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1 (3) member of a group, (4) an apprentice or
2 learner (cf. Prov 1:8; 2:1; 3:1, etc.).
3 The picture of the "sons of the prophets" in
4 II Kings 2 is not a pleasant one. They are
5 depicted as men with a complete lack of under-
6 standing of the nature of the divine work and
7 with superstitious ideas (v.16). There is no
8 evidence that Elijah ever looked upon them in
9 any way other than with indifference and scorn.
10 At first Elisha showed little interest in them
11 (II Kings 2:3,5,16-18), though later on he
12 established friendly relations with them (chs.
13 4-6) and even, on one occasion, deputed one of
14 them to do an important errand (9:1-10). From
15 among these men, who doubtless had a sincere
16 desire to serve the Lord, God might occasionally
17 choose an individual to perform the prophetic
18 function, but there is no evidence that this was
19 often the case.
20 E. Cessation of OT Prophecy. Until about
21 400 B.C. the prophetic movement was very promi-
22 nent in Israel. Time and again an individual
23 came forward declaring the Word of God, boldly
24 facing political leaders and denouncing them
25 for their sins, giving encouragement to God's

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