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Elite 48

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1 Wen-Amon, an official of an Egyptian temple,  
 2 tells how he was sent to Byblos on the Syrian  
 3 coast to obtain lumber for a ceremonial barge.  
 4 For many weeks the prince of Byblos refused even  
 5 to see him. Then one day as the prince "was  
 6 making offering to his gods, the god seized one  
 7 of his youths and made him possessed." In his  
 8 frenzy the youth called out that the prince  
 9 should see the messenger from Egypt. Some  
 10 writers have called this "a prophetic frenzy,"  
 11 and compared it with the so-called ecstatic  
 12 behavior of the Heb. prophets (see H below for  
 13 discussion of the idea that the Heb. prophets  
 14 behaved ecstatically). All that the account  
 15 really says is that when this man was in his  
 16 trance he said that Wen-Amon represented the god  
 17 Amon and should be allowed to present his mes-  
 18 sage, and that the king of Byblos then gave the  
 19 Egyptian messenger a hearing. Nothing further  
 20 is said about the man who had the trance. There  
 21 is no evidence that he made any prediction about  
 22 the future, or that the prince of Byblos consid-  
 23 ered his behavior as having any great importance;  
 24 in fact, all that the prince did was to allow  
 25 the messenger the opportunity for a conference.

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