## STUDIES IN BIBLICAL PROPHECY

Tom V. Taylor Biblical Seminary Hatfield, PA. 19440

## I. BIBLICAL PROPHECY: Its character and meaning

- A. Some general comments at the start of this series
  - 1. A note on the lecturer and his hang-ups
  - 2. A note on the progression of our ideas
  - 3. An appeal for reality..here and there.
  - 4. And a note in definition of the subject: Biblical prophecy is obviously the prophesy of the Bible. That is really all we are interested in studying at this time. But hereafter in our notes and discussions we will just use the term "prophecy" and you will remember that we are limiting our discussion to the "biblical" aspect. There are all sorts of other prophets but our study is in this area only and we are shortening the terminology to suit our cause.
- B. What it is...a brief analysis of the identifying terms in prophetic study.
  - Terms defined:
    - a. "Prophecy"... The declaration of one party's intentions by another party.
    - --prophesying is the term describing the activity...
      - --prophet is the person who does it
      - --prophecy is the thing that is done or given.
    - b. Aspects:
      - --forthtelling
      - --foretelling
  - 2. The prophetic ages: most critical when revelation is lacking or directive guidance unavailable. This is easily observed by a study of:
    - a. the prophets and the law
    - b. the prophets and the captivity
    - c. the prophets and the church.
  - Pertinent related matters:
    - a. the purposes of prophecy (Monday, to some extent)
    - b. interpreting prophecy (Tuesday, to some extent)