

Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which He doeth: for we obeyed not his voice."

In the second verse of this same ninth chapter, Daniel gives testimony to Jeremiah the Prophet as a mouth piece of God. "In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolation of Jerusalem." He also speaks of the prophets as those who spoke in God's name. Verses 5 and 6, "We have sinned and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments. Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets which speak in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land."

There is an indirect method of substantiating the claim of the law to divine authority. Along with the law, blessing was promised for obedience, and cursing for disobedience. We quote from Leviticus 26, verses 3 and 4, "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; then will I give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit,"—and so on. Verses 14 on, "But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; and if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow