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But, the thrust of it is: the prophets we believe spoke truly, we don't think they were like modern astrologers who predict a certain things -- I read an account from Sunday's newspaper. The writer said, What do people who believe in Astrology say about the many times the astrologers are wrong? Well, he said, they quickly forget those times, and concentrate on when they were right. We do know believe the prophet were like that. We work on a set of assumptions with regard to Scripture, on a set of testable things. We don't believe that the prophets gave 15 predictions and that 10 of them came ______, and forget the other five. We don't believe that.

While we don't believe that we have to have a chapter on every subject, we are perplexed, or I am perplexed, from time to time about things that look to me as though they are to be plainly fulfilled, but haven't. You see the thing have never I am wrestling with there? No, No, you may sit back, and say, Well, I denote seen anything like that. You may not have, because I am often learning from my students. I have on my left a fellow in a Hebrew exam who parsed all the regular verbs in II Saul, and he hasn't seen any either.

I had an experience. I took a test in Seminary from John Sanderson, Dean of Covenant College. There were three questions on it. Well, I didn't see the third one. I answered the first two, and I remember Sanderson later that I thought I did very well on the test. And he said, The first two answers, he said, (I'll exaggerate it a bit) Hodge, he said, himself, could not have done better on the first two. That quick! I felt really great! But then when he said, There was no answer on the third one at all - And I hadn't even seen it! So, he said, You see, you had two-thirds perfect and one is a zero, it averages out to 66. That's what the rascal gave me! So, what I am saying is, You may see the problem. The problem I see is a number of things, not a giant humber, but a select group of things that seem to have passed the point of fulfillment, and I would like to know more about them. Maybe I can't. Maybe I will have to plead ignorance to all of them, and maybe I can't. But I would like to know more about them. Now, I will just run off the _______ for a moment and point out some people see these things and two things happen:

Some people see the unfulfilled predictions as I will analyze them in a couple minutes -- some see it, and they kind of conclude that the whole business is wrong. It's amazing how illogical we become from time to time.