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1 specialization. Early in the 20th cent. Fried-
 2 rich Delitzsch gave his famous "Babylon and
 3 Bible" lectures before the German Kaiser, aiming
 4 to show that everything of value in Biblical
 5 teaching was merely a pale reflection of Baby-
 6 lonian ideas. In 1933 the noted American arch-
 7 aeologist, James Henry Breasted wrote his book,
 8 The Dawn of Conscience, to prove that ethical
 9 understanding really began in ancient Egypt.

10 Attempts have been made to show that the
 11 Israelite prophets were merely examples of a
 12 type of activity that was common at that period.
 13 Some critics have held that they were a reflec-
 14 tion of a phenomenon that occurred among the
 15 Canaanites but not elsewhere. Others have held
 16 that they represent an influence that was wide-
 17 spread throughout the Near East.

18 Before looking at the alleged similarities a
 19 few points should be noted. The Hebrew prophet
 20 was one who claimed to speak for God. He was in
 21 most cases quite independent of any direct con-
 22 trol by a king or by ecclesiastical officials.
 23 He delivered the message that God had given him.
 24 Very frequently this was a message of denuncia-
 25 tion of the people, the king, or the priests for

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