

Prophets 11

verses 1-2, there's a man who comes, gives a sign or a wonder, the sign or wonder comes to pass, its fulfillment, but he says, "Let's go after other gods, and let us serve them." Thou shalt not hearken to the words of that prophet. So the fourth test is, agreement of his teaching with the law of God. Agreement of his teaching with the law of God. There must be agreement of new truth with that which has already been produced. So those are the four tests of a prophet. They are negative tests. I mean by them we can glean out a great many false prophets, but that doesn't mean that we can necessarily glean out every one with these four tests. It still leaves a certain number with whom we have to look for the definite action of the Spirit of God working upon the hearts of the people of God and by His providence causing that the true prophets shall be accepted and the false prophets be . He does not give us an absolutely water tight way of telling who are the true prophets. We can be thankful we do not have that responsibility of making that decision in our age. The age of the prophet as he existed in Old Testament times is over. Now we have the message and the question is, are we correctly interpreting and presenting that message.

And now we go on to Chapter E.

Prophets 12.

(Discussion with students) Oh, 2. By Test 2 I refer to something which takes place right now. like Moses throwing down his stick and it becomes a serpent, or like the altar being rent and the ashes pouring out, or Moses putting his hand into his bosom, or something that you can see right now. I meant that kind of a sign. Of course, the word sign is used in the broad sense as covering predicted prophesies also, and No. 3 refers to more the carrying out of something that is predicted regarding the future which might not in itself involve anything extraordinary except the fact that it is predicted at the time. You cannot make a water tight line between the two, but there are many instances which clearly belong in one or the other and there are others which are sort of straddling along. Mr.---? (Discussion with students)

Then, E. The Call of the Prophet. How does one become a prophet? The Call of the prophet. When I say the call of the prophet I don't mean that Isaiah every day of his life