

LESSONS FROM PROPHECY

Studies in prophetic Scriptures with an eye to the "lesson value"...the immediate guidance we may have from the development of God's dealings with His people in prophetic light...prepared for presentation at Easton Union Church, Mt. Holly, New Jersey, October, 1976, by Tom V. Taylor, faculty, Biblical School of Theology, Hatfield, PA.

I. Introductory Notes

A. The plan and purpose in this series:

Although there was a decline in the study of biblical prophecy during the middle part of this century, following the excited activity of the earlier part, there has been a great renewal in the last fifteen years or so. Most of this study is centered in understanding "things to come" and in the special seeking of information about world events. Consequently there has been no lack of prophetic conferences and earnest discussions of world events and events still future. But in this important study it is sometimes forgotten that the prophetic literature contains more than just prediction and its full purpose is to enable folks to live as well as to understand what will happen in time to come. Therefore, in this study, our concentration is on a few of the lessons gleaned from the prophetic Scriptures more than on the predictions, etc., themselves. This does not mean we are not interested in those things...only that for the moment we are given to a study of these immediately practical things. Using a central passage of Scripture we will note some of these lessons and point out that they are uniform in all prophetic Scripture and apply to this age, past ages, and will be equally true in an age to come.