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to prophets and prophecy in proportion to its length as the OT does. This is natural because it is not only itself a new period of revelation, but has many references to the former period of revelation. The most important character in the NT, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the greatest prophet of all (cf. Deut 18:15-19). His offices as priest and king may assume greater proportions in the mind of the average reader, but His prophetic activity should not be overlooked. The term 'prophet' is applied to Him about a dozen times.

In His capacity as prophet Jesus Christ gave His teachings which exposed the sin of mankind, showed the way of salvation through trust in the Saviour, encouraged God's people, revealed the nature of God to an extent never before approached, and made clear God's pattern for the lives of those who are saved. Actually more space in the Gospels is taken up by the account of His prophetic activities, that is, His revealing of God's truth, than by His other actions. "He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt 7:29).

John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ,