

says. Prediction is whatever tells in advance what is going to happen in the future. Prophecy may be prediction, but it may not be. And the assignment I gave you for next time asks about the acts of a prophet. If a prophet comes and says God's curse is upon this place, this is wicked. That is prophecy. But if he says, God is going to destroy this place, that is prophecy and also is prediction. Prediction may be included in prophecy, but the word prophecy in the Old Testament sense does not mean prediction. It means speaking as God's representative, giving the message that God wants given. I make an effort to predict the weather, and my effort if it succeeds is a true prediction, but it is not a prophecy in the Old Testament sense, because it is not the passing on of a message that God has given.

Now what is our third use of the word. (Student). Yes, No. 11:29. And what do you learn from Numbers 11:29, as to the meaning of the word prophet? (Student). Yes, that is very clearly brought out, ~~W~~ Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them. By putting His spirit upon them He makes them prophets. (Student). Yes, the implication is definite in it, that it is not the usual thing for God's people to be prophets. Moses' here has been prophesying, and somebody comes and says Eldad and Medad are prophesying, and Joshua says, My lord Moses, forbid them. And Moses said, Do you envy on account of me? Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His spirit upon them. A wonderful example and a lesson for all of us. Everyone of you is going to have the experience in some line or other perhaps in several lines of doing a good piece of work and then finding somebody else is doing a better piece of work in that line. And when your immediate impulse is going to be to be a little bit envious to think how much better what you do would look if they weren't doing something a little bit better, but if you look to the Lord as you should, you will very soon find yourself taking the attitude He wants you to take, that if what they are doing is good, praise God for it. Would God that all of His people should do a good work. The more of you the better. You are responsible to God for how good the work you do, is. Whether it is up to the very best you can do or not. You are not responsible then for a comparison with what somebody