

claim to be speaking truth. However, even though his prediction is fulfilled, if his words are contrary to what God has revealed he is to be destroyed.

Deut. 18:15-22. Here Moses promises the coming of a new prophet, "like unto me." It is commanded that the people are to obey the words of this prophet. The Lord promises, "I will raise them up a prophet from among their children like unto thee and will put my words into his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name I will require it of him." This indicates clearly that the prophet is one who is to speak the words which God will put in his mouth. The following verses indicate that a prophet may speak something which God has not commanded him to speak, or may speak in the name of other gods. In either of these cases, "that prophet shall die." Verse 22 given as the means of knowing what the prophet is saying, something which the Lord has not spoken. The test that is given is the fulfillment of the prediction which he makes.

Deut. 34:10 "And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses whom the Lord knew face to face."

The word prophet does not seem to occur in the book of Joshua. In Judges it occurs once, in Judges 6:8. Here we read "that the Lord sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, thus saith the Lord God of Israel." Then follows a brief statement of the message of this prophet, which was simply a statement of the good that God had done to the children of Israel, and of the way that they had disobeyed his voice. This prophet is unnamed and nothing further is stated about him. The following verses tell of the visit of the "angel of the Lord" to Gideon, "and the command to him to deliver the people.

In I Sam. 3:20 the statement is made "and all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord." This follows the account of the message of the boy Samuel of the vengeance which God would bring upon the sons of the house of Eli, and the words (verse 19) "and Samuel grew and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the