PROPHETS AND PROPHECY

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1 greatly puzzled to know which of the two was the 2 true prophet.

In answer to the question, "How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?" (Deut 18:21), Moses had recorded certain tests in Deut 13:1-5 and 18:20-22 as follows:-

1. A True Prophet Must Speak in the Name of the LORD (Deut 18:20-22). If a prophet speaks in the name of other gods or claims to be a representative of heathen deities, he is very clearly not a true prophet. While good ideas may be obtained from many different sources, such truths are always mixed with error. The true prophet gives a message directly from God, and his message therefore can be considered entirely trustworthy. No such claim can be made for any alleged revelation not given specifiscally in the name of the LORD.

2. A Prophet May Produce a Sign or a
20Wonder (Deut 13:1-2). God enabled Moses to per 21 form certain miracles in order to show the
22 Israelites that God had sent him (Exod 4:1-5)
23 and also to prove to Pharaoh that he represented
24 the Deity. This sort of authentication of the
25 prophet's ministry was particularly evident in

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