

## Prophets 13.

piece of paper there is not always quite such a simple process. Sometimes I believe it is teletyped. At other times a telegram is <sup>sent and</sup> received and put down while on other occasions the telegram is telephoned to the particular station. There are various modes in which it finds its way on to the <sup>yellow</sup> piece of paper that the telegraph boy delivers. Well now in the case of the prophet it was brought in No. 12, vv. 6-8 that there are different ways in which the Lord may reveal His message to a prophet. He said to Aaron and Miriam, "If one of you is a prophet, (the English is not extremely clear in saying "If there be a prophet among you". We don't ordinarily in modern English say to two people, "If there be a prophet among you". We would say, in modern English, "If either one of you is a prophet" or "If either, or both of you are prophets") then He says, "I, the Lord, will make myself known unto him in a vision and will speak to him in a dream. Now He says to Aaron and Miriam, "I'm not entering into the question now of whether you are prophets or not." As a matter of fact both of them were used at least once as prophets, as carriers of the divine message, but He doesn't enter into the question of whether they were prophets or not. He says, "If you are a prophet, God may give you a vision. He may speak to you in a dream, but he says, "My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all my house, with him will I speak mouth to mouth even apparently and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold." There is then a difference in the mode in which a revelation may be given by the Lord to a prophet and we know, of course, that there was a difference in the mode in which He revealed Himself to Moses. Moses spied the burning bush and he knew the Lord was in it. God revealed Himself through that burning bush and then God spoke to Moses and Moses heard the words. Moses heard the words of the ten commandments which all the people heard and Moses went up into the mountain and there God showed him certain things and when Moses tells us that the Lord's will was that the tabernacle be built in a certain way, we're not always sure whether God described it in words to him or whether He showed him a picture and Moses describes to us in words the picture that the Lord showed him. We're not always sure of the mode but this verse makes it abundantly clear that there is a variety of modes in which the Lord may have given His message to a prophet and so we want to examine certain of these modes. And now a. will be what we would call an external voice. The Lord sometimes speaks to the prophet through an external voice, such a voice that ~~any~~ anyone there would have heard. We know that that was true