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1 only when directly presenting a message that God
 2 chose to give them that their words were free
 3 from error. Thus a man like Balaam or like the
 4 prophet at Bethel described in I Kings 13 might
 5 truly give the Word of God and then might be led
 6 astray into wicked acts or even into presenting
 7 false messages. One can be sure that in such a
 8 case the message, if false, would not be
 9 included in the Scripture unless it were
 10 definitely so labeled.

11 B. Tests of a Prophet. Sometimes it was
 12 very difficult to know who was a true prophet
 13 and who was a deceiver. Jer 28 describes a
 14 situation in which godly people might have been
 15 greatly puzzled. Jeremiah had just declared
 16 that it was God's intention to permit the king
 17 of Babylon to conquer Israel and to take its
 18 people into exile. Hananiah, the son of Azur,
 19 publicly rebuked Jeremiah and gave a message
 20 similar to that which Isaiah had given about 100
 21 years before, declaring that God would marvel-
 22 ously protect Jerusalem and would not allow it
 23 to be taken. After Hananiah gave this purported
 24 message, Jeremiah withdrew (v.11). At this
 25 point the true people of God could have been

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