

5. Observations on Prophetic study

- a. Our contention is that the hermeneutic of the literal method is valid in prophecy...as in the rest of Scripture.
- b. But there are some prophetic limitations:
  - (1) No attempt is made to give a total prediction for all events in the future.
  - (2) Prophecy depends on history for the understanding of much of its meaning and fulfillment.
  - (3) Those interpreting it must note the specific points well but must be careful in the identification of the broad areas.
- c. The major predictive themes seem to be these:
  - (1) The promised deliverer and deliverance.
  - (2) God's overall plan for creation.
  - (3) God's claim for the affection of His people and a proper response on the part of the rest of the universe.
  - (4) God's care in all dispensations
  - (5) God's kingdom: His rule and peace
- d. And a passing note on prophecy and fulfillment and the role of same in apologetics.

B. Prophetic Criticism:

(The student may want to review the chapters 11 and 12 in Archer)

- 1. The ages of observation
  - a. The preprophetic period
  - b. The prophetic period
  - c. The priestly period.