

DEFINITION OF PROPHECY

“There are those now living who, in studying the prophecies of Daniel and John, received great light from God as they passed over the ground where special prophecies were in process of fulfillment **in their order**. They bore the message of time to the people. The truth shone out clearly as the sun at noonday. **Historical events, showing the direct fulfillment of prophecy, were set before the people, and the prophecy was seen to be a figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth’s history.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 101, 102.

FIGURATIVE, *a.* [Fr. *figuratif*, from *figure*.] 1. Representing something else; representing by resemblance; typical. 2. Representing by resemblance; not literal or direct. *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary*.

DELINEATION, *n.* [L. *delineatio*.] 1. First draught of a thing; outline; representation of a form or figure by lines; sketch; design. 2. Representation in words; description; as the *delineation* of a character. *Ibid*.

PROPHECY IS TRACED ON A LINE

“We must have a knowledge of the Scriptures, that we may **trace down the lines of prophecy**, and understand **the specifications given by the prophets**, and by Christ and the apostles; that we may not be ignorant; but be able to see that the day is approaching, so that with increased zeal and effort, we may exhort one another to faithfulness, piety, and holiness.” *Review and Herald*, July 31, 1888.

PROPHECY IS REPEATED UPON THE SAME PROPHETIC LINE

“Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth’s history. The teachings of this book are definite, not mystical and unintelligible. In it the same **line of prophecy** is taken up as in Daniel. **Some prophecies God has repeated**, thus showing that importance must be given to them. **The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7, 8.

HISTORY IS ALSO REPEATED—AND SHOULD BE STUDIED

“Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for history will be repeated.” *Maranatha*, 30.

PROPHECY HAS A SPECIFIC ORDER

“All that God has in prophetic history specified to be **fulfilled in the past has been**, and all that is yet to come **in its order will be**. Daniel, God’s prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the Revelation the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the **students of prophecy** the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of **the great and solemn events which we must know** as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment.

“In **history and prophecy** the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress. **Those things which have been, will be repeated.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 109.

THE PROPHET'S MESSAGES WERE FOR OUR DAY

“Each of the ancient prophets spoke **less for their own time than for ours**, so that their prophesying is in force for us. ‘Now all these things happened unto them for **ensamples**: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.’ 1 Corinthians 10:11. ‘**Not unto themselves, but unto us** they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.’ 1 Peter 1:12. . . .

“The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for **this last generation**. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338, 339.

ENSAMPLES: 5179. **tupos**, *too-pos*; from 5180; a *die* (as *struck*), i.e. (by impl.) a *stamp* or *scar*; by anal. a *shape*, i.e. a *statue*, (fig.) *style* or *resemblance*; spec. a *sampler* (“type”), i.e. *model* (for imitation) or *instance* (for warning):—en. (ex.) *ample*, *fashion*, *figure*, *form*, *manner*, *pattern*, *print*. *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*.

THE PROPHETS PRESENT THE SAME STORY

“These men of the Old Testament spoke of things transpiring in their day, and Daniel, Isaiah, and Ezekiel not only spoke of things that concerned them as present truth, but their sights reached down to the future, and to what should occur in these last days.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 419, 420.

IDENTIFY THE WAYMARKS—IF WE ARE TO GUARD THEM

“**The great waymarks** of truth, showing us **our bearings in prophetic history**, are to be carefully guarded, lest they be torn down, and replaced with theories that would bring confusion rather than genuine light. *Selected Messages*, book 2, 101, 102.

WAYMARK, *n.* [*way* and *mark*.] A mark to guide in traveling. “Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.” Jeremiah 31:21. *Webster's* 1828 dictionary.

BEARING, *n.* The situation of an object, with respect to another object, by which it is supposed to have a connection with it or influences upon it, or to be influenced by it. *Ibid*.

THE THREE MESSAGES ARE WAYMARKS WHICH HAVE BEEN LOCATED

“The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages has been **located** by the word of Inspiration. **Not a peg or pin is to be removed**. No human authority has any more right to change **the location** of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 26, 27.

“The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but **all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed**. It is just as essential now as ever before that **they shall be repeated to those who are seeking**

for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, **showing their order,** and **the application of the prophecies** that bring us to the third angel's message. **There cannot be a third without the first and second.** These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing **in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be.**" *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104, 105.

CALLED

"Whatever may be man's intellectual advancement, let him not for a moment think that there is no need of thorough and continuous searching of the Scriptures for greater light. As a people we are called individually to be students of prophecy." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 708.

PROPHECY IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH

"Ministers should present the sure word of prophecy as the foundation of the faith of Seventh-day Adventists." *Evangelism*, 196.

EVERY PROPHECY EXPLAINS ANOTHER

"Each Gospel is a supplement to the others, **every prophecy an explanation of another**, every truth a development of some other truth. The **types** of the Jewish economy are made plain by the gospel. **Every principle in the word of God has its place, every fact its bearing.**" *Education*, 123, 124.