

other day how they had read on the bricks in the British Museum the names of the four kings with whom Abraham fought; Amraphel, king of Shinar; Arioch, king of Ellasar; Chedorlaomer, king of Elam; and Tidal, king of nations. And there are countless things of that kind. I will not turn off to that subject now; but this is the kind of confirmation which the history is receiving from day to day. The history is the history of the prophets. The prophets foretold things that should come in their own lifetime as well as things that were far off; and I say that there is no imaginable reason for receiving the common facts of history which does not equally bind us as reasonable men (who have to trust their fellow-creatures every day of their lives for a thousand things on which we depend upon one another) to believe that every word which the prophets have spoken will come true.

I have only carried the thing down as far as Daniel and his fellows. It is just the same with the New Testament, and with the greatest Prophet of all, our Lord Himself. Did not He do just the same thing? Did not He once say to Peter what he would find in the mouth of the first fish that he caught; or what person he and John would meet with when they went into Jerusalem, carrying a pitcher of water and going in at a certain door; or how they would find in the village in front of them at a certain place an ass tied, and a colt with her, whereon never sat man, and they were to loose them and bring them? And all the details of His own suffering were again and again indicated from the beginning of His ministry to the end. He always had them in view. And as the time drew nearer, the words grew clearer, till at last He told the disciples on the way to Jerusalem, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men." He foretold what would take place on their arrival at that very time. And He told them all about His resurrection on the third day. It was just the same with Him as with His fore-runners. He verified and proved His truth as a prophet by the constant prediction of nearer events which the evangelists, all with one consent, declare came to pass. At another time He spoke of things that were still far distant; of the