

PRACTICAL LESSONS

from the

PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES

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I. Introductory Notes

A. The Prophetic Scriptures

1. All Scripture is prophetic.

The underlying concept in "prophecy" is to speak for or in behalf of some other party. In that sense all the writers of Scripture (following the general comment of 2 Peter 1:21 and 1 Peter 1:10-12) were prophets and we may call all their writings prophetic. But this is not the sense in which we are using the term for this series of talks. We are seeing the division of Scripture in which part is chiefly viewed as historical, part didactic (teaching), part devotional, and part prophetic. Aspects of all of these divisions are found one in the other but there is a special sense in which portions of the Word are more characterized by one segment than the others. In this case the prophetic Scriptures are likely thought of as those in the Old Testament which are characterized as "major-minor" prophets. Those in the New Testament are like the book of Revelation and the "end-time" discourses found otherwise in the Word of God.

2. Some Prophetic Scripture is Predictive.

This is a very necessary point. In the prophetic Scripture one will find much that is historical and advise in a temporal setting. But he will find