

The Problem of Unfulfilled Prophecy

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said, At that time we will -- I would be talking about Saturday because of the relative demonstrative use of the word "that". I would have no other choice. ^{See}, I would be talking about it. So in English we have no exact equivalent. But roughly speaking the Hebrew expression which is translated "In that day" means "In the same period", "At a set period, "At a given period" It covers about three different ideas, and you have to determine in each context which idea is meant. Likewise, the "Day of the Lord", that inductive study on the Day of the Lord will leave you with no doubt that the Day of the Lord is a technical expression meaning the time when God in visitation brings His wrath on somebody or some group. The Great Day, we think, is ahead of us, but the Day of the Lord on Babylon in Isaiah 13 -- the Day of the Lord on Babylon (Isaiah 13) is when the Medean army runs it over, and the Medes are mentioned specifically about two verses later so that all of us clods will understand it, so that we will have a grip on it. ~~on~~ The Day of the Lord for Babylon is the Medean invasion. The Day of the Lord for Damascus was Nebuchadnezzar's invasion. The Day of the Lord for the whole world will be when God judges the nations. ~~But a~~ simple ~~study~~ study of the phrase "the day" will pretty well convince you of that. Now, I have a few friends that are not convinced, and that is because they determined ^{that} the "Day of the Lord" can only mean one particular day in the course of time. They determined that before they studied the occurrences and are unwilling to study the occurrences till they think back twice on them. Now, I made the same determination. I mean I had a Bible teacher who told me that was the way it was, and I took his word for it, ~~and I took his word for it~~, and I always believed it and I always parroted him, but a study of the individual occurrences convinced me that it just could not be that way; that the phr- ^{now} ~~Some~~ Sometimes the phrase will mean that when it ~~talks~~ talks about the Day of the Lord, ~~and~~ the world, the Gentiles and the heathen -- sometimes. But, you see, the Day of the Lord describes a type of action ~~that~~ rather than one particular calendarial day. So, with these unfulfilled predictions you can make big jumps as far as what a particular phrase means in its place, and otherwise I will say nothing here. I think about 3, 4, ^{or} 5. ~~Now~~ ^{And} 5 is always ^{good} ~~so~~, so I will violate my pledge and just say one word. You see we shouldn't be in the business of telling the prophet what he should have said. Young in his commentary on Daniel makes a big point about that when he is quoting from Longe's (?) commentary. He says,