

*Summary* Yet there is one book whose predictions of the future never fail.

Since the Bible was given by the Maker of history, who controls all things, its predictions are certain to prove to be fulfilled.

The Bible is not simply history written in advance. It tells of God's dealings with His people in the past, and shows His provision for man's happiness. It reveals the great principles that we need to understand if our lives are to be truly worth while. Occasionally it gives glimpses of what God has planned for the future. These glimpses can be of tremendous importance to us if we study them carefully.

We must not assume that we can simply grab a verse out of the Bible at random and think that it will give us the key to the future. The Bible must always be studied as a connected book, and every verse interpreted in the light of context.

Sometimes it is said that you can prove anything by the Bible. The same statement could be made of any other book, if it is treated the way people often treat the Bible.

An amusing illustration of the wrong way to handle the Bible came to my attention during the World War, when the governor of one of our states declared that the tire rationing to which Americans were then subject had been predicted in the Bible and quoted Isaiah 3: 18: "In that day the Lord