

Prophets 8

like a tube burning out in a radio. It may go for many months or even years or it may burn out within a few days. It's just about impossible without very minute instruments to predict when it is going to happen.

Well this man stands up and says, "This is going to happen to this altar!" and when the king heard him say this the king was becoming angry now. He'd been quite disgusted with what he said about the house of David but now when he makes this statement the king becomes very angry and the king reaches forth his hand and says, "Take ahold of that feller", and his hand is put forth and is dried up so he couldn't pull it in again. His hand is paralyzed there and he couldn't draw it in again and at the same instant they heard a sound like an explosion and the top part of the rock altar broke and the ashes began to pour down and people said, "Somebody made a mighty poor job of constructing this altar, but everybody knew that no matter what the cause it would have been utterly impossible for the prophet humanly to have known that that was going to happen right at this particular instant or to have know that the paralysis would come to the king's arm right at this particular instant. And so you have two immediate signs given, the sign of the paralyzed arm and the sign of the cracking of the stone of the altar, both of them occurring right at this time when the prophet says that the stone is going to be rent and thus you have two immediate signs to authenticate the action of the prophet and one sign which is for the immediate an encouragement and for the distant, an authentication.