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vv. 9-14 the people are warned not to inquire from diviners or necromancers, which are an abomination to the Lord. The rest of the passage tells how the people are to receive their guidance in the days ahead, before the entire Scripture has been given as a guide book for their lives. Verse 15 declares: "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken." Verse 18 reiterates the promise: "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." Thus vv. 15-19 tell where they are to receive their guidance during the long period ahead and stress the fact that God will provide a means of revelation similar to that which had been available through Moses. Verses 20-22 show the danger of listening to false prophets and point out means of identifying those who falsely claim to be instruments of revelation.

Thus the context makes it clear that vv.15-18 predict a series of prophets who will convey God's messages to His people, even though the