

fulfilled in full detail eventually. But its fulfillment is a long ways off as far as the immediate people there are concerned. It is of no help to them as authenticating the fact that this is a true prophet. It is a great help to that purpose later, but to them it has as its one purpose, to show how great is God's condemnation to Israel that God is going to destroy them and cause them

(12) And then in verse 3 we have a second prediction, and there is a second prediction made that the prophet says, God has spoken a sign. Behold the altar shall be rent and the ~~alt~~ ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. Now this statement in verse 3 has what purpose? What is the purpose of it? (Student). It has a very different purpose. But this has one direct immediate purpose to authenticate the fact that this is God's true prophet and what he says is in God's word. Because that was his purpose. And it fulfills that purpose. It makes a prediction. When does he says, the ~~alt~~ altar shall be rent and the ashes on it will be poured out? When is that going to happen, Mr. Ritter, according to his prediction? It doesn't say when it is going to happen. It could happen 200 years later, as far as the ~~pt~~ statement is concerned, but he says it is going to happen, and you might say yes, here is an altar of stone, and if you've ever done any camping, and you take a big stone, and put it down there, and you make a big fire in it and you put your kettle upon it, and you are cooking something, you've had the experience sometime, that that stone gets heated up, in one part, from your fire (13 1/2) and other parts are not heated, and the one part expands ~~the th~~ and the other and there is a strain and a stress in that stone, and all of a sudden it sounds like an explosion, and that stone breaks in two, your kettle drops on the ground, and it doesn't happen often enough that you worry about it much, but it happens. It may only happen once; or twice. But it does happen and it is an awful nuisance when it happens. And then -