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1 disobedience to the divine orders or to God's
 2 moral law. He sometimes gave great promises of
 3 blessing for the future. Sometimes he gave
 4 directions as to specific actions to be taken at
 5 a particular time. He did not hesitate to come
 6 into sharp conflict with the king or even to
 7 accuse him of wrongdoing and to declare that
 8 God would punish him for his deeds.

9 Prediction enters into many of these activi-
 10 ties but in a rather incidental way. The pro-
 11 phet is not primarily a foreteller, diviner, or
 12 soothsayer, though there were probably some in
 13 ancient Israel, particularly in the times
 14 described in I Sam, who had this false impres-
 15 sion. In regard to this aspect of the prophet's
 16 work, superficial resemblances can be found in
 17 every culture. People everywhere desire to
 18 learn about the future. Among the Babylonians
 19 there was a highly sophisticated pseudo-science
 20 of examining the livers of slaughtered animals
 21 in order to foretell the future (alluded to in
 22 Ezek 21:21). In ancient Greece and Rome obser-
 23 vation of birds and other types of augury were
 24 regularly conducted before making important
 25 decisions. Modern nations have their astrolo-

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