## ARTICLE PROPHETS AND PROPHECY

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depicting the prophets simply as social
reformers and alleging them to be prototypes of
those in our day who stand for great sociologi cal changes. This approach to the prophets,
greatly emphasized for a time, seems now to be
somewhat in abeyance.

G. Derivation of the Prophetic Movement from the Culture of Other Ancient Nations. During the past two centuries the knowledge of 10 the ancient Orient has been greatly extended. 11 New discoveries in Egypt and in Mesopotamia have 19 made available thousands of ancient records 13 giving considerable information about the life 14 and thought of people who lived centuries before 15 the time of Moses. Discoveries in Syria have 16 greatly increased the knowledge of the ancient 17 Canaanites. Instead of being an isolated pic-18 ture of ancient life, the historical events in 19 the Bible take their place in an extensive his-20 tory that is far better known than ever before. Under these circumstances it is not surpris-22 ing that there has been a search for antecedents 23 of the prophets in other lands. Some of the 24 students of these ancient cultures have been 25 carried away by enthusiasm for their area of

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