

Prophets 16

That is in Verse 7 we have certain statements made. Verse 4 is the one I
 , but verses 8-12. Verse 7, the Lord makes certain predictions
 about the future. These are revealed to Daniel and Daniel writes down what
 the Lord has said is going to happen, but Daniel himself says, "And I heard,
 but I understood not:" so wonders what the full import of these words is,
 and he said, "Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till
 the time of the end." Now, here's the words. Here's the true message, but
 you don't fully understand it. The words are closed up and sealed till the
 time of the end. "Many shall be purified and made white, and tried; but the
 wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise
 shall understand." But here we are told. Here are words given to Daniel.
 They are God's message but they are difficult to understand. And nobody is
 going to understand them until the time draws near when they find their fulfill-
 ment. Then there will be situations which will make it easier to understand what
 they mean, and when we see those situations we can understand what they mean more
 fully. Even then they won't be clear to everyone. The wise will understand but
 the wicked will not understand. So here we are taught that there are words giving
 a revelation, giving predictions about the future which are not to be clearly under-
 stood--in this case because it is given in words, and words are always difficult
 to understand fully, because of the imperfections of human language. And then in
 Verse 4 we have the same teaching given in another verse. "But thou, O Daniel,
 shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many will
 hunt to and fro and knowledge will be increased." Many will make research to and
 fro. The Hebrew word used here is the same word which is used in
 another passage where it says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro in the earth,
 and He trieth the deeds of men." It describes them going hunting back and forth,
 to and fro. That is what this verse tells us. These words Daniel has been given.
 They are in the book and the book is sealed. There is much in it not to be under-
 stood until the time actually comes when it is to be fulfilled and then many
 people are going to hunt through it and try to find out what it means, and knowledge