

of how God worked thro his prophets and gave truth in the Bible, much of it truth that no human being could have known, at that time. We saw those evidences, and I sat down and listed additional evidences to give this morning. I looked over the list, and saw it would take 2 hrs. to cover it, and I could not do that, so I laid it aside and decided to do something else.

I decided instead of speaking further about the historical truth of the Bible, the fact that it is accurate and dependable in what people saw, to look at to what is my mind an absolutely unanswerable evidence that God spoke through these men, and that these men display in their writings a knowledge that no human being could possibly have had. That, to my mind, is one of the greatest proofs of the authenticity of the Word of God and that we can trust and depend on it.

I'd like to call your attention to a passage in which this particular aspect is brought out rather vividly. It is where Isa. in ch. 41 speaks to the idols and false gods. In 41:21 Isaiah as representing God says: "Produce your cause says the Lord, bring forth your strong reasons says the God of Jacob, let them bring them forth and show us what shall happen; let them show the former things what they are that we may consider them and know the latter end and declare things to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter . . . do good or do evil that we may be dismayed and behold it together; behold ye are nothing and your work of nought." He is saying here, You can't predict the future! You idols, false gods, you can't do anything and the best proof you can't do anything is that you don't know what's ahead. When God uses that as a proof against others it's only reasonable that we turn it back on Him, and say, If this is Your Word, can you tell what is going to happen in the future from it? You know those of us who have studied prophecy and are used to the idea of prophecy of the future, may not always realize how difficult a thing it is to predict the future.

I remember back in 1939 I happened to buy a copy at the very begining of 1939 of Liberty Magazine--- it's been extinct for a long time. (Bernard MacFadden published it for a number of years). I happened to buy that copy and glanced over it and laid it aside and did not look at it till a year later. When I saw it a year later I found it twice as interesting as when I first bought it. On the cover of that magazine it says, "An Astrologer Tells What's Ahead! for 1939." And of course I was interested to know in advance what's going to happen in 1939. I think most of you remember what happened in '39, at least some of it. But it was more interesting a year later to look at it and see how good that astrologer was in predicting the future just one year ahead. I found that the article began by telling about this astrologer out in Calif., who it said prominent businessmen, financeers diplomats, statesmen ask for advice and he tells them ~~what's~~ for a proper fee what's ahead. The movie stars find out from him whether they should be in a certain picture or not, whether the picture is going to make good or not. So Liberty Magazine prevailed on him to tell what's going to happen in 1939. I believe he predicted a dozen things that were going to happen in '39 and it's my impression that as I looked back on it a year later, I found that only one of the 12 had come true, and the other 11 were completely false. He said categorically no war will break out in 1939. That's when WWI broke out!