

Now, the next instance is in the very next chapter, in Verse 6, and what do you learn from Verse 6, of Chapter 12, about the meaning of the word prophet, Mr. _____ Student answers.

Do you learn that God always appears to a prophet in a dream? (Student answers.) Yes. In other words, you learn that God may give His message in a different way to different prophets, that he ~~gives~~ gives it to Moses by speaking to him face to face but that, if there are other prophets there, He will not give them quite as great a margin of favor as He gave Moses but nevertheless He will give them His message, if they are true prophets. He will give them a vision So we find here that the methods by which God gives His message to a prophet may vary in different persons; but He doesn't say these people aren't prophets. He says: "If you are a prophet--if one of you is a prophet--you will find God deals with you in/certain way. Well, He deals in a far better way with His servant, the prophet Moses. So there is great among prophets but all are true prophets. I mean there are true prophets of a higher and of a lower class. There are those to whom God gives His message in one way, those to whom He gives it in another way, but all are equally prophets. Then, in Deuteronomy, the 13th chapter, I ask you to look at what we would learn about a prophet there. Deuteronomy 13, Verses 2 through 6, and what do you learn there about a prophet? What is the general subject of discussion here, Mr. _____? (Student answers) Well, ^{yes,} ~~if~~ that is a part of what we have, ^{but} what is the main general theme here? What is the main thing he's driving at -- Not the details under the main theme, but the main subject?(Student speaks) That's all a part of it but what is the thing that is central? If you were to give a title to these verses, what would you say? What is the subject? Well, I think maybe that's a little bit Mr. -----? (Student answers) Yes, that is exactly it. I think it is a very important thing in exegesis - When you take up a passage of the Scripture and you find that it is a rather ~~large~~ unified passage given as one subject, what is that subject? Now, various individuals here have given us matters which which are important but they are all grouped around one main subject. There is one thing which is here under discussion, and the thing that is here under discussion is how are you to know whether a man is a true prophet or not?