

The Problem of Unfulfilled Prophecy

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discovered that there was a second semester of the course, and the second semester of the course we did all the regular prophetic books -- Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Lamentations was left out! We got a break there with all five chapters! Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the Minor Prophets. We actually did sixteen books, going through them, charting every prediction. I mean. All ~~we~~^{it} had to do was read the word 'shall,' 'will,' or 'maybe,' and it would apply for a prediction. And then we analyzed them to see what were really ~~predictions~~^{predictions} and what were expressions of will, like the fellow who says, I will that I have a cup of tea. We did not classify that one as a true prediction. I had charts that covered my office, my wall, and they could be used for the table -- for, you know, for place mats if you wanted to. They went every kind of a where. We checked them for literal things; we checked for fulfillment, and we got involved in a great deal of historic study so although it was billed as a two hour course, I hardly -- I kind of enjoyed it too. I enjoyed the growling about it as much as anything. To have a legitimate thing to growl about ^{is what} every brother needs. And the privilege to sit there and growl legitimately pleased me no small amount. But to make a long story short, in the course of it I came on a number of things which I could not find any instance or record of fulfillment, and yet they did not look like things in the distant future. They looked like things in the past. Now, as I mention in these notes later on (I'll stick with the notes rather rigidly when I get done with this rambling on), but as I mentioned in the notes there are a lot of things, of course, you know, you don't, you don't -- if everything that is written in the Bible and particularly the fulfillment were spelled out behind the line, you would have a book bigger than the Britanica. So, it would be childish to assume that everything that ~~was~~^{is} predicted, you would have two verses explaining how, etc. But a number of things (~~like~~ when I say a number, I don't mean hundreds. I mean a few, but a big enough number that I was impressed by it. (Thank you very much) A big number, that I was impressed by it, of things stood out that were not really fulfilled -- I am sorry, I mean that there was no apparent, obvious record of fulfillment. So I became obsessed with those things, and I would go to the Fulfilled Predictions class, and I remember raising a big question about it one day, and other members of the class, of whom one just finished lecturing right here a little while ago,