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Jezebel introduced Baal worship into Israel groups of men appeared who were called "prophets 3 of Baal." There is no evidence in the Bible as 4 to whether any of these men claimed actually to 5 present messages from Baal. There is no reason 6 to think that they ever expressed independent views, as was so often done by the prophets of the Lord. Prophets of Baal and of an associated 9 deity are mentioned a number of times in I Kings 18, and once in connection with the destruction 11 of the Baal worship by Jehu (II Kings 10:19).

2. Men who Falsely Claimed to Receive 13 Messages from the Lord. It was only natural that the acclaim given the true prophets by good 15 kings should lead individuals to seek advance-16 ment by pretending to be prophets of the Lord, 17 and evil rulers might well support such men in 18 order to win the support of the godly. In 19 I Kings 22 an incident is described which brings <sup>20</sup> into clear relief the difference between false prophets and true prophets. When Ahab wished Jehoshaphat to join with him in attacking Ramoth-gilead, the good king Jehoshaphat desired to know whether God would give an indication as to the result of the expedition. So Ahab called

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