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sent to God's people not only to give them that guidance which was needed before the entire Bible was available as the infallible source of knowledge of God's will, but also to present the revelations that would ultimately be included in the Word of God. Since it was God's will to give another Testament, presenting new revelations of His will and character, and depicting the most important events in history, those pertaining to the accomplishment of the redemption predicted in the OT, it would be natural to expect a new period of prophecy. This new period would differ from the first in that it would extend over a much shorter period of time, and would not generally relate to an entire nation, but specifically to the development of a church. The function of acting as a prophet would seem to be overshadowed to a considerable extent by that of the officers appointed for the development and direction of the church of Christ and would therefore be much less conspicuous than the former prophetic movement.

B. Importance of Prophets and Prophecy in the NT. The casual Bible reader is not apt to realize that the NT contains as many references