

it talks about \_\_\_\_\_, and it is true that much of the scripture is very precise but much of it is very involved and very difficult to understand. And we want to learn some simple lessons and then go on to more difficult ones. Now I don't ask anyone to take this on my word, but I want you to know what I think of it. ⌘ And then hold it in suspension looking for further evidence, I mean, I don't want to take half an hour going into further evidence. That is not my method here. My method here is to awaken your minds to question, and then as we go on to note evidence of those questions. For instance, the question has been asked, how are we (5) going to tell when \_\_\_\_\_ prophets? Well, we take that up as a separate subject. Just now we are looking for the chief passages on it. But just now we are looking at these passages just to see whether they show what a prophet really is, and this passage shows clearly that a prophet is a spokesman for God. This passage shows that just as clearly as the ~~of~~ Exodus passage. Now ~~unless~~ when we go on to another question, How do we know who the true prophet is, we'll come back to this passage again, and later we go on to the question, What about Messianic prophecy and we'll come back to this passage. But at this point I'm saying, in the light of context, this predicts a series of prophets and if it doesn't the whole context is meaningless. If it doesn't what precedes and what follows stands absolutely without reason. And I hope you will all look over the passage further. I'm not half as happy about somebody who just takes a thing and writes it down as I am about people who look at it skeptically, critically, consider it, investigate it, study it, and reach your own conclusions about it. But at this point I think with further study you are all willing to think that in the light of context, that is what this passage must mean. Well now, what is the next reference? We have quite a few of them here in Deuteronomy 18. What is the next one?

Deut. 34:10 and that says, "There arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face." There were prophets. Great prophets. But not as great as Moses. Now how many instances do you have of the use of the word prophet in the book of Joshua? There is no use of this specific word in Joshua. There are uses of the fact. The next occurrence of this word is not until Judges 6:8.

Judges 6:8, "And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord because of