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People mistakingly refer to prophecy as "foretelling." However, biblical prophecy is more "forth-telling" than a mystical prediction of future events. God prophesies by revealing his message through an individual who then tells others what God has planned. An examination of individuals like Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, and Jonah shows God's ability to produce his message regardless of the messenger. Each prophecy is unique to a specific time, place, and people but can also provide insight into God's plan to send Jesus.

Memory Verses: Deut. 29:29; Rom. 15:4; Amos 3:7

Key Points

- The Bible has prophecies about specific nations, cities, and people.
- The Bible has divine foreknowledge about cosmological, biological, and geological facts before they are discovered later in history.
- The destruction of Tyre is detailed in Scripture and is fulfilled literally in history.
- It is improbable that one person would fulfill even a handful of messianic prophecies—Jesus fulfills them all.
- The Bible contains several prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled. An unfulfilled prophecy is not a failed prophecy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why did God stop using prophecies, and when did he cease using them?
- 2. How does God expect people to test prophecies?
- 3. Why do people think some prophecies are being fulfilled in our day and time?

CHAIN REFERENCE

- -Amos 3:7
- -2 Peter 1:19-21
- -Luke 24:44-49
- -Hebrews 1:1-3
- -Daniel 2
- -Ezekiel 26
- -Isaiah 7:14
- -Isaiah 9:6-7
- -Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- -Psalm 16

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