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## INTRODUCTION.

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*Despise not prophesyings* is a caution which, with but little variation from its original import, might well be addressed to the modern, as to the primitive Church. If prophecy was *uttered* for the benefit of its own age, or its own audience, it was *recorded* for the permanent benefit of all ages and the world. An integral part of the word of God, it is not to be struck from the interests of the Church until it is struck from the sacred canon. It is wisely and forever deposited in our sacred archives, a *guide* for the Church, through the darkest periods of her history, to a glorious future, and furnishing the evidence of a perpetual miracle, brightening with an increasing lustre through the lapse of time, for the authenticity of the sacred volume.

But to the prophetic claim of being a *guide* a retort will be returned, not untinged with sneer, about the bewildering uncertainty of that guide, the variety of the paths to which it has

pointed, and the many faithful inquirers it has led astray and half maddened. But all that can be urged against the prophecy of the Bible, can, with just as much plausibility and as little truth, be urged against the theology of the Bible. Have heresies found no proof-texts, or fanaticism no stimulant, from the doctrinal teachings of Scripture? And yet, we little doubt, that to the earnest and honest inquirer into fundamental truths, the Bible is a plain book; and just as little do we doubt that, in regard to the *great outlines* of prophecy, the same singleness of purpose will bring the great class of inquiring minds to the same general conclusions. Indeed, the one great inspiring principle, of the ultimate triumph of good over evil, is the one steady pole-star which prophecy has held aloft in the firmament of the Church through the darkest nights of human history. And thus has prophecy, under every variety of interpretation, fulfilled her promise to the child of God—*“I will give him the MORNING STAR.”*

Nor as an EVIDENCE is the Church justified in allowing, by neglect or under-valuation, one of her main pillars to fall or crumble. Bishop Newton informs us, that he was induced to undertake his great work on the prophecies, by



the skeptical objections of the commander-in-chief of the British army. To the argument from prophecy, the warrior replied that the predictions were written after the event. But when it was boldly rejoined that there were not a few predictions *now in process of fulfilment*, a new sobriety shaded his countenance, and he frankly owned that such a fact must furnish the demonstration of an ever fresh and perpetually repeated miracle. Now, in spite of subordinate variations of view, we do not hesitate to affirm, that the students of prophecy can present before the public such an amount of accord in regard to modern fulfilments and transpiring developments, as to constitute a body of evidence deserving to be placed by constant repetition in popular form before the public eye.

It is just this purpose which the following little work, by Dr. Osbon, is, we think, very admirably adapted to fulfil. The author has devoted many a studious hour, through a number of years of arduous and able pulpit-labour, to the subject of prophetic science. He has read many an author with an inquiring yet independent mind. He has selected that prophetic Book which presents the most striking pictures of the future with a clearness and

system that impress the imagination. In some striking points he has made original suggestions, to which, while many may assent, those who differ from him will concede the merit of ingenuity and the happy accident of singular coincidence. The whole is clothed in a lucid style of language, and shaped to a popular form. While the results of patient study are presented, all display of recondite learning or bristling philology is avoided. We recommend it to the cordial reception of both our ministry and people, and trust it will do a valuable service in awakening and gratifying a deep interest in one of the most attractive departments of sacred truth.

D. D. WHEDON.

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