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### Questions

1. How is the question of “spiritual sense” in relation to prophesy more complex?
2. What are the three different categories that prophecies can be classified under the basis of their fulfillment?
3. What is a distinctive characteristic of the conditional prophesy?
4. What are some characteristics about the language of prophetic scriptures?
5. How does the theory of double sense destroy the value of prophecies?

### Answers

1. It’s more complex because the sense is not determined from explicitly stated authorial intentions or from the fact that figurative language is used in prophecies. It’s because it’s believed that between the lines rather than identifiable from the grammar of the verse itself.
2. The three categories are conditional, unconditional, and sequential.
3. The most distinctive characteristic of this prophetic category is that each has either an expressed or, more frequently, an implied “if” or “unless” connected to it.
4. The language of prophecy often has a vivid texture and history to it. The actions and descriptions it uses are often typical, symbolic, and full of allusions to what happened in the past.
5. It destroys the value of prophecies because it either complicates their meaning so as to leave in doubt what the proper fulfillment is, or it avoids this peril by making the prophecies so general that they are incapable of any specific fulfillment.

### Terms

1. Biblical Prophecy- plainly foretells things to come without clothing them in ambiguities similar to some of the oracles of the pagan nations. It is designed and intended to be a prediction rather than a retrospective declaration, an unwitting prophecy, or a “lucky guess” that just happened by chance to come to pass.
2. Prophetic Perspective- The phenomenon of blending together both the near and the distant aspects of the prediction in one and the same vision.
3. Double Sense of Prophecy: a prophetic passage has two different senses, each separate from the other in the contexts of both TESTAMENTS.

### Summary

This chapter dives into the various types of prophecies found in the Bible and measures of how to interpret those different types of prophecies. It shows how the Old and New Testament use prophecies both separately and cohesively together. There are specific examples of how this is done but also describes the challenges that we face when interpreting a prophetic text.