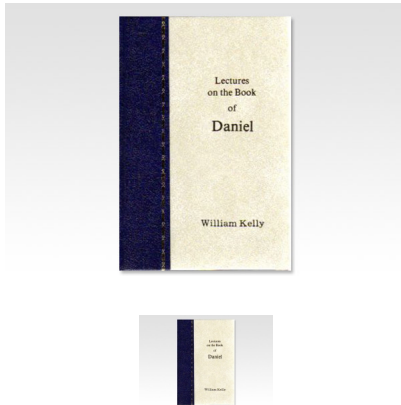




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The properly prophetic part of Daniel begins with chapter two. Then follow certain historical incidents, which, as I conceive, have a most intimate connection with the prophecy – if not directly, in the way of types – vividly showing out the moral principles or the issues of the powers of the world, with which the book is occupied.

In order to understand Daniel, it is necessary to bear in mind that prophecy in the Old Testament divides itself into two great parts. There were prophecies that concerned the people of God, Israel, when they were still under His government; unfaithful, often, but still subject to His discipline and owned of Him to a certain extent.

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