

Prophets 14.

I Kings 13 when the two prophets were sitting at the table one of them turned to the other and he said, "The Lord is going to punish you for disobeying his word." Thus says the Lord", he said. "Since you have disobeyed His word in eating and drinking in this place where He told you not to eat or to drink your carcass will not come to the grave of your fathers." That message was a message given to one prophet by the other prophet from the Lord and the other prophet hadn't known it before. You cannot believe that he had heard that message and then had gone and pursued after the man and told him that white lie, that God had said that he wanted him to come back and eat with him, if he knew that God was actually going to kill him as a result of his disobedience in that point. The message came from the Lord to that prophet right as they were sitting at the table there and the other prophet couldn't hear it and he had to tell him. There are many such instances in the Scripture of a prophet receiving a message when he was not alone but was in a place with other people and the other people didn't hear the message, and the only way in which that is explicable is on the belief in the use at times of an internal voice. 1. A third method—c. The third method, we will lump several possible subdivisions into one main head and call it Vision, and under this heading of Vision here I am lumping quite a number of different things, and I am lumping under Vision what the prophet sees with his external eyes, what he sees with an internal eye, what he sees when he is wide awake, what he sees when he is fast asleep, lumping them all, because the difference between this and what precedes is that, instead of its coming in words it comes in things seen. Now of course there may also be words in addition to what is seen, and there often is. Let us look at one or two examples of this. Amos 7:1-9 is a very interesting instance of it. In Amos 7:1-9 we read various things which the Lord shows. For instance, take Verse 7. Then He showed me and behold the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more. Here you have the combination, something seen and something said. He causes the prophet to see something and then the prophet asks the questions and the interpretation and the Lord explains it to him, so we have this combination here but it is primarily a vision rather than direct words from the Lord to him. Another example which is familiar to all of you I am sure is Isaiah 6