung from the book of the law in the temple. Nobody could have known three hundred years before that that would happen right in the reign of his kingdom. That is a thing which would have involved more than <sup>any</sup> mere human knowledge and another clear evidence of the fact that the Lord spoke to the man of God. Now there is still another element. There is a fifth element. That is the willingness of Josiah to fulfill the prophecy. Even supposing that Josiah simply said, "I want to fulfill the prediction." Now the fact that he was the kind of man who would care to fulfill it; the fact that he would want to work out the prediction was something which couldn't simply be taken for granted. Somebody might make