

from time to time one after another and as we read the passage it seems to be suggested that though there will be a series of them that the series will at some point reach a climax. There is to be one who is to be the greatest of all the prophets, one who comes nearer fulfilling the precise description as to them; therefore, it would seem altogether correct to suggest the possibility that this description of a succession of prophets would find its climax in the one who is to be the prophet of old, but to consider it as simply an inserted specific prediction of Christ alone in the midst of this context seems to me without relation to the context and particularly without relation to the at the end which is . Well, I would say

that the whole picture is a picture that from time to time there is to be a prophet and then when you come to verse 19, it will come to pass that "whoever will not hearken to my words that if he shall speak in my name I will require of him what -- each prophet which shall speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him" -- that is clearly putting up the false prophet in comparison with a true prophet and suggesting very definitely that the man who ~~is described~~ described ^{before} is not simply one individual but one of a series of individuals.

but I think there is in the mind of the Spirit there is a very definite purpose in using the singular form rather than the plural

(Students speaking)

(Discussion with students)

It very clearly points to the fact that a prophet is a spokesman for God. How can we know that which the Lord has not spoken?