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1. Articulate the theological importance of OT prophecy for the faith and life of the church today.

- The Sovereignty of God. He is in control of all the peoples of the earth and is their King. His prophets are His messengers to the citizens of His Kingdom.
- The importance of Torah. Prophets called people back to their covenant responsibility. Torah was living out the gratitude towards the salvation they already had experienced. Deut. 10 is highly important here!
- The already-not-yet. "The foreshortening principle" - mountain range analogy where great events are compressed into a single event in the perspective of the prophet.

2. Outline and explain the Reformed principles of hermeneutics as they apply to the interpretation and preaching of O.T. prophecy.

- O.T. • The reader must understand the author's original intention and purpose.
- C. 2017 • Prophecy must be understood in the context of the progression of God's revelation in history. 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Organic Unity, Corporate Personality, Christological, Typological, Eschatological, and the Normativity of Scripture.
- New Year • Progressive revelation demands an ever new hearing of the prophetic word.
- N.E. Era • Christian proclamation must recognize that the history of God's revelation has moved beyond the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. The new era has begun.
- X. 13020 • Since Christ is the center of redemption history, Christian proclamation must be done in light of the NT's witness to Christ.

3. Berkhof's rules for the interpretation of prophecy.

- The words of the prophets should be taken in their literal sense, unless the context suggests otherwise.
- In studying figurative descriptions, the reader should aim to discover the fund. idea.
- In the symbolic actions of the prophets, the reader should assume their reality unless the connection proves otherwise.
- The fulfillment of some of the most important prophecies is done in installments, where each fulfillment is a pledge of the one to follow.
- Prophecies should be read in the light of their fulfillment.

4. Special characteristics of prophecy.

- Prophecy has an organic character - it's not stagnant.
- It is closely connected with history.
- It has its own peculiar perspective, i.e. the foreshortening principle.
- Prophecies are often conditional.
- Although language is often symbolic, it is erroneous to regard it as symbolic throughout. *lang not symbolic throughout*
- Prophecy is clothed in forms derived from its own time period, culture, etc. *contextual*
- Under the Holy Spirit, prophecy occasionally transcends its own historical time period.
- Sometimes the prophets revealed the word of the Lord in prophetic actions.

*a prophet is in
covenant D.A. (the
prosecutor
attorney)*