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in a great number of his men who claimed to be 1 prophets and all of them proceeded to give the 3 message that they knew the wicked king desired (vv.5-12). Since their hypocrisy was evident, 5 Jehoshaphat asked whether there was not an additional prophet of the Lord whom they could ask. 6 and Ahab reluctantly mentioned Micaiah. The 17 8 messenger who summoned Micaiah advised him to give a message similar to that of the others. 9 10 He proceeded to do so, but evidently delivered it in such a tone of voice as to make it obvious 11 that he was merely saying what was desired and 12 13 did not really mean any of it. Under the cir-14 cumstances there was nothing for Ahab to do but 15 demand that Micaiah tell truly what the Lord had 16 revealed to him. Then Micaiah proceeded to give Thus in this instance an 17 the true message. 18 individual who received and delivered a message ¹⁹ from the Lord is brought into sharp contrast ²⁰ with a number of so-called prophets who were actually hypocrites.

3. Men who Ceased to be True Prophets.
The prophets; like all men except the Lord Jesus
Christ, were fallible and sinful. In their
human capacity they were apt to err. It was

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