Very well written detailed exposition of the interpretations of the prophecies of scripture. All serious Bible students should have this book in their library. An important find for use in the quest to understand God's Word. The principle of double fulfillment. In interpreting prophecy. DAVID JEREMIAH Pastor. Blackhawk Baptist Church. Fort Wayne. Indiana.

It is much easier to separate these two laws in a theology book than it is in the Scripture. Whenever one finds the first part in operation, he is almost sure to find the second. For that reason it seems best to consider them together. From the definitions and statements of the above-mentioned theologians, we may make the following observations: 1. In double reference prophecy, the first fulfillment of the prophecy usually is found in a person or event close in time to the prophetic utterance. 2. In double reference prophecy, the first fulfillment is usually only a partial fulfillment of the prophecy.

Until the 19th century, most students of the apocalyptic books Daniel and Revelation used the historicist method to interpret the time prophecies in these books. One of the main pillars of the historicist method is the year-day principle which says that a day in apocalyptic time prophecies represents a year. During the 19th century, the historicist method was slowly replaced by the preterist and futurist systems of interpretation both of which deny the year-day principle. Preterists place most of the prophecies into the past up to the time of the Roman Empire; futurists place most of them into the future. The New Testament interprets this verse as a messianic prophecy about the Messiah’s victory over the serpent, who represents Satan. However, Rashi, the medieval Torah commentator, argued that this verse is about the enmity that exists between man and snakes. So how do we know who is right? Let’s let the Old Testament interpret itself! Let’s take a look at the book of Isaiah. In his vision of the last days and the final victory of the Messiah, Isaiah refers to this exact verse in Genesis. One of the most important principles of any form of communication is the specific context in which that communication takes place. Context can change the meaning of a word, a verse, and even an entire chapter. After all, every text is contingent on and is made up of single words.