

to man. That would suggest strongly <sup>and</sup> that that was quite definitely true when it is parallel with another thing. Moses is told that in relation to Pharaoh, Moses is to be a god and in relation to Moses, Aaron is to be a prophet. That is to say that, in relation to Pharaoh, Moses and Aaron are ~~on~~ the relationship which is ordinarily occupied by a god and his prophet. Now Moses goes in before Pharaoh and he knows what is to be said and what is to be done. He is acting on behalf of God, but Aaron is to be to Moses as a prophet, and in the context we, too, find exactly what is meant by that. The second verse tells us that Aaron, thy brother, shall speak unto Pharaoh. He is Moses' spokesman. But it is made absolutely clear when we consider the exact parallel in Exodus 4 where we do not have the figure but have a literal statement. In Exodus 4, verses 14 and 16 we have the statement, in Verse 15, "Thou shalt speak unto him and put words into his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do, and he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be to thee instead of a mouth and thou shalt be to him instead of God." Here is the relationship—Moses like a god, Aaron like his mouth. / And that makes it, I think, absolutely clear that the word Prophet ~~is~~, in Chapter 7, Verse 1, is used in a figurative way but it is perfectly clear what the figure means, ~~is~~ It means that as a prophet serves a god so Aaron is to serve Moses. And this passage in Chapter 4 shows us that as a god needs a mouth through which to speak, so Moses is to have a mouth through which to speak, a mouth

Now, from that it is very easy to deduce a definition of a prophet, that is that he is one who takes God's message and passes it along. A prophet, then, is not one who has some wonderful glow of spiritual fervor; he is not one who has a great illumination so that he can understand things in a remarkable fashion; he is not one who has great judgment so that he can decide what is the best thing to do / <sup>in certain cases;</sup> he is not even one who lives a more godly life than other people live, but he is one who takes the message ~~from~~ that God gives and passes it along. He is God's spokesman. That is the definition which we can deduce from Exodus 7:1 here and it is a definition which is abundantly borne out by the other uses of the word prophet in the references given. A prophet, then, is a spokesman for God—a one who speaks as God's messenger, one who gives the message that God gives him. A prophet, in the Old Testament sense