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tion of the age and promised that after His departure the Holy Spirit would reveal to His followers further information about God's plan for the future: "and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13). One book of the NT, the Revelation of John, is mainly devoted to predicting the great events that will occur at the consummation of the age.

E. The Cessation of NT Prophecy. The new period of prophecy, like the earlier one (cf. II E), came to an end when this portion of God's Word was completed. Paul predicted that this would occur: "whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away" (I Cor 13:8-10). The end of the period when new divine revelations would be given was not immediately apparent. As in the case of the OT, they simply ceased. The entire Bible was now available. Thereafter men in the church were called prophets only in the extended sense of presenting to God's people truths received,