

was due to the disobedience that was accorded to the Law of God.

Many of these accounts in Scripture are seen as the outworking of the covenantal commitment of Deut. 28-29.

(2) Prophetic Use of Pentateuch in O.T.

The concept of prophecy is twofold: predicting and pronouncing. The Pentateuch gives the rules to govern the former and the basis to determine the latter.

(a) The prophetic ministry, with regard to the spiritual and often political basis of health, was often simply a recall to a return to the law of God.

Isaiah 1:10, 2:3-5...the painful reminder that the nation had forgotten to consider the God who brought it to being and fulfillment.

Hosea 4:6, 8:1...The capstone words are..."seeing thou has forgotten the law of thy god..." and the result is that the people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

Malachi 4:4...as a concluding note to the Old Testament prophetic use of the canon, the writer says..."remember ye the law of Moses my servant..."

Micah 4:1-3...finds the prophetic cast in a future context...in the days when all is blessing, the theme shall be: "we will walk in His paths, for the law shall go forth out of Zion."

These references are sufficient to give us an overall grip on the prophetic use of the law. The Law not only gave the prophets the foundation for their own ministry, but it also gave them the "golden mean" for Israel's future growth and development.

(b) In the prophetic ministry, departure from the law was seen as the basic sin. This is foretold in Deuteronomy 8:11,