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A Book for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

This book on “Prophet” - “The Prophetic Call of God in the Last Days”, has been written about the “Prophet” of today that has been Called by God. It is meant to help explain what he/she is Called to do, and to help clear up the misunderstandings and myths that surround the Office of the “Prophet”.

This information will help to reveal to the “Body of Christ”, those who are **truly** the Called “Prophet” of God and those who are not.

Many Bible Scholars, Church Leaders, and Church Members think that the Office of a “Prophet” died out with the Old Testament. It is the intent of this Book, to disprove that thinking by searching the Scriptures through the guidance of God the Holy Spirit.

Many churches are out of order today, because they have not received the ‘True’ “Prophetic” Word from God. This has caused them to flounder around, not knowing for sure what God is saying to the Church. The “Prophetic” Word is part of the Foundational Principles that the churches need, in order to become more balanced and stable under God’s Authority. (Ephesians 2:20)

Nations also need to hear the “Prophetic” Word of God, in order to hear what God is saying to them.

The Five Domains Gifts that Jesus gave to the Church in the New Testament are Apostles, “Prophets”, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers.

It is all of these combined Offices that make up the ‘Five Fold Ministry’; and **all** are responsible for the *perfecting* of the saints, for the *work* of the ministry, and for the *edifying* of the “Body of Christ”! (Ephesians 4:11-12 Romans 12:4-6)

God has Called certain men/women to be His “Prophets” **to** the Church in these last days. The “Prophet” of God is the one that goes to the churches and proclaims the ‘Word of God’. The “Prophet” of God does not function **within** a particular church, but ministers as “Apostles” do, **between** the churches.

Churches may have “Prophets” **in** them, but they are the “Prophets” **of** the churches and not a “Prophet” of God. These are those with the ‘Charisma Gift’ of “Prophecy” that are usually Elders or experienced Christians. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

They are the ones that judge the Prophecies that are spoken out during regular church meetings or services. (1 Corinthians 14:29)

It is my assumption that most Pastors/Priests are afraid of the “Prophet” of today, because they have been burned by so many weirdoes and ‘False Prophets’ that are out there.

The ‘True’ “Prophet” of God, although he/she may be aloof at times, is really a humble Servant to all, and should not be considered a threat to the Pastors/Priests.

Because of the type of ministry that they have, the “Prophet” has little time to befriend the Pastors/Priests for more than a short period of time. This is because he/she is on the move constantly, traveling church to church, and following the leading of the Lord.

One of the advantages of having a “Prophet” of God come to your church is that they can reinforce what you may have been preaching and teaching for a long time. Sometimes it takes a word from outside the church for people to be convinced of what you have been saying to them is true!

This is not strange, as it is much like a coach reinforcing what a parent has been trying to tell their teenager for years. Yet when they hear it from a coach, it is as if it is the first time they have heard it. It really doesn’t matter, as long as they get it! Amen?

If what the “Prophet” has to say is negative or in the form of a ‘rebuke’, that is what needs to be heard, even if it hurts. This is because if it is from God, and you need to know what God is saying. Yes, God does speak through other men/women as well as yourself.

Part of the “Prophet’s” role much like the “Apostle”, is to help bring the ‘True’ “Body of Christ” together, through God the Holy Spirit. The Pastors/Priests cannot do this because they are **within** the church and busy with church matters. They also do not represent the whole “Body of Christ”. The Evangelists cannot do it, because they are sent out **from** the churches and are too busy with preaching the gospel and leading people to the Lord.

Bringing the “Body of Christ” together must be done by those ‘Spiritually Called’ to do this, and are ‘Accountable’ for it.

The “Prophets” and “Apostles” are not only Called to do this, but the bringing together of the “Body of Christ” is a natural result of their work.

A Pastor/Priest cannot be a “Prophet” while they are pasturing. The two roles are contrary to one another. The “Prophet’s” role will cause him to travel a lot and the Pastor/Priest cannot afford to leave his flock for the amount of time that this takes.

Travel is a *requirement* for the “Prophet” of God.

Another reason why a Pastor/Priest cannot be a “Prophet” is because it would be difficult for him to make impartial decisions. This is why a “Prophet” cannot be a Leader in a particular church, although they may attend a local church while at home.

This is also why a ‘True’ “Prophet” of God is sometimes hard to recognize

When the word “Prophet” is used in this Book, it means “Prophetess” as well.

As you read this Book, please keep an open mind, and through thoughtful prayer, let the role of the “Prophet” become clearer to you through the Power of God the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 14:37

37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. Amen!

TIMOTHY II TESTIMONY

In 1967, I was in the middle of my career as a "Head Football Coach" in a High School in Southern California.

After having an Undefeated Championship Team during the regular season, and being selected "Orange County Coach of the Year", my wife's younger sister was killed in an automobile accident. Her husband and four children survived her.

This sudden shock in the middle of my most exciting coaching year, led my wife and I to ask the Lord into our lives in a small church in Anaheim.

This in itself would be the conclusion of my testimony, if it were not for God's Sovereign intervention.

In 1985, after thirty years of coaching football and winning numerous awards in High School and College coaching, I had a heart attack.

Since 1967, I had been going to Church regularly, attending Bible studies, tithing and reading the Bible daily.

The only problems I had, were alcohol and ego. It started out with the usual occasional use of alcohol but soon developed into daily use.

When I entered the hospital in 1985, I passed all the physical exams and tests I was given.

The doctors concluded that I had had a slight heart attack but it was over and I was fine.

However, as I was preparing to go home and my wife was coming to pick me up, I had a "ventricular fibrillation" attack in the hospital.

It was at this time that I had a real "Death Experience" as well as an "Out of Body Experience".

As I fell on the hospital bed, I left my body and went immediately out of this world, and into "Outer Darkness". I went 'floating' on my back into a black void with no sound, in complete blackness, and I knew I was totally separated from God for eternity.

(Job 10:21-22 Jude 13)

With "weeping and gnashing of teeth", I cried out to the Lord and said, "I haven't done anything for you Lord, please give me another chance". I also said, "My wife and family wasn't expecting me to die, what will happen to them"?

(Matthew 8:12 22:13 25:30)

I continued to float in "Outer Darkness", weeping and crying out to the Lord.

Just as suddenly as I began 'floating' into "Outer Darkness", I 'floated' back into the hospital room and into my body. I rose up in my body like it was filling up from the bottom to the top and my eyes opened up in front of many doctors and nurses.

After resting about four hours from this experience, I was lying in my bed and I opened up my Bible to Second Timothy. It was at this time that the Lord spoke to me audibly.

He said: "My son Timothy, if you don't do My Will, I will remove you from this earth." (Jeremiah 28:15-16).

I said, "I will Lord".

He then said He named me "Timothy" so that all the work that I do for Him, would be done in this name. This way, my ego would not get in the way and I would know it was Him doing the work and not me.

He told me my work is in 2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also".

Although this was Paul talking to Timothy, the Lord said this would be Him talking to me. Thus I have taken the name "Timothy II".

Some of the things the Lord told Timothy II, was to tell the 'Body of Christ' that "He is coming soon, very soon, sooner than you think". He told me that the 'Body of Christ', in addition to saving souls, must Repent from its dead works, backslidden conditions, and to restore the divided body from envy, strife, etc., and to also restore Christian marriages and families.

After this experience was over, the Lord told me to have my sister, who is in the ministry, come and lay hands on me to receive the "Filling of the Holy Spirit", to give me the 'Power' to do His work. This she did.

Later on, the doctors found out through an angiogram, that my left coronary artery was ninety-five percent blocked and I had to have an "angioplasty" to clear it. The Lord healed me through this method and I have been fine since.

The Lord completely delivered me from alcohol and also took away the desire for it.

Since 1985, the Lord has Called and trained my wife Lavona and I, along with "The Team" which He has raised, to minister with Apostles, and to Prophets, Pastors, Priests, Evangelists and Church Leaders. He has used us to love, encourage, build up, edify, and to rebuke when necessary, these wonderful men and women of God.

God is judging His Church today, for judgment "must begin" at the "House of God". (1 Peter 4:17).

This is being done in the "Spirit of Elijah". (Isaiah 40:3 Luke 1:17 3:4).

The judgment is based on Revelation 2 & 3.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.

(Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29 3:6, 3:13, 3:22).

AMEN!

I. THE MEANING OF THE WORD PROPHET:

The following definitions are the Hebrew, Greek and English meanings for the person that is a "Prophet" or "Prophetess".

A. THE WORD PROPHET IN HEBREW:

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words:

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PROPHET

Nabi' ^5030^, "prophet." The word has a possible cognate in Akkadian. It occurs about 309 times in biblical Hebrew and in all periods.

Nabi' represents "prophet," whether a true or false prophet. True prophets were mouthpieces of the true God.

PROPHETESS

This word has a feminine form, "prophetess" (**nebi'ah**), which appears 6 times. Miriam is called a "prophetess." Isaiah's wife, too, is called a "prophetess"

Strong's Concordance:

PROPHET

5030 nabiy' (naw-bee');

from 5012; a prophet or (generally) inspired man:

KJV-- prophecy, that prophesy, prophet.

PROPHETESS

5031 nebiy'ah (neb-ee-yaw');

feminine of 5030; a prophetess or (generally) inspired woman; by implication, a poetess; by association a prophet's wife:

KJV-- prophetess.

B. THE WORD PROPHET IN THE GREEK:

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words:

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PROPHET

prophetes ^4396^, "one who speaks forth or openly" (see PROPHECY, A), "a proclaimer of a divine message," denoted among the Greeks an interpreter of the oracles of the gods.

In the Sept. it is the translation of the word roeh, "a seer"; indicating that the "prophet" was one who had immediate intercourse with God. It also translates the word nabhi, meaning "either one in whom the message from God springs forth" or "one to whom anything is secretly communicated." Hence, in general, "the prophet" was one upon whom the Spirit of God rested, one, to whom and through whom God speaks.

In the case of the OT prophets their messages were very largely the proclamation of the divine purposes of salvation and glory to be accomplished in the future; the "prophesying" of the NT "prophets" was both a preaching of the divine counsels of grace already accomplished and the foretelling of the purposes of God in the future.

PROPHETESS

prophetis ^4398^, the feminine of prophetes (see above), is used of Anna, of the self-assumed title of "the woman Jezebel".

Strong's Concordance:

PROPHET

4396 prophetes (prof-ay'-tace); from a compound of 4253 and 5346; a foreteller ("prophet"); by analogy, an inspired speaker; by extension, a poet: KJV-- prophet.

PROPHETESS

4398 prophetis (prof-ay'-tis); feminine of 4396; a female foreteller or an inspired woman: KJV-- prophetess.

C. THE WORD PROPHET IN ENGLISH:

The following definitions are the English meanings for the person that is a "Prophet" or "Prophetess". However, because these come from man's Dictionary, they may not be completely accurate.

The Webster's College Dictionary:

PROPHET

1. A person who speaks for God or a deity, or by divine inspiration.
2. (in the Old Testament)
 - a. A person chosen to speak for God and to guide the people of Israel.
 - b. One of the Major or Minor Prophets
3. One of a class of persons in the early Christian church recognized as inspired to utter special revelations and predictions.
4. A person regarded as, or claiming to be, an inspired teacher or leader.
5. A person who foretells the future.

PROPHETESS

1. A woman who speaks for God or a deity, or by divine inspiration.
2. A woman who foretells the future.

II. THE CALL OF THE PROPHET OF GOD:

A. TODAY THE PROPHET OF GOD MUST BE CALLED BY JESUS:

Today, Jesus Christ gives the Call of the Office of the “Prophet” of God. This Call was first given as He departed from the earth, and is part of the Doma Gifts of God.

Without the Call of this Doma Gift, you cannot hold the Office of the “Prophet” of God!

Eph 4:8

8 Wherefore he saith, **When he (Jesus) ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave (Doma) gifts unto men.**

Eph 4:11

11 **And he gave** some, apostles; and **some, prophets;** and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

B. PASSING THE MANTLE:

In the Old Testament, Elijah passed his mantle (Garment or Robe) of a “Prophet” on to Elisha. I believe this is because the Holy Spirit was only on a few people then, and as the mantle was passed on, the Holy Spirit fell on that person.

Today, however, since Jesus Calls the “Prophet”, there is no need to pass the mantle. The Holy Spirit is already in the Christian, and when the “Prophet” is Called, the Holy Spirit comes upon that person in a mightier way. Therefore there is no need to pass a mantle!

II Ki 2:11-15

11 **And it came to pass,** as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and **Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**

12 **And Elisha saw it,** and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 **He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;**

14 **And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah?** and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

15 **And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha.** And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

C. THE PROPORTION OF FAITH IN THE CALL:

Here, Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah’s spirit.

II Ki 2:9-10

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that **Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.**

10 And he said, **Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.**

I believe that today the “Prophet” needs to go to God the Father if they wish to ask for more of a portion of the Holy Spirit in his/her Call.

Luke 11:13

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

Rom 12:6

6 **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;**

D. THE SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS:

Some “Prophets” and/or Church Leaders have established a ‘School’ of the “Prophets”. There is nothing wrong with the “Prophets” of God getting together occasionally to Fellowship and to share with each other what God is doing with them; or even to work together. However, having a ‘school’ of the “Prophets” is really not necessary. This ‘Doma Gift’ of God cannot be obtained through education through a school. In fact, this education can contaminate the ‘special’ Call that the “Prophet” may have.

When Jesus Calls the “Prophet”, he doesn’t need to be taught by man’s doctrine, because “God the Holy Spirit” does the teaching.

1 Cor 2:13

13 Which things also we speak, **not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

I Jn 2:27

27 **But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.**

III. WHAT TYPE OF PERSONS ARE PROPHETS?**A. A SERVANT OF GOD:**

The “Prophet” of God is first of all a ‘Servant’!

God sends out His ‘Servants’ the “Prophets”.

Jer 35:15

15 **I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets**, rising up early **and sending them**, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

Jer 44:4

4 **Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets**, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.

God reveals His secrets to His ‘Servants’ the “Prophets”.

Amos 3:7-8

7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but **he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.**

8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? **the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?**

Rev 10:7

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**

B. THEY ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE:

The Lord chose ordinary people to be His “Prophets”, such as Amos, who was a cattleman and a farmer,

Amos 7:12-16

12 Also **Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go**, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, **and prophesy there:**

13 **But prophesy not again any more at Bethel:** for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

14 **Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:**

15 **And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.**

16 **Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD:** Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac.

C. THEY COME FROM AMONG THE BRETHREN:

The Lord raises up His “Prophets” from among the brethren.

Deut 18:15

15 **The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;**

Deut 18:18

18 **I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.**

IV. WHAT DOES A PROPHET DO?

The “Prophet” of God, speaks the Word of God.

A. THE PROPHET SPEAKS FOR GOD:

The Lord **sends out** His “Prophet” to speak **for** Him.

Judg 6:8

8 **That the LORD sent a prophet** unto the children of Israel, **which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God** of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

B. THE PROPHET PRAYS TO GOD FOR ANSWERS:

God **will** hear the prayers of the “Prophet” and will answer those prayers, **if** they glorify Him.

IKing 18:36-38

36 **And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.**

37 **Hear me, O LORD, hear me,** that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 **Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.**

Habakkuk the “Prophet” interceded through prayer for mercy.

Hab 3:1-2

1 **A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet** upon Shigionoth.

2 **O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD,** revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; **in wrath remember mercy.**

C. THE PROPHET SPEAKS ABOUT JESUS & SALVATION:

The True “Prophet” of God speaks about Jesus and Salvation, as is prophesied in the Scriptures by the “Prophets” of old.

Luke 18:31

31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, **and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.**

Luke 24:25-27

25 Then he said unto them, **O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:**

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 **And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.**

Luke 24:44-45

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, **that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

John 1:45

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, **We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth,** the son of Joseph.

John 6:45

45 **It is written in the prophets,** And they shall be all taught of God. **Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.**

Acts 3:18

18 But those things, which God before had shewed **by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer,** he hath so fulfilled.

Acts 10:43

43 **To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.**

D. THE PROPHET WRITES AND SPEAKS OUT AGAINST FALSE GODS:

The “Prophet” will always speak out against ‘false gods’.

Acts 7:41-43

41 **And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.**

42 **Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets,** O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?

43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

E. THE PROPHET PROPHECIES AND ADVISES CIVIL LEADERS:

Here, Ahijah the “Prophet” Prophecies to Jeroboam that he will be King

IKing 11:29-32

29 And it came to pass at that time when **Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem**, that **the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way**; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:

30 **And Ahijah** caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

31 And he **said to Jeroboam**, Take thee ten pieces: for **thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:**

32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

IKing 14:2

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, **there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this people.**

IKing 14:17-18

17 And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;

18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, **according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.**

Haggai the “Prophet” advised Zerubbabel the son of the governor, and Joshua the son of the High Priest about the rebuilding of the Temple.

Hag 1:1-5

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, **came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel** the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, **and to Joshua** the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

2 **Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts**, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

3 **Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,**

4 **Is it time for you, O ye,** to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

5 **Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.**

Hag 1:12-13

12 **Then Zerubbabel** the son of Shealtiel, **and Joshua** the son of Josedech, the high priest, **with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him,** and the people did fear before the LORD.

13 **Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.**

Hag 2:1-4

1 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, **came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,**

2 **Speak now to Zerubbabel** the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, **and to Joshua** the son of Josedech, the high priest, **and to the residue of the people,** saying,

3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

4 **Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua,** son of Josedech, the high priest; **and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:**

Hag 2:9

9 **The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.**

F. THE PROPHET GIVES WARNINGS TO LEADERS:

Here, the "Prophet" Gad warns David.

1 Sam 22:5

5 **And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah.** Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

2 Sam 24:11-14

11 For when David was up in the morning, **the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,**

12 **Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.**

13 **So Gad came to David, and told him,** and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

14 **And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.**

Jehu the "Prophet" gave a warning to Baasha the King of Israel.

IKing 16:7

7 And also **by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house**, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

IKing 16:12

12 **Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,**

Elijah the “Prophet” gave a written warning. This warning affected the health of the King.

2 Chr 21:12-15

12 **And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet**, saying, **Thus saith the LORD God** of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself:

14 **Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods:**

15 And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

2 Chr 21:18-19

18 **And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.**

19 And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

Jeremiah gives a written warning to all the Leaders and the people that were taken by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon.

Jer 29:1-9

1 **Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent** from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and **to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;**

2 **(After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen,** and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;)

3 By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

4 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;**

5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither **I have caused you to be carried away captives**, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

8 **For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.**

9 **For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.**

Daniel warns that the “Prophets” spoke in the Name of the Lord to the Leaders and the people, but they did not listen.

Dan 9:5-6

5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

6 **Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.**

Dan 9:10

10 **Neither** have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in **his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.**

Zechariah the “Prophet” warned Israel not to be as their fathers and to Repent!

Zech 1:1-3

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, **came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah**, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo **the prophet**, saying,

2 **The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.**

3 **Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.**

G. THE PROPHET ANOINTS LEADERS:

The “Prophet” ‘anoints’ Civil Leaders and Christian Leaders.

Here, Nathan the “Prophet” ‘anointed’ Solomon to be King.

IKing 1:34

34 **And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king** over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

IKing 1:45

45 And Zadok the priest **and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king** in Gihon:...

Elijah the “Prophet” ‘anointed’ Jehu King of Israel and Elisha to be a “Prophet”.

IKing 19:15-16

15 **And the LORD said unto him, Go,** return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, **anoint Hazeal to be king over Syria:**

16 **And Jehu** the son of Nimshi **shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha** the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah **shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.**

Elisha the “Prophet” sends a younger “Prophet” to ‘anoint’ Jehu to be the King of Israel.

II Ki 9:1-7

1 **And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said** unto him, Gird up thy loins, and **take this box of oil in thine hand,** and go to Ramoth-gilead:

2 **And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu** the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;

3 **Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.**

4 **So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went** to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

6 And he arose, and went into the house; **and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.**

7 **And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.**

II Ki 9:10

10 **And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled**

H. THE PROPHET IS SENT TO THE REBELLIOUS:

Some “Prophets” are sent to ‘rebellious’ Nations and Houses. They still must speak the Word of the Lord!

Ezek 2:3-8

3 And he said unto me, **Son of man, I send thee** to the children of Israel, **to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me:** they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.

4 For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. **I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.**

5 **And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.**

6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, **though they be a rebellious house.**

7 **And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.**

8 **But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.**

Ezek 3:4-5

4 **And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.**

5 **For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel;**

Those of other countries and different languages will hear the “Prophet’s” Word of the Lord.

Ezek 3:6-7

6 **Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.**

7 **But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.**

God has made the “Prophet” a **Hardhead!**

Ezek 3:8-11

8 **Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.**

9 **As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.**

10 Moreover he said unto me, **Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.**

11 **And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.**

I. PROPHETS SELDOM PROPHECY GOOD:

“Prophets” seldom Prophecy good, but it is the Truth from the Lord.

Micaiah the “Prophet” acted alone and spoke the opposite of what the 400 ‘False Prophets’ said.

IKing 22:2-7 2Chr 18:3-27

2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, **Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.**

6 **Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.**

7 **And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might inquire of him?**

Because the True “Prophet” seldom Prophesies Good, he/she is often disliked or hated!

IKing 22:8-12 2Chr 18:3-27

8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, **There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.** And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither **Micaiah** the son of Imlah.

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; **and all the prophets prophesied before them.**

11 **And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.**

12 **And all the prophets prophesied so,** saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand.

For some reason when the messenger sent by the “Prophet” Micaiah asked him to Prophesy the same as all the other ‘False Prophets’, he did.

It is interesting that the King knew right away that he was not telling the Truth. Probably because Micaiah had never Prophesied Good before.

I believe Micaiah knew that this is what would happen.

IKing 22:13-16 2Chr 18:3-27

13 **And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.**

14 **And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.**

15 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, **Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.**

16 **And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD?**

Then Micaiah speaks the Truth, and holds nothing back!

IKing 22:17-28 2Chr 18:3-27

17 **And he said,** I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and **the LORD said,** These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, **Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?**

19 **And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.**

20 **And the LORD said,** Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 **And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.**

22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and **I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.** And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

23 **Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.**

24 **But Zedekiah** the son of Chenaanah went near, and **smote Micaiah on the cheek,** and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

25 **And Micaiah said,** Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

26 **And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah,** and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

27 And say, Thus saith the king, **Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction,** until I come in peace.

28 **And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me.** And he said, Harken, O people, every one of you.

J. THE PROPHET SOMETIMES HAS LITTLE TO SAY:

Sometimes the Lord wants the "Prophet" to shut up. That is why it is hard for a "Prophet" of God to appear on weekly Television or Radio shows. They do not always have a Word from God and thereby usually have to make something up. God hates that!

Here Jeremiah's mouth is shut up by the Lord. He then writes a Prophecy in a book for the Leaders to read in the Lord's House.

Jer 36:1-8

1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: **and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.**

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD:

6 Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

7 It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people.

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

Sometimes, the “Prophet” **needs** to say little!!

Prov 17:27-28

27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

Sometimes God would rather you didn't speak. If you do, those you speak to may turn on you!!

Matt 7:6

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

K. THE TRUE PROPHET TELLS IT LIKE IT IS:

The True “Prophet” of God tells it like it is, being faithful to the Lord. They know that God's Word is like a fire that burns the dross, and a hammer that breaks the stubborn like rocks into pieces.

Jer 23:28-29

28 **The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.** What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.
 29 **Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?**

V. THE PROPHET AND THE CHURCH:

The “Prophet” has an intimate relationship with the Church, the “Body of Christ”.

A. THE PROPHET PROPHECIES TO PASTORS/PRIESTS:

“Prophets” do Prophecy to Pastors/Priests:

Ezek 34:2-10

2 **Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?**

3 **Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.**

4 **The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.**

5 **And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd:** and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 **My sheep wandered** through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, **my flock was scattered** upon all the face of the earth, **and none did search or seek after them.**

7 **Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;**

8 **As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;**

9 **Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;**

10 **Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.**

B. THE PROPHET INTERCEDES FOR GOD’S PEOPLE:

God speaks through the “Prophet” to intercede for His people to protect them from the enemy.

Luke 1:70-71

70 **As he (God) spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,** which have been since the world began:

71 **That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;**

Here, Shemaiah the “Prophet” intercedes for King Rehoboam and the Princes of Judah.

2 Chr 12:5-8

5 **Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam,** and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, **and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me,** and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.

6 **Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous.**

7 **And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.**

8 Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

Here, Oded the “Prophet” intercedes for Asa.

2 Chr 15:8-9

8 **And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD,** that was before the porch of the LORD.

9 **And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.**

Oded the “Prophet” intercedes for Judah.

2 Chr 28:8-11

8 **And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.**

9 **But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto heaven.**

10 **And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: but are there not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God?**

11 **Now hear me therefore,** and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: **for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.**

2 Chr 28:14

14 **So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.**

C. THE PROPHET BUILDS THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH:

The “Prophet” helps to build and/or rebuild the Foundation of the Church.

Eph 2:20-21

20 **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

21 **In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:**

Ezra 5:1-2

1 **Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even unto them.**

2 **Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.**

The Elders of the Church can prosper in the building of the Church by heeding the Prophecies of the “Prophets”.

Ezra 6:14

14 **And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.**

Ezra 6:16

16 **And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,**

D. THE RESTORATION OF THE PROPHET AND FAMILIES:

God **has** restored the “Prophet” to the Church (the Body of Christ), in these last days, in order to help bring back the ‘restoration of the family’. By ‘restoring the family’, that has been destroyed by the Devil, the Church will also be restored. You cannot have one without the other.

The proof of the restoration of the “Prophet” and the family in these last days, are in the following Scriptures in both the Old and the New Testaments.

Mal 4:5-6

5 **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:**

6 **And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers,** lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Luke 1:17

17 **And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias (Elijah), to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**

In other words, the Spirit that was on Elijah, which is the Holy Spirit, has come upon the “Prophet” of today. Thus, God the Holy Spirit will guide the “Prophet” to help restore Christian families! Amen!

E. THE PROPHET HELPS TO SET THE CHURCH IN ORDER:

God speaks through His “Prophets” to help set the Church in order.

2 Chr 29:25-26

25 **And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David,** and of Gad the king's seer, **and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets.**

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

F. THE PROPHET OF GOD WILL PROPHECY TO THE CHURCH:

The “Prophet” of God will Prophecy to the Church when he/she visits. This will not be the same as the ‘Prophets in the Church’ who Prophecy through the Charisma Gift of God the Holy Spirit.

This Prophecy from the “Prophet” of God, may include words for Civil Leaders.

Jer 26:2-16

2 **Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:**

3 If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

5 **To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you,** both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;

6 Then will I make **this house** like Shiloh, and will make **this city** a curse to all the nations of the earth.

7 **So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.**

8 Now it came to pass, **when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.**

9 **Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD**, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? **And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.**

10 When **the princes** of Judah heard these things, then they **came up** from the king's house **unto the house of the LORD**, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house.

11 **Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city**, as ye have heard with your ears.

12 **Then spake Jeremiah** unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, **The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.**

13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

14 As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you.

15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: **for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.**

16 **Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.**

G. THE PROPHETS 'IN' THE CHURCH:

The 'Prophets **in** the Church' are those that have the Charisma Gift of Prophecy, one of the Gifts of God the Holy Spirit. He/she does not hold the Office of the "Prophet" as given by Jesus Christ, which is one of the Doma Gifts of the 'Five Fold Ministry'.

1 Cor 12:4

4 **Now there are diversities of (Charisma) gifts, but the same Spirit.**

1 Cor 12:10

10 To another the working of miracles; **to another prophecy**; ...

1 Cor 13:2

2 **And though I have the gift of prophecy**, ...

1 Cor 14:1

1 Follow after charity, **and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.**

When the 'Prophet **in** the Church' Prophesies, he/she does so to edify, exhort, and comfort the "Body of Christ". This is different then those that hold the Office of the "Prophet".

1 Cor 14:3-4

3 **But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.**

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but **he that prophesieth edifieth the church.**

This is because “Prophecy” in the Church is for ‘believers’.

1 Cor 14:22

22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but **prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.**

However, because ‘unbelievers’ will understand what is being said through Prophecy in the Church, he/she will be convicted and possibly get Saved.

1 Cor 14:24-25

24 **But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:**

25 **And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.**

The ‘Prophets in the Church’, are to judge each other, and to Prophecy one by one.

1 Cor 14:29-31

29 **Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.**

30 **If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.**

31 **For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.**

This will keep the peace and less confusion in the Church.

1 Cor 14:33

33 **For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.**

1 Cor 14:39-40

39 **Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.**

40 **Let all things be done decently and in order.**

H. THE PROPHET OF GOD HAS AUTHORITY OVER OTHER PROPHETS:

The “Prophet” of God has Authority over other “Prophets” and those that Prophecy through the Spirit of God.

Here, Samuel is appointed or established over other “Prophets”.

1 Sam 19:20-24

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when **they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.**

21 And when it was told Saul, **he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise.** And Saul sent messengers again **the third time, and they prophesied also.**

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

23 **And he went** thither to Naioth in Ramah: **and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied,** until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he stripped off his clothes also, **and prophesied before Samuel** in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

I. ARE ALL PROPHETS?

Not all in the “Body of Christ” are ‘Prophets in the Church’, and only a few are “Prophets” of God.

1 Cor 12:27-29

27 **Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.**

28 **And God hath set some in the church,** first apostles, **secondarily prophets,** thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? **are all prophets?** are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

The answer is obviously no.

However, all may have the Charisma Gift of Prophecy.

1 Cor 12:7

7 **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

VI. THE NEW TESTAMENT PROPHETS:

Jesus is our example of the “Prophet” in the New Testament. He set the standard for the “Prophets” of today.

A. JESUS OUR EXAMPLE:

While Jesus was here on earth, He set the example of what a “Prophet” is and does.

Matt 21:10-11

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 **And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.**

Matt 21:45-46

45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, **they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.**

Mark 6:15

15 Others said, That it is Elias. And **others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.**

Luke 7:14-16

14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

16 **And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us;** and, That God hath visited his people.

B. AGABUS THE PROPHET:

If there are any “Prophets” mentioned in the New Testament after John the Baptist, then there is a continuation of “Prophets” today. Agabus was just one of many mentioned, proving that the process has never stopped. Amen!

The following story illustrates the role of the Office of the “Prophet” in the New Testament. Here, The “Prophet” Prophesies to the “Apostle” Paul.

Even though his Prophecy was correct, Paul ignored it, showing that once the Prophecy is given, it is up to the person receiving it to respond accordingly. It is not the “Prophet’s” responsibility for the results of what they Prophecy.

The Brethren that were with Paul (his Company), were worried for him, but they had unneeded sympathy for him. What he needed was encouragement!

Notice that the “Prophet” Prophesied from what God the Holy Spirit told him.

Notice also, that the Evangelist had four daughters that Prophesied, but were not “Prophets”.

Acts 21:8-14

8 And the next day **we that were of Paul's company** departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we **entered into the house of Philip the evangelist**, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And **the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.**

10 And as we tarried there many days, **there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.**

11 And when he was come unto us, **he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.**

12 And when we heard these things, **both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.**

13 **Then Paul answered,** What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 **And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.**

Here is another ‘Prophecy’ from Agabus. This Prophecy shows that the “Prophets” of today still Prophecy about things that will come to happen on earth.

Acts 11:25-28

25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. **And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.**

27 **And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.**

28 **And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.**

C. BARNABAS, SIMEON, LUCIUS, MANAEN AND SAUL (PAUL):

New Testament “Prophets” may have an overlap of the other ‘Doma Gifts’ of the ‘Five Fold Ministry’. They may hold more than one Gift at a time or may be moving into another ‘Doma Gift’, such as Barnabas and Saul (Paul). They were either Teachers or “Prophets”, that later became “Apostles”.

Acts 13:1

1 **Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.**

The New Testament “Prophet” is **sent forth** by God the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:2-4

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 **So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed** unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

D. JUDAS AND SILAS:

Judas and Silas were “Prophets” that were sent with the “Apostles” Barnabas and Paul.

Acts 15:25

25 **It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,**

Acts 15:27

27 **We have sent therefore Judas and Silas,** who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

Notice here, that the “Prophets” exhorted the Brethren with many words, and strengthened them.

Acts 15:32

32 **And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.**

VII. SPECIAL PROPHETS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

There are two of what I would call ‘Special’ types of “Prophets” in the New Testament. They are Jesus and John the Baptist. I call these two “Prophets” ‘Special’, because they played a role for ‘Special’ and unusual circumstances that only they were Called to do.

A. JESUS - A SPECIAL PROPHET IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

Jesus Himself is called a “Prophet”. Although He is our example of a True “Prophet” of God, we know that He is much more than a “Prophet”, as He is the Son of God!

Jesus called Himself a “Prophet”!

Luke 13:32-33

32 **And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.**

33 **Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.**

Others also called Jesus a “Prophet”.

Mark 8:27-28

27 **And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?**

28 **And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.**

Luke 24:19

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, **Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet** mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

John 6:14

14 **Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.**

John 7:40

40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, **Of a truth this is the Prophet.**

John 9:17

17 They say unto **the blind man** again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? **He said, He is a prophet.**

The woman at the well.

John 4:16-19

16 **Jesus saith unto her,** Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

19 **The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.**

Others doubted that Jesus was a “Prophet”.

John 7:41

41 Others said, This is the Christ. But **some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?**

John 7:52

52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for **out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.**

Religious Leaders may not think a “Prophet” is a “Prophet”, just as Jesus is considered not a “Prophet” by a Pharisee.

Luke 7:39

39 Now when **the Pharisee** which had bidden him saw it, he **spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him:** for she is a sinner.

B. JOHN THE BAPTIST – ANOTHER SPECIAL PROPHET:

John the Baptist was another ‘Special’ type of “Prophet” in the New Testament. He was the start of the new generation of “God’s Prophets”. Before him there were **the Prophets and the Law**, now there is **the Office of “The Prophet of God” to the Church!** (Not in the Church)

John the Baptist was a ‘Special’ “Prophet” as he came to ‘prepare the way’ of the Lord Jesus (His first Coming). John came in the Spirit of Elijah but he wasn’t Elijah reincarnated.

He came out of the Wilderness to ‘prepare the way’ of the Lord.

Isa 40:3

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

John ‘prepared the way’ by giving knowledge of Salvation through Jesus and by the baptism of repentance for the remission of Sins.

Mark 1:2-4

2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

John is called the “Prophet” of the Highest!

Luke 1:76-77

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Jesus spoke concerning John that he was **more** than a “Prophet”. Jesus said that John was also an “Apostle/Messenger”, because he would be the one to ‘prepare the way’ before Him!

Matt 11:7-12

7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than **John the Baptist**: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of **John the Baptist** until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Luke 7:24-29

24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, **What went ye out into the wilderness for to see?** A reed shaken with the wind?

25 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.

26 But what went ye out for to see? **A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.**

27 **This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.**

28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women **there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist**: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

29 And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, **being baptized with the baptism of John.**

Others were also convinced that John the Baptist was a "Prophet".

Matt 21:26

26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; **for all hold John as a prophet.**

Mark 11:32

32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: **for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.**

Luke 20:4-6

4 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?

5 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not?

6 But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: **for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.**

John himself said he wasn't Jesus or Elijah.

John 1:19-27

19 **And this is the record of John**, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, **Who art thou?**

20 **And he confessed**, and denied not; but confessed, **I am not the Christ.**

21 And they asked him, What then? **Art thou Elias (Elijah)? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.**

22 Then said they unto him, **Who art thou?** that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23 **He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias** (Isaiah).

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, **neither that prophet?**

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

John the Baptist was not afraid to speak out about a ruler's (Herod's) Sin.

Matt 14:3-5

3 **For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison** for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.

4 **For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.**

5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, **because they counted him as a prophet.**

VIII. THE CALL OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS:

In the Old Testament, all “Prophets” whether ‘True’ or ‘False’, were known as “Prophets” or “Seers”. The ‘True’ “Prophets” that represented God, were actually those Called by God, although some ‘True’ “Prophets” did become ‘False Prophets’.

A. PROPHETS WERE KNOWN AS SEERS:

In the Old Testament, “Prophets” were known as “Seers” before they were called “Prophets”.

The definition of a “Seer” in Hebrew is:

7203 ro'eh (ro-eh');

active participle of 7200; **a seer** (as often rendered); but also (abstractly) a vision: KJV-- vision.

1 Sam 9:6-9

6 And he said unto him, Behold now, **there is** in this city **a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass:** now let us go thither; peradventure **he can shew us our way that we should go.**

7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?

8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to **the man of God**, to tell us our way.

9 **(Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)**

B. SAMUEL IS CALLED BY GOD:

As a child, Samuel was Called by God to be a “Prophet”, before he even knew the Lord.

1 Sam 3:1-21

1 And **the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD** before Eli. **And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.**

2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and **Samuel was laid down to sleep;**

4 **That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.**

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 **And the LORD called yet again, Samuel.** And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 **Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.**

8 **And the LORD called Samuel again the third time.** And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. **And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.**

9 **Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.**

10 **And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.**

11 **And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.**

12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 **And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.**

16 **Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.**

17 **And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.**

18 **And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him.** And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 **And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.**

20 **And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD.**

21 **And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.**

C. JEREMIAH IS CALLED BY GOD:

Jeremiah is Called (ordained) by God to be a “Prophet” to the Nations, before he was even born. As a child, the Lord put His Words in Jeremiah’s mouth and set him over Nations and Kingdoms.

Jer 1:4-9

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 **Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.**

6 **Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.**

7 **But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.**

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

9 **Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth.** And the LORD said unto me, **Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.**

Jeremiah is set over the Nations and Kingdoms, to Prophecy to them of the coming Judgments of God.

Jer 1:10

10 **See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms,** to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Jer 1:17

17 **"Therefore prepare yourself and arise, and speak to them all that I command you.** Do not be dismayed before their faces, lest I dismay you before them.

IX. THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS AS REVEALED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

The Prophecies of the Old Testament “Prophets” are fulfilled and revealed in the New Testament.

ISAIAH:

A Prophecy about Mary and Jesus:

Matt 1:21-23 Isaiah 7:14

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 **Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet,** saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

A Prophecy about Jesus and Galilee:

Matt 4:12-16 Isaiah 9:1, 2

12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephtholim:

14 **That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet,** saying,

15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephtholim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

A Prophecy about Jesus and Healing:

Matt 8:16-17 Isaiah 53:4-5

16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17 **That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet,** saying, **Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**

A Prophecy about Jesus showing judgment to the Gentiles:

Matt 12:15-21 Isaiah 42:1-4

15 But when **Jesus** knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he **healed them all;**

16 And charged them that they should not make him known:

17 **That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet,** saying,

18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and **he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.**

19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

21 **And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.**

A Prophecy about Jesus and His coming Salvation:

Matt 21:1-5 Isaiah 62:11 Zech. 9:9

- 1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
- 2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.
- 3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.
- 4 **All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet,** saying,
- 5 **Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.**

A Prophecy about John the Baptist:

Matt 3:1-3 Isaiah 40:3

- 1 In those days came **John the Baptist**, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
- 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 3 **For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias**, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Luke 3:4 Isaiah 40:3

- 4 **As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet**, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

A Prophecy about Jesus and His Calling:

Luke 4:14-21 Isaiah 61:1-3

- 14 And **Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee**: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.
- 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.
- 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.
- 17 **And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias**. And when he had opened the book, **he found the place where it was written,**
- 18 **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**
- 19 **To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**
- 20 **And he closed the book**, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.
- 21 **And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

A Prophecy about Jesus and the lack of belief of the Jewish people:

John 12:37-41 Isaiah 53:1 Isaiah 6:9-10

37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet **they believed not on him:**

38 **That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled,** which he spake, **Lord, who hath believed our report?** and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 **Therefore they could not believe,** because that **Esaias said again,**

40 **He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.**

41 **These things said Esaias,** when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

Acts 28:17

17 And it came to pass, that after three days **Paul** called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

Acts 28:23-28

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, **persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets,** from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, **and some believed not.**

25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that **Paul** had spoken one word, **Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,**

26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, **Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:**

27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

28 Be it known **therefore** unto you, that **the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.**

Here, the Ethiopian Eunuch believes the Prophecy of Isaiah and is Saved!

Acts 8:27-35 Isaiah 53:7-8

27 And he arose and went: and, **behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority** under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot **read Esaias the prophet.**

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And **Philip** ran thither to him, and **heard him read the prophet Esaias,** and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired **Philip** that he would come up and sit with him.

32 **The place of the scripture which he read was this,** He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 **And the eunuch answered Philip,** and said, I pray thee, **of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?**

35 **Then Philip** opened his mouth, and **began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.**

MICAH:

A Prophecy of Jesus and Bethlehem:

Matt 2:3-6 Micah 5:2

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, **he demanded of them where Christ should be born.**

5 **And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,**

6 **And thou Bethlehem,** in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

HOSEA:

A Prophecy about God calling His Son Jesus out of Egypt:

Matt 2:13-15 Hosea 11:1

13 And when they were departed, behold, **the angel of the Lord** appeareth to Joseph in a dream, **saying,** Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and **flee into Egypt,** and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

14 **When he arose, he** took the young child and his mother by night, and **departed into Egypt:**

15 And was there until the death of Herod: **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.**

JEREMIAH:

A Prophecy about the slaying of the children around and in Bethlehem:

Matt 2:16-18 Jeremiah 31:15

16 Then **Herod,** when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and **slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof,** from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.

17 **Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet,** saying,

18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

A Prophecy about the potter's field and the 30 pieces of silver of Judas:

Matt 27:6-10 Zech. 11:12-13

6 **And the chief priests took the silver pieces**, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

7 And they took counsel, **and bought with them the potter's field**, to bury strangers in.

8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

9 **Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet**, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

10 **And gave them for the potter's field**, as the Lord appointed me.

DAVID:

A Psalm of David.

A Prophecy about parting the garments of Jesus, and casting lots:

Matt 27:35 Psalm 22:18

35 **And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet**, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

A Psalm for Asaph:

A Prophecy about Jesus speaking in parables:

Matt 13:34-35 Psalm 78:2

34 **All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:**

35 **That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet**, saying, **I will open my mouth in parables**; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

DANIEL:

A Prophecy concerning the Anti-Christ:

Matt 24:15 Dan 9:27 12:11

15 **When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Mark 13:14

14 But **when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet**, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

JONAH:

A Prophecy about Jesus being a 'Sign' to the Jews such as Jonah was to the Ninevites:

Luke 11:29-30 Jonah 1:17

29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, **but the sign of Jonas the prophet.**

30 **For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.**

JOEL:

A Prophecy about the ‘outpouring’ of the Holy Spirit:

This is proof that all Christians can Prophecy through the ‘Charisma’ Gift of the Holy Spirit:

Acts 2:14-18 Joel 2:28-29

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 **But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;**

17 **And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:**

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens **I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:**

X. MORE ABOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT**PROPHETS:**

The following are some Scriptures that give some ‘unusual insights’ into the Old Testament “Prophets”.

A. ALL THE PROPHETS:

Prophecy from all of the Old Testament “Prophets”, was that Jesus would come forth as a rod from the stem of Jesse (David’s father); and as a Branch will grow out of his roots:

Matt 2:23 Isaiah 11:1

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.** (Meaning Branch or Separated One)

B. THE PROPHECY OF JESUS:

All the Old Testament “Prophets” testified that the “Prophet” Jesus was coming.

Acts 3:20-25

- 20 And he shall send **Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:**
- 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath **spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.**
- 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, **A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up** unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.
- 23 And it shall come to pass, that **every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.**
- 24 **Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.**
- 25 **Ye are the children of the prophets,** and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

Acts 7:37

37 **This is that Moses, which said** unto the children of Israel, **A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up** unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

C. HOW MANY PROPHETS WERE THERE?

In the Old Testament there were many “Prophets”, however, only a few were the major and minor “Prophets” of God.

IKing 18:4

4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off **the prophets of the LORD,** that **Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave,** and fed them with bread and water.)

IKing 18:13

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew **the prophets of the LORD,** **how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave,** and fed them with bread and water?

Some of the Old Testament “Prophets” stayed together in a Company.

1 Sam 10:10-11

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, **a company of prophets** met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, **he prophesied among the prophets,** then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? **Is Saul also among the prophets?**

D. THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS:

The “Prophets” of old spoke of the Law. What is the ‘Law and the Prophets’?

Jesus stated:

Matt 7:12

12 Therefore all things **whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.**

Matt 22:36-40

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

38 **This is the first and great commandment.**

39 **And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

40 **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

How long did the ‘Law and the Prophets’ Prophecy? Until John the Baptist.

Matt 11:13

13 **For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.**

Since John, and until Jesus returns, the ‘Kingdom of God’ is preached.

Luke 16:16

16 **The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.**

Mark 1:14-15

14 **Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**

15 **And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

Actually, Jesus came to fulfill the ‘Law and the Prophets’.

Matt 5:17

17 **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

Matt 26:54

54 **But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?**

Matt 26:56

56 **But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled....**

The ‘Law and the Prophets’ were read every Sabbath day by the Jews. Paul explained the order of the “Prophets” in Jewish History.

Acts 13:15-27

15 **And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.**

16 **Then Paul stood up, and** beckoning with his hand **said**, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.

18 And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.

19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot.

20 **And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.**

21 **And afterward they desired a king:** and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.

22 And when he had removed him, **he raised up unto them David to be their king;** to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found **David the son of Jesse**, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

23 **Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:**

24 When **John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance** to all the people of Israel.

25 And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.

26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor **yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day**, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

The 'Law and the Prophets', were for those under the Law. However, no one is justified by the Law. Now, the righteousness of God without the Law is made available to us as witnessed by the 'Law and the Prophets'. That righteousness of God is given to all who believe in His Son Jesus Christ.

Rom 3:19-22

19 **Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law:** that every mouth may be stopped, **and all the world may become guilty before God.**

20 **Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight:** for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 **But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;**

22 **Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:** for there is no difference:

E. KILLING THE PROPHETS:

The Jewish Religious Leaders killed the "Prophets" of old, and it is the Religious Leaders of today that are killing the "Prophets" of God.

Neh 9:21

21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

Neh 9:26

26 **Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets** which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.

Matt 23:27-38 Luke 13:34-35

27 **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29 **Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** because ye **build the tombs of the prophets**, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

30 **And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.**

31 **Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.**

32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

34 **Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:**

35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, **thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee**, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

38 **Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.**

It is the Jews that first claimed that the "Prophets" died out.

John 8:52-54

52 **Then said the Jews unto him,** Now we know that thou hast a devil. **Abraham is dead, and the prophets;** and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and **the prophets are dead:** whom makest thou thyself?

54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

F. THE PROPHETS WERE SPOKEN OF FROM HELL:

The Old Testament “Prophets” were even spoken of from Hell.

Luke 16:22-31

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: **the rich man also died, and was buried;**

23 **And in hell he** lift up his eyes, being in torments, and **seeth Abraham afar off**, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 **And he cried and said, Father Abraham**, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 **But Abraham said**, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 **Then he said**, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 **Abraham saith unto him**, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 **And he said**, Nay, father Abraham: **but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.**

31 **And he said unto him**, **If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**

XI. THE PROPHETESS:

The following Scriptures verify the Call of God on women as “Prophetesses”.

There are also ‘False Prophetesses’, showing that the Devil imitates what is real.

A. TRUE PROPHETESSES

MIRIAM:

“Prophetesses” may dance & sing, as did Miriam the “Prophetess”.

Exod 15:19-21

20 **And Miriam the prophetess**, the sister of Aaron, **took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.**

21 **And Miriam answered them**, **Sing ye to the LORD**, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

DEBORAH:

Deborah the “Prophetess” judged Israel.

Judg 4:4-5

4 **And Deborah, a prophetess**, the wife of Lapidoth, **she judged Israel at that time.**
 5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: **and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.**

HULDAH:

King Josiah sent several men including a Priest to enquire of the Lord from Huldah the “Prophetess”. She dwelt in Jerusalem in a ‘college’ meaning in the Second Quarter or District.

II Ki 22:12-20 2Chr 34:20-28

12 **And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest**, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

13 **Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me**, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 **So Hilkiah the priest**, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, **went unto Huldah the prophetess**, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) **and they communed with her.**

15 **And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel**, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16 **Thus saith the LORD, Behold**, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore **my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.**

18 **But to the king of Judah which sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel**, As touching the words which thou hast heard;

19 **Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.**

20 **Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.**

ISAIAH’S WIFE:

Isaiah’s wife the “Prophetess” bore him a son.

Isa 8:3

3 **And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son.** Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hashbaz.

ANNA:

Anna the “Prophetess” confirmed the word of Simeon about the child Jesus

Luke 2:36-38

36 **And there was one Anna, a prophetess,** the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

37 **And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.**

38 **And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.**

B. FALSE PROPHETESSES:

The following are ‘False Prophetesses’:

NOADIAH:

Noadiah the ‘False Prophetess’ was hired for money to put Nehemiah in fear, to stop the building of the wall.

Neh 6:14

14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, **and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.**

JEZEBEL:

Jezebel was a ‘False Prophetess’ in the Church in Thyatira. Her Sins were that she was a ‘False Teacher’, she seduced God’s Servants into fornication and adultery, and to follow false gods. Because she would not Repent, she was cast into Great Tribulation.

This is what will happen to the ‘False Prophetesses’ of today. They and those that have committed spiritual and/or physical adultery with her, will go through the Great Tribulation Period!

Rev 2:20-23

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, **because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.**

21 **And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.**

22 Behold, **I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation,** except they repent of their deeds.

23 **And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.**

XII. THE PROPHET'S PERSONAL LIFE:

The "Prophet" and/or "Prophetess" may marry and have a family.

A. PROPHETS CAN MARRY:

The Lord spoke to Abimelech about Abraham, and said:

Gen 20:7

7 **Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live:** and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

In the New Testament, Anna a "Prophetess" was married.

Luke 2:36

36 **And there was one Anna, a prophetess,** the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: **she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;**

B. THE SONS/DAUGHTERS OF THE PROPHETS:

The sons and daughters of "Prophets" may become "Prophets", however, the Call is still from God and not man..

Here, the Sons of the "Prophets" at Bethel and Jericho, tried to Prophesy to Elisha, but he told them to be quiet!

II Ki 2:3

3 **And the sons of the prophets** that were at Bethel **came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.**

II Ki 2:5

5 **And the sons of the prophets** that were at Jericho **came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.**

II Ki 2:7

7 **And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off:** and they two stood by Jordan.

II Ki 2:15

15 **And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.**

C. THE PROPHETS FAMILY:

The Family of the “Prophet” may or may not be involved with his/her ministry work. It is best if they are in agreement with it, but it is not a requirement!

Mark 6:4

4 But Jesus said unto them, **A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.**

D. THE PROPHETS FINANCES:

According to the Scriptures, the “Prophet” may receive his/her income in various ways.

1. Earning his/her own income:

The “Prophet” may earn his/her own income from outside sources much like Paul did by making tents.

Acts 18:1-3

1 After these things **Paul** departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

2 And found a certain Jew named **Aquila**, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

3 **And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.**

Earning your own income (which can include retirement), frees you up so you do not have to depend on others for your needs. You can also preach the Gospel ‘free of charge’.

Below, Paul said:

1 Cor 9:6

6 Or I only and Barnabas, **have not we power to forbear working?**

1 Cor 9:18

18 **What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.**

1Thes 4:11-12

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, **and to work with your own hands**, as we commanded you;

12 **That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.**

2. Receiving his/her income from the ‘Body of Christ’.

The “Prophet” may elect to receive finances from the “Body of Christ”. Particularly, there are those that desire to give offerings to the “Prophet’s” Ministry. This is Scriptural.

1 Cor 9:13-14

13 **Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?**

14 **Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.**

The most important thing to remember when receiving income from the “Body of Christ”, is to not receive or take money or anything else from anyone at the time or to whom you are ‘Prophesying’. If you do, it could tarnish the Prophecy by putting a monetary value on it. Below, Peter said to take the oversight thereof and feed the flock, but not for ‘filthy lucre’:

1 Pet 5:2-3

2 **Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;**

3 **Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.**

Here Elisha the “Prophet”, refused an offering from Naaman for his healing.

II Ki 5:15-16

15 **And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.**

16 **But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.**

Then Elisha’s servant Gehazi took money from Naaman in the name of Elisha. The results were that he and his children received the leprosy that departed from Naaman!

II Ki 5:20-27

20 **But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.**

21 **So Gehazi followed after Naaman.** And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well?

22 **And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.**

23 **And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him.**

24 **And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.**

25 **But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.**

26 **And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments,**

and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

3. Receiving tithes from Pastors/Priests.

In these last days, I believe the Lord is going to supernaturally finance the “Prophet”. I believe it is already outlined in the Bible, that the Pastors/Priests will give 10% of their income to the “Apostles” and “Prophets”.

As it is now, many Pastors/Priests tithe back into their own churches or ministries. That tithe needs to leave the churches and be given to those that are ministering for the Lord ‘between the churches’.

The following Scriptures are an example of how I believe the Pastors/Priests will give 10% of their income (or heave offering) to the “Apostle” and/or “Prophet”.

I believe Aaron as the ‘Chief Priest’ represents the “Apostle” and “Prophet” of today. Because of the “Apostle” and “Prophet’s” Call, which is ‘between the churches’, they have no inheritance nor have any part among the churches. God is their part and inheritance, therefore they are to receive their tithes from the Pastors/Priests.

Num 18:8

8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever.

Num 18:20

20 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

Num 18:26

26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithe.

Num 18:28

28 Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD's heave offering to Aaron the priest.

These 10% tithes (heave offerings) from the Pastors/Priests to the “Prophet” are not considered a gift or filthy lucre for Prophecy. It is the plan of God as an ordinance, because of the ‘Anointing’ upon the “Prophet”, and has nothing to do with the **act** of Prophecy.

2 Chr 19:7

7 **Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.**

‘Gift’ here in the Hebrew is:

7810 shachad (shakh'-ad);
from 7809; **a donation** (venal or redemptive):
KJV-- **bribe** (-ry), **gift**, **present**, **reward**.

XIII. PROPHECY COMES FROM GOD:

A. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS PROPHECY TO THE PROPHET:

Prophecy comes to the “Prophet” from God the Holy Spirit who comes **upon** them.

Num 11:24-29

24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

25 **And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit** (the Holy Spirit) **that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders:** and it came to pass, that, **when the spirit** (the Holy Spirit) **rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.**

26 But **there remained two of the men** in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: **and the spirit** (the Holy Spirit) **rested upon them;** and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: **and they prophesied in the camp.**

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 And **Moses said** unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? **would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit** (the Holy Spirit) **upon them!**

When God the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you Prophesy without worry, because the Lord is with you.

Samuel first ‘Anointed’ Saul to be King.

1 Sam 10:1

1 **Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?**

Then God the Holy Spirit came ‘upon’ Saul and he began to Prophesy.

1 Sam 10:5-7

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that **thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:**

6 **And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them,** and shalt be turned into another man.

7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; **for God is with thee.**

“Prophets” must have a ‘heart’ for God before they can Prophesy for Him!

1 Sam 10:9

9 **And it was so,** that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, **God gave him another heart:** and all those signs came to pass that day.

In Nehemiah and Zechariah, it states that the “Prophet” spoke by God the Holy Spirit that was in them.

Neh 9:30

30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them **by thy spirit in thy prophets:** yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

Zech 7:12

12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, **and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets:** therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

B. THE LORD SPEAKS TO AND THROUGH PROPHETS THROUGH VISIONS & DREAMS:

The Lord speaks to and through “Prophets” in various ways, some of which are ‘Visions and Dreams’.

Num 12:6

6 And he said, Hear now my words: **If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.**

Ezek 7:26

26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; **then shall they seek a vision of the prophet;** but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

Hosea 12:10

10 **I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.**

The Lord spoke to Habakkuk the “Prophet” in a ‘Vision’. He told him to write the ‘Vision’ down, so they that will join him will understand it.

Hab 1:1

1 The burden **which Habakkuk the prophet did see.**

Hab 1:3

3 **Why** dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention.

Hab 2:2-3

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.**

3 **For the vision is yet for an appointed time,** but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

C. PROPHETS SOMETIMES USE MUSIC TO PROPHECY:

Elisha the “Prophet” Prophesies to Jehoshaphat the King of Israel with the use of a minstrel.

II Ki 3:11-17

11 But Jehoshaphat said, **Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?** And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, **Here is Elisha** the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

12 And Jehoshaphat said, **The word of the LORD is with him.** So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 **And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother.** And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

14 **And Elisha said,** As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

15 **But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.**

16 **And he said, Thus saith the LORD,** Make this valley full of ditches.

17 **For thus saith the LORD,** Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

Here, a Company of “Prophets” used musical instruments to Prophecy.

1 Sam 10:5

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that **thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:**

D. PROPHETS CAN CONTROL THEIR PROPHECY:

“Prophets” can control ‘when’ they Prophecy and the ‘time’ they Prophecy, therefore, they should never be out of order when they do it. Of course they always need to listen to the prompting of God the Holy Sprit.

1 Cor 14:32

32 **And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.**

E. PROPHETS ARE CAPABLE OF GIVING BAD ADVICE:

Even the best of the “Prophets”, are capable of giving bad advice. That is why it is always good to wait for a ‘confirmation’ before following their advice.

Here, David asked Nathan the “Prophet” if he should build a House for the Lord. Nathan, instead of seeking God before answering, said to do it if it was in his heart, because God was with him. This was wrong advice. God spoke to Nathan that night and said that David should ‘not’ build Him a House. God told him that David’s son would build Him a House. It is interesting that God did not rebuke Nathan for his ‘presumptuous’ advice.

1 Chr 17:1-15 2 Sam 7:1-7

1 Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that **David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains.**

2 **Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.**

3 And it came to pass **the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,**

4 **Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:**

5 For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

6 Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, **spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?**

7 **Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheeppcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel:**

8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth.

9 Also **I will ordain a place for my people Israel**, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning,

10 And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. **Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house.**

11 And **it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired** that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that **I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons**; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 **He shall build me an house**, and I will stablish his throne for ever.

13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee:

14 But **I will settle him in mine house** and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.

15 **According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.**

XIV. SIGNS AND WONDERS:

‘Signs and Wonders’ will follow the “Prophet” in order to confirm the Word. (Mark 16:17-20) The “Prophet” may even perform unusual ‘Signs and Wonders’ and Miracles as a witness of God to his/her authenticity. (Hebrews 2:4)

A. TRUE PROPHETS PERFORM SIGNS & WONDERS & MIRACLES:

MOSES:

Although Moses is the only “Prophet” that the Lord spoke to face to face, all “Prophets” will perform ‘Signs & Wonders’.

Deut 34:10-11

10 **And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,**

11 **In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do** in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

ELIJAH:

Elijah the “Prophet” calls down fire from Heaven.

II Ki 1:10

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, **If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.**

Elijah divides the waters.

II Ki 2:8

8 **And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.**

Elijah raises a dead child.

IKing 17:21-24

21 **And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.**

22 **And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.**

23 **And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.**

24 **And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.**

Elijah proves who are the 'False Prophets' and the false gods.

IKing 18:21-22

21 **And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.** And the people answered him not a word.

22 **Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.**

IKing 18:25-26

25 **And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.**

26 **And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered.** And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

IKing 18:29-40

29 **And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.**

30 **And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me.** And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

31 **And Elijah** took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

32 **And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD:** and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 **And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.**

37 **Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.**

38 **Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.**

39 **And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.**

40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

ELISHA:

Elisha the "Prophet" raises a child from the dead.

II Ki 4:32-35

32 **And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead,** and laid upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

34 **And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.**

35 **Then he returned,** and walked in the house to and fro; **and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.**

Elisha Prophecies to Naaman on how to receive a Miracle of Healing.

II Ki 5:1-14

1 **Now Naaman, captain of the host** of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, **but he was a leper.**

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And she said unto her mistress, **Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.**

4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, **I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.**

7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, **Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy?** wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

8 And it was so, **when Elisha the man of God** had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? **let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.**

9 **So Naaman came** with his horses and with his chariot, **and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.**

10 **And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.**

11 **But Naaman was wroth,** and went away, **and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.**

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? **So he turned and went away in a rage.**

13 And **his servants** came near, and spake unto him, and **said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?**

14 **Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.**

Elisha performs more Miracles.

II Ki 6:1-20

1 **And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha,** Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.

3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, **the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.**

6 **And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim.**

7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9 And **the man of God** sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place **which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.**

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but **Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.**

13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of **the man of God** was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he **answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.**

17 **And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**

18 And when they came down to him, **Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.**

19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that **Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw;** and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

Elisha does one more Miracle after he is dead!!

II Ki 13:20-21

20 **And Elisha died, and they buried him.** And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

21 **And it came to pass, as they were burying a man,** that, behold, they spied a band of men; and **they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.**

ISAIAH:

Isaiah the “Prophet” performs Miracles through God.

II Ki 20:1-6 Isa 38:1-22 Isa 39:1-8

1 **In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death.** And **the prophet Isaiah** the son of Amoz came to him, and **said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.**

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and **prayed unto the LORD**, saying,
 3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. **And Hezekiah wept sore.**

4 And it came to pass, **afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,**

5 **Turn again, and tell Hezekiah** the captain of my people, **Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee:** on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

6 **And I will add unto thy days fifteen years;** and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

As in some Miracles today, Isaiah used ‘medical wisdom’ for healing. However, Hezekiah still wanted a ‘Sign’ from the Lord to prove he would recover.

II Ki 20:7-11 Isa 38:1-22 Isa 39:1-8

7 **And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.**

8 **And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me,** and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?

9 **And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?**

10 **And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.**

11 **And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.**

Then Isaiah Prophesies to Hezekiah about the future.

II Ki 20:12-19 Isa 38:1-22 Isa 39:1-8

12 At that time Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

14 **Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah,** and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon.

15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

16 **And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD.**

17 **Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.**

18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 **Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken.** And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?

B. PROPHETS THEMSELVES USED AS A SIGN AND WONDER:

“Prophets” of God are sometimes ‘themselves’ used as a ‘Sign and Wonder’!

There is a great price to pay for being a “Prophet”. It can even cost you your wife!

(Read the Study Guide on “The Abraham Experience” by Timothy II)

ISAIAH:

Isaiah walked naked and barefoot for three years for a ‘Sign and Wonder’!

Isa 20:3

3 And the LORD said, **Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder** upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;

JEREMIAH:

Jeremiah was told not to marry or have a family as a ‘Sign and Wonder’!

Jer 16:2

2 **Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.**

EZEKIEL:

Ezekiel laid on his left side for 390 days, and on his right side for 40 days as a ‘Sign’.

Ezek 4:3-8

This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 **Lie thou also upon thy left side,** and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.

5 **For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.**

6 And when thou hast accomplished them, **lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.**

7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and **thou shalt prophesy against it.**

8 And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.

Ezekiel had to remove, bring forth and carry ‘stuff’ as a ‘Sign’.

Ezek 12:2-6

2 **Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house**, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for **they are a rebellious house**.

3 Therefore, thou son of man, **prepare thee stuff for removing**, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, **though they be a rebellious house**.

4 **Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff** by day in their sight, **as stuff for removing**: and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, as they that go forth into captivity.

5 Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.

6 In their sight shalt thou **bear it upon thy shoulders**, and carry it forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: **for I have set thee for a sign** unto the house of Israel.

Then Ezekiel’s ‘wife’ is taken from him, and he can shed no tears.

Ezek 24:15-27

15 Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

16 **Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.**

17 **Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead**, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men.

18 So I spake unto the people in the morning: **and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.**

19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so?

20 Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Speak unto the house of Israel, **Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.**

22 **And ye shall do as I have done:** ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men.

23 And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: **ye shall not mourn nor weep;** but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another.

24 **Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign:** according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

25 Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

26 That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears?

27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: **and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.**

HOSEA:

Hosea was told to take a wife that would be unfaithful as a ‘Sign and Wonder’!

Hosea 1:2

2 The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. **And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms:** for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.

Hosea 3:1

1 **Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress,** according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.

JONAS:

The “Prophet” Jonas was in the belly of a whale, as a ‘Sign’ of Jesus spending 3 nights in the earth after His death.

Matt 12:38-41

38 **Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.**

39 **But he answered** and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and **there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:**

40 **For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

Matt 16:4

4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, **but the sign of the prophet Jonas.** And he left them, and departed.

XV. WHERE PROPHETS ARE NOT

EFFECTIVE:

There are many places that a “Prophet” is not effective, and there are many people who will not listen to the “Prophet”, even though they know he/she is speaking the Word of God. The following are examples of this ‘dilemma’.

A. THE PLACES WHERE THE PROPHET CANNOT WORK

EFFECTIVELY:

Like Jesus, a “Prophet” of God cannot be effective and can do little works in his own family, city, and country.

Matt 13:57-58

57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, **A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.**

58 **And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.**

Mark 6:4-5

4 But Jesus said unto them, **A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.**

5 **And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.**

Luke 4:24-27

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, **No prophet is accepted in his own country.**

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26 But unto **none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.** (A gentile)

27 **And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.**

John 4:44

44 **For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.**

B. WHERE SOME WILL NOT LISTEN TO THE PROPHET:

I recently heard a Pastor on the Radio say that he did not need a “Prophet” to speak to him. He said he is not deaf and if God wants him to hear something, all He has to do is speak. It is this kind of ‘Pride’ that keeps Pastors/Priests and Church Leaders from hearing from God. God will not speak to those that are full of Pride and that will not listen to the “Prophet” of God, unless they Repent!

1 Sam 28:6

6 **And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.**

1 Sam 28:15-16

15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and **God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets,** nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

16 **Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?**

Israel and Judah would not listen to the Word of the Lord spoken through His “Prophets”.

II Ki 17:13-14

13 Yet **the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers**, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, **according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.**

14 **Notwithstanding they would not hear**, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.

II Ki 17:23

23 Until **the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets.** So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

C. WHERE SOME WILL NOT GIVE HEED TO THEIR WARNINGS:

The people would not give heed to the ‘warnings’ of the “Prophet” Jeremiah.

Jer 18:18

18 **Then said they**, Come, and **let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish** from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, **nor the word from the prophet.** Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and **let us not give heed to any of his words.**

Jer 25:1-4

1 **The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people** of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

2 **The which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people** of Judah, **and to all the inhabitants** of Jerusalem, saying,

3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that is the three and twentieth year, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; **but ye have not hearkened.**

4 **And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets**, rising early and sending them; **but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.**

D. WHERE SOME CONSIDER THE PROPHET A FOOL OR MAD:

In the day of visitation, the “Prophet” is considered a fool, and the ‘Spiritual’ person considered mad. Snares and hatred await the “Prophet” in the churches. (IS THIS TODAY?)

Hosea 9:7-8

7 **The days of visitation are come**, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know it: **the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad**, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

8 The watchman of Ephraim was with my God: but **the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God.**

E. WHERE THEY WILL NOT LET THEM PROPHECY:

Some will not allow the “Prophet” to speak!

Amos 2:11-12

11 **And I raised up of your sons for prophets**, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.

12 **But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.**

Because of their Sins, some Churches won’t listen to the ‘True’ “Prophet” of God. These Churches do not want to hear Prophecy, because it will cause them shame. This is not the work of the Lord!

Micah 2:6-7

6 **Prophecy ye not, say they to them that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not take shame.**

7 O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?

What God says, He will do; so it pays to listen to the “Prophet” of God.

Zech 1:4-6

4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom **the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.**

5 **Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?**

6 **But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.**

XVI. THE PROPHET’S DILEMMA:

A. ALWAYS SPEAKING THE PURE WORD OF GOD:

One of the ‘dilemmas’ facing the “Prophet” is that he/she must speak the ‘pure’ Word of God ‘at all times’. They must be clear on what is stated as being from God!

If they represent God wrong, they may be destroyed!

Ezek 14:3-5

3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: **should I be inquired of at all by them?**

4 **Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;**

5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

“Prophets” must also preach Repentance!!

Ezek 14:6-8

6 **Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.**

7 **For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to inquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:**

8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; **and ye shall know that I am the LORD.**

B. SEEKING GOD’S WORD FOR THE WICKED:

Another ‘dilemma’ a “Prophet” has is whether to seek God’s Word for people whom they know will not obey it.

Jer 42:1-6

1 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiiah, and **all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,**

2 **And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, even for all this remnant;** (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)

3 **That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.**

4 **Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.**

5 **Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.**

6 **Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee;** that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

Notice it took ten days for the Lord to answer Jeremiah.

Jer 42:7

7 And it came to pass **after ten days**, that **the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.**

The people sent Jeremiah to the Lord and said they would obey the Word from the Lord.

Jer 42:19-20

19 **The LORD hath said concerning you**, O ye remnant of Judah; **Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day.**

20 **For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.**

But they did not obey anything that Jeremiah declared from the Lord.

Jer 42:21-22

21 And now I have this day declared it to you; **but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me unto you.**

22 **Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence,** in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn.

Then some accused Jeremiah of speaking falsely for saying not to go into Egypt.

Jer 43:2

2 Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, **Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:**

So they obeyed not the Word of the Lord and went to Egypt. This is just like today, when many do not listen to the “Prophet”, and turn to the Flesh (also known as Egypt)!

Jer 43:4

4 **So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.**

Jer 43:6-7

6 Even men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, **and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.**

7 **So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD:** thus came they even to Tahpanhes.

C. THE DANGER!

DANGER! Don't Prophesy to those that are living in Sin, unless God specifically tells you to do so!

Ezek 14:9-11

9 **And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.**

10 **And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him;**

11 **That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.**

D. THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROPHET'S DILEMMA:

The conclusion of the "Prophet's" 'dilemma' is when you do Prophesy to those that will not listen, tell them in advance that they will not listen. Then when they do not, they will know that a "Prophet" has been among them!

Ezek 33:30-33

30 **Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.**

31 **And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.**

32 **And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.**

33 **And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.**

XVII. RELATING TO THE PROPHET:

Relating to the "Prophet" is sometimes difficult. Usually it is because we may have had some bad experiences with some of those that 'call' themselves "Prophets/Prophetesses". We may have gotten our hopes up by what this person said would happen, and then over a period of time it did not come true. However, just like driving a car, we don't give up just because of a few bad experiences!

A. IT IS IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO THE PROPHET:

If we will listen to the “Prophet”, we will prosper.

2 Chr 20:20

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; **Believe in the LORD your God**, so shall ye be established; **believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.**

If we do not listen to the “Prophet”, we will pay the price.

Deut 18:19

19 And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.**

And we will not prosper.

2 Chr 24:19-20

19 Yet **he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD**; and they testified against them: **but they would not give ear.**

20 **And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah** the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, **and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper?** because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

B. THE RESULTS OF THOSE NOT GIVING HEED TO THE WARNINGS OF THE PROPHET:

Here, Zedekiah the King, and the Priests and the people, did not give heed to the warnings of Jeremiah the “Prophet”.

2 Chr 36:11-16

11 **Zedekiah** was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And **he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD.**

13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but **he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart** from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

14 Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; **and polluted the house of the LORD** which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

15 **And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:**

16 **But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.**

C. HOW TO KNOW IF WHAT THE PROPHET SPEAKS IS TRUE:

When the “Prophet” speaks in the Name of the Lord, we know if what he is saying is True:

1. When the Prophecy comes True immediately following.
2. If it comes to pass eventually.

This is why we sometimes must wait to see if the Prophecy is correct, or if the “Prophet” has spoken it ‘presumptuously’

Deut 18:21-22

21 **And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?**

22 **When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.**

D. LEADERS SHOULD SEEK THE ADVICE AND COUNSEL OF PROPHETS:

Here, Isaiah the “Prophet” is sought after by King Hezekiah for advice about the King of Assyria.

II Ki 19:1-6 Isa 37:1-6

1 **And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.**

2 **And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.**

3 **And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.**

4 **It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.**

5 **So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.**

6 **And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.**

Here, Amaziah brought the gods from a country he defeated, and he worshipped them. Sound familiar? First the King questioned the “Prophet’s” Authority, but then listened and took his advice.

2 Chr 25:14-17

14 Now it came to pass, **after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.**

15 **Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?**

16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that **the king said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbare, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.**

17 **Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice,** and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.

E. THE RESULTS OF LEADERS AND PROPHETS PRAYING TOGETHER:

When the “Prophet” Isaiah and King Hezekiah prayed together, the Lord sent an Angel to do battle for them.

2 Chr 32:20-22

20 **And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.**

21 **And the LORD sent an angel,** which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

22 **Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah** and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.

XVIII. OTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT THE PROPHET:

The following are some other general thoughts about the “Prophet” of God.

A. ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE PROPHET:

The “Prophet” of God is first of all ‘Accountable’ to God. He/she is then to look to the “Apostle” for ‘Accountability’. He/she is **not** Accountable to other “Prophets” nor to Pastors/Priests. (Read the Book “The Ten Commandments for the Church” by Timothy II)

1 Cor 12:28

28 **And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, ...**

Eph 4:11

11 **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; ...**

It is the “Apostle” that will Prophesy against the “Prophet” when needed, in these ‘Last Days’.

Ezek 13:1-2

- 1 **And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,**
- 2 **Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD;**

The “Apostle” will Prophesy against the “Prophets” that Prophesy for the Money!!

Micah 3:8-11

- 8 **But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.**
- 9 **Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.**
- 10 **They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.**
- 11 **The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.**

B. THERE IS A PRICE TO PAY FOR BEING A PROPHET:

There is a price to pay for being a “Prophet”. Many have been put into prison for Prophesying.

Jeremiah:

Jeremiah the “Prophet” was hit and put in stocks for Prophesying. Later he was put in prison.

Jer 20:1-2

- 1 **Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.**
- 2 **Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the LORD.**

Jer 32:2-3

- 2 **For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house.**
- 3 **For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;**

Jer 37:14-16

- 14 **Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.**

15 **Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison** in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

16 **When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;**

Jer 37:18-19

18 **Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah,** What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, **that ye have put me in prison?**

19 **Where are now your prophets which prophesied unto you,** saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

Jer 37:21

21 **Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.**

Jeremiah the "Prophet" is threatened and put in a worse place, but the Lord delivered him.

Jer 38:4-13

4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, **let this man be put to death:** for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: **for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.**

5 **Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand:** for the king is not he that can do any thing against you.

6 **Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon** of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison: **and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.**

7 **Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian,** one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, **heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon;** the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;

8 **Ebed-melech** went forth out of the king's house, and **spake to the king,** saying,

9 My lord the king, **these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the city.**

10 Then **the king commanded** Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and **take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.**

11 **So Ebed-melech** took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and **took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.**

12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.

13 **So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.**

C. THE PROPHET WILL SUFFER PERSECUTION:

The “Prophet” of God will suffer persecution.

Matt 5:11-12

11 **Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.**

12 **Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**

Acts 7:52

52 **Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted?** and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

James 5:10

10 **Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.**

XIX. A WARNING TO PROPHETS:

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The following story about two “Prophets” is extremely difficult to understand, however, after prayerful study, I believe this is what the Lord would have the “Prophets” to know:

The person known as the “Man of God” is a “Prophet” from Judah, who Prophesied against King Jeroboam. He predicted the birth of Josiah and gave a ‘Sign’. When King Jeroboam tried to lay a hand on him, his hand dried up. When the King asked to be restored, the Lord restored his hand. He then asked the “Prophet” to stay and eat and receive a reward from him.

The “Man of God” was told by God that when he was finished, he was to eat no bread, drink no water, nor go back the same way he came. Therefore, he refused the King. On his way home, he was met by an old “Prophet”, who invited him to his house. When he refused, the old “Prophet” said unto him, I am a “Prophet” just like you; and an Angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, bring him back with you, that he may eat bread and drink water. But, the old “Prophet” had lied unto him.

After the “Man of God” went with the old “Prophet”, the Lord told him through the old “Prophet” that he would die for his disobedience. He was killed by a lion on his way home. The old “Prophet” then buried him and mourned for him, and said he wanted to be buried beside the “Man of God”, because his Prophecy would come true.

The following ‘Wisdom’ for the “Prophet” of God can be gleaned from this Story:

- The “Man of God” was a true “Prophet” because he moved in Miracles, and his Prophecy came true.
- The “Man of God” followed the Lord, but disobeyed Him at the end. This shows how important it is to follow every detail of the Lord’s commission.
- The “Man of God” should not have listened to another “Prophet”, even if he is older.
This cost him his life. Remember, let no man take your crown! (Revelation 3:11)
- The older “Prophet” lied, which shows he had become old and wasn’t hearing from the Lord.
- He however, hadn’t lost his Call, because God spoke through him to tell the “Man of God” what was going to happen. (Romans 11:29)
- The old “Prophet” will probably not be in Heaven, unless he Repented from his lies and his causing the “Man of God” to fall. (Revelation 21:8)
- The “Man of God” will be in Heaven even though he paid with his life for his disobedience. (1 Corinthians 3:13-15)

IKing 13:1-32

1 And, **behold, there came a man of God** out of Judah **by the word of the LORD unto Bethel**: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 **And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD**; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, **This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken**; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

4 **And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.**

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, **according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.**

6 **And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.**

7 **And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.**

8 **And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:**

9 **For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.**

10 **So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.**

11 **Now there dwelt an old prophet** in Bethel; and **his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel:** the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

12 **And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went,** which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. **So** they saddled him the ass: and **he rode thereon,**

14 **And went after the man of God,** and found him sitting under an oak: **and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.**

15 **Then he said unto him, Come home with me,** and eat bread.

16 **And he said, I may not return with thee,** nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 **For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.**

18 **He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.**

19 **So he went back with him,** and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

20 **And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:**

21 **And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,**

22 **But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the Lord did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.**

23 **And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.**

24 **And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.**

25 **And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.**

26 **And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.**

27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.

28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.

29 **And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God,** and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: **and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.**

30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

31 **And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:**

32 **For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.**

XX. A WARNING TO THOSE THAT WOULD HARM GOD'S PROPHET:

God warns all of us to do no harm to His "Prophets" or to His 'Anointed'. Notice they are His "Prophets" and He has 'Anointed' them!

1 Chr 16:21-22 Ps 105:14-15

21 **He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes,**

22 **Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.**

Woe unto you if you do!!

Luke 11:47-51

47 **Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.**

48 **Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.**

49 **Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:**

50 **That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;**

51 **From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.**

XXI. THE PROPHET'S REWARD:

Even though men shall hate the "Prophet", and shall separate themselves from him/her, and speak evil of him/her, there is a 'great reward' waiting for the "Prophet" in Heaven!

Luke 6:22-23

22 **Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.**

23 **Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.**

Luke 13:28-29

28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, **when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God,** and you yourselves thrust out.

29 **And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.**

Those that help the “Prophet” of God, shall also receive a “Prophet’s” reward!

Matt 10:41

41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

XXII. FALSE PROPHETS:

In the Old Testament **all** “Prophets” True or False, were called “Prophets”. Only in the New Testament were the False ones called ‘False Prophets’.

A. THE MEANING OF FALSE PROPHET:

In the Greek, the word is:

5578 pseudoprophetes (psyoo-dop-rof-ay'-tace);
from 5571 and 4396; a spurious prophet, i.e. pretended foreteller or religious impostor:
KJV-- **false prophet.**

The following Scriptures give us the description of various ‘False Prophets’ and how we are to deal with them.

B. FALSE PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:

HANANIAH:

Here Jeremiah the True “Prophet” of God deals with Hananiah the ‘False Prophet’.
First Hananiah gives a False Prophecy...

Jer 28:1-4

1 **And it came to pass** the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, **that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet,** which was of Gibeon, **spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,**

2 **Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.**

3 **Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house,** that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon:

4 **And I will bring again to this place** Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, **saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.**

Then, Jeremiah the “Prophet” agrees with Hananiah, setting him up in front of everybody.

Jer 28:5-6

5 **Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people** that stood in the house of the LORD,

6 **Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied,** to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

Then Jeremiah states that the “Prophets” before him Prophesied against other countries. If the “Prophet” Prophesied of peace, and his words came to pass, then the Lord had truly sent him.

Jer 28:7-9

7 **Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people;**

8 **The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms,** of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

9 **The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.**

Then Hananiah further Prophesies that the yoke on Judah will be broken in two years, and then Jeremiah left.

Jer 28:10-11

10 **Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.**

11 **And Hananiah spake** in the presence of all the people, saying, **Thus saith the LORD; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.**

Then the Lord told Jeremiah to go to Hananiah and tell him what He really said.

Jer 28:12-14

12 **Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the prophet, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah,** saying,

13 **Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD;** Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.

14 **For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.**

Then Jeremiah told Hananiah what was going to happen to him for telling lies to the people.

Jer 28:15-17

15 **Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.**

16 **Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth (Outer Darkness): this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD.**

17 **So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.**

SHEMAIAH:

Here, Jeremiah a True “Prophet” of God opposes Shemaiah a ‘False Prophet’. God punishes Shemaiah for teaching rebellion, by giving him no children and a short life.

Jer 29:15

15 **Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon;**

Jer 29:19-20

19 **Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.**

20 **Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:**

Jer 29:25-32

25 **Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,**

26 **The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks.**

27 **Now therefore why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you?**

28 **For therefore he sent unto us in Babylon, saying, This captivity is long: build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.**

29 **And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.**

30 **Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,**

31 **Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie:**

32 **Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither**

shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; **because he hath taught rebellion against the LORD.**

BALAAM:

Balaam started out as a True “Prophet” of God. He spoke everything the Lord told him. When Balak asked him to curse the people of Israel, God told him not to do it. Eventually, however, he did, thus giving in to the Sin of ‘greed’.

2 Pet 2:1 Numbers 22 & 23 & 24

1 **But there were false prophets also among the people**, even as there shall be false teachers among you, **who privily shall bring in damnable heresies**, even denying the Lord that bought them, **and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**

2 Pet 2:15-16

15 **Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam** the son of Bosor, **who loved the wages of unrighteousness;**

16 **But was rebuked for his iniquity:** the dumb ass speaking with man's voice **forbad the madness of the prophet.**

The True “Prophet” of God that turns into a ‘False Prophet’, will be cast into ‘Outer Darkness’!

2 Pet 2:17

17 **These are wells without water**, clouds that are carried with a tempest; **to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.**

2 Pet 2:21

21 **For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.**

C. FALSE PROPHETS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT:

BAR-JESUS (ELYMAS):

Bar-Jesus was a Jewish Sorcerer who was a ‘False Prophet’. He tried to interfere with Paul who was trying to share Jesus with Sergius Paulus, a deputy of the isle Paphos. Paul called blindness upon him by the ‘hand’ of the Lord. (The Holy Ghost)

Acts 13:6-11

6 **And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus:**

7 **Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.**

8 **But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.**

9 **Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,**
 10 **And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?**
 11 **And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season.** And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

ANOTHER JEWISH FALSE PROPHET:

There were many Jewish ‘False Prophets’ in the New Testament times just as there are many of all nationalities today throughout the world.

Titus 1:10-16

10 **For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:**
 11 **Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.**
 12 **One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.**
 13 **This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;**
 14 **Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.**
 15 **Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.**
 16 **They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.**

D. BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS:

We need to beware of ‘False Prophets’! Do not follow them.

Matt 7:15

15 **Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

Beware of “Prophets” that hang out in large numbers, because there are **more** ‘False Prophets’ than “Prophets” of God.

IKing 18:22

22 **Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.**

Beware of “Prophets” that are well spoken of by **all** men!! They may be ‘False Prophets’. This is scary!!

Luke 6:26

26 **Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.**

E. HOW TO RECOGNIZE FALSE PROPHETS:

How do we recognize 'False Prophets'?

By their Fruits!

Matt 7:16-20

16 **Ye shall know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but **a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, **neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.**

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 **Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**

In these last days, these 'False Prophets' will run rampant. God has not sent them nor spoken to them. You know who they are, because they turn no one from their evil ways.

Jer 23:20-27

20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: **in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.**

21 **I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.**

22 **But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.**

23 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

25 **I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name,** saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall this be in the heart of **the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;**

27 **Which think to cause my people to forget my name** by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

These are 'False Witnesses' that speak lies and lead no one to the Lord Jesus.

Prov 14:5

5 A faithful witness will not lie: but **a false witness will utter lies.**

Prov 14:25

25 **A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.**

F. DO NOT LISTEN TO THE FALSE PROPHETS:

Do not listen to any “Prophets” if they try to lead you astray to follow after other gods. Even if they give you ‘Signs and Wonders’ that actually happen, do not listen to them, as they are ‘False Prophets’.

Deut 13:1-3

1 **If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,**
 2 **And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;**
 3 **Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

Many ‘False Prophets’ will rise and show great ‘Signs and Wonders’, but they will not fool the True Believers.

Matt 24:11

11 **And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.**

Matt 24:24

24 **For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

Mark 13:22

22 **For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.**

Do not listen to ‘False Prophets’, they may be hired by man to ‘confuse’ you. In building the wall, Nehemiah is accused of hiring his own ‘False Prophets’ to preach about him. Actually, it was his enemies that hired ‘False Prophets’ to confuse Nehemiah to stop the work on the wall. Nehemiah, however, saw through them (Discernment of spirits), and ignored them and finished the wall.

Neh 6:1-12

1 **Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)**
 2 **That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.**
 3 **And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?**

4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

5 **Then sent Sanballat his servant** unto me in like manner the fifth time **with an open letter in his hand;**

6 **Wherein was written,** It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and **the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king,** according to these words.

7 **And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee** at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

8 **Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.**

9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

10 **Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah** the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and **he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee;** yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

11 **And I said, Should such a man as I flee?** and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

12 And, lo, **I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.**

Nehemiah considered it a Sin not to do as God had told him, and he finished the wall.

Neh 6:13-15

13 **Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin,** and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 **My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.**

15 **So the wall was finished** in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

Those in the “Body of Christ” are **not** to listen to ‘False Prophets’. What they say could cause the believer to become vain because the ‘False Prophet’ does **not** speak from the mouth of the Lord.

Jer 23:16-17

16 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.**

17 **They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said,** Ye shall have peace; and **they say** unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, **No evil shall come upon you.**

Do not listen to ‘False Prophets’ as it can cause you to perish with them, when God pours out His wrath.

Jer 27:9-18

9 **Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets**, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:

10 **For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land;** and that I should drive you out, **and ye should perish.**

11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.

13 **Why will ye die**, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?

14 **Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you**, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.

15 **For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy a lie in my name;** that I might drive you out, **and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.**

16 **Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Harken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you**, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: **for they prophesy a lie unto you.**

17 **Hearken not unto them;** serve the king of Babylon, **and live:** wherefore should this city be laid waste?

18 **But if they be prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts**, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.

G. THE ERROR OF PROPHETS:

There are “Prophets” of God that have erred through the use of alcohol and/or drugs, turning themselves into ‘False Prophets’.

Isa 28:7

7 **But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink** are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

There are “Prophets” that may Prophesy about Booze (Alcohol), such as some do in the ‘dead churches’ and the cults. These are ‘False Prophets’.

Micah 2:11

11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, **I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.**

There are so called “Prophets” that are profane, and cause wickedness in the Church. They cause the “Body of Christ” to error. They commit adultery, they lie, and they keep the evildoers from Repenting. These too are ‘False Prophets’.

Jer 23:9-15

9 **Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets;** all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness.

10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

11 **For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.**

12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

13 **And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.**

14 **I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness:** they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

15 **Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets;** Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for **from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.**

H. PUNISHMENT FOR THE FALSE PROPHETS:

The “Prophet” that tries to turn away the people from the True God, or that presumes to speak a word in God’s name that He has not commanded him, or that speaks in the name of other gods, is a ‘False Prophet’. If they do not ‘Repent’, they will be put to death both Physically and Spiritually.

Deut 13:5

5 **And that prophet,** or that dreamer of dreams, **shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God,** ...So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

Deut 18:20

20 **But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.**

The “Prophets” that are given to covetousness, that deal falsely, or that Prophecy peace when there is no peace, and that commit abominations, **are** ‘False Prophets’. Unless they ‘Repent’, they too will die Physically and Spiritually!

Jer 6:13-15 Jer 8:10-12

13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them **every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.**

14 **They have healed** also the hurt of the daughter of **my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.**

15 **Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?** nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore **they shall fall among them that fall:** at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, **saith the LORD.**

Jer 14:13-15

13 **Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them,** Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but **I will give you assured peace in this place.**

14 **Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.**

15 **Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.**

I. GOD IS AGAINST THE FALSE PROPHETS:

God is against the ‘False Prophets’ that steal His Words from the True “Prophets”, and that Prophecy false dreams. These ‘False Prophets’, tend to treat everything lightly and not seriously, and they cause the “Body of Christ” to error.

Jer 23:30-32

30 **Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.**

31 **Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.**

32 **Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them:** therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

No “Prophet” is to call the burdens that people put on themselves, as ‘burdens from the Lord’. If they do, God will punish that ‘False Prophet’ **and** his house!

Jer 23:33-38

33 And when this people, **or the prophet**, or a priest, **shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.**

34 **And as for the prophet**, and the priest, and the people, **that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house.**

35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

36 **And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more:** for every man's word shall be his burden; **for ye have perverted the words of the living God**, of the LORD of hosts our God.

37 **Thus shalt thou say to the prophet**, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

38 **But since ye say, The burden of the LORD;** therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, **The burden of the LORD**, and I have sent unto you, saying, **Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;**

The final punishment for the 'False Prophet' that continues to say 'the burden of the Lord', will be that he/she will be cast out into "Outer Darkness" and separated from the presence of the Lord!

Jer 23:39-40

39 **Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you**, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, **and cast you out of my presence:** (Outer Darkness)

40 **And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.**

'False Prophets' will Prophecy of 'false burdens'.

Lam 2:14

14 **Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee:** and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; **but have seen for thee false burdens** and causes of banishment.

The 'False Prophets' that are in the cities.

Lam 4:11

11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

Lam 4:13-14

13 **For the sins of her prophets**, and the iniquities of her priests, **that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,**

14 **They have wandered** as blind men in the streets, **they have polluted themselves** with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.

Zeph 3:1-4

- 1 **Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!**
 2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.
 3 Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.
 4 **Her prophets are light and treacherous persons:** her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

Jesus will do away with the ‘False Prophets’ upon His ‘second coming’.

Zech 13:1-5

- 1 **In that day there shall be a fountain opened** to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem **for sin and for uncleanness.**
 2 **And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts,** that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also **I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.**
 3 **And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy,** then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and **his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.**
 4 **And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:**
 5 **But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman;** for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

J. FALSE PROPHETS MAY HAVE UNCLEAN SPIRITS:

Notice, ‘False Prophets’ can have ‘unclean spirits’!!

Zech 13:2

- 2 **And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts,** that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also **I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.**

Yes, ‘False Prophets’ can be ‘demon possessed’.

Rev 16:13-14

- 13 **And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth** of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and **out of the mouth of the false prophet.**
 14 **For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles,** which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

K. THE FINAL DESTINY OF THE FALSE PROPHET:

The final destiny of the ‘False Prophet’ in the Book of Revelation, is the same final destiny of all ‘False Prophets’.

Rev 19:20

20 And the beast was taken, **and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

Rev 20:10

10 **And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

CONCLUSION:

A. A FINAL WARNING TO THE PROPHET:

A Final Warning to those that think they are “Prophets”, is to make sure that they are. This can be accomplished by asking the Lord for a confirmation of their Call.

It will be a terrible thing to stand before God’s Throne and find out that your Prophecies have been in vain, and that they have come from your own spirit and not from God!

Ezek 13:3-8

3 **Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!**

4 **O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.**

5 **Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.**

6 **They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.**

7 **Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken?**

8 **Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord GOD.**

The results to the “Prophet”, if you do not listen, will be Hell not Heaven!

Ezek 13:9-16

9 **And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.**

10 **Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:**

11 **Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar**, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.

12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, **Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?**

13 **Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;** I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

14 **So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar**, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, **and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.**

15 **Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar**, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it;

16 **To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD.**

Because 'Liars' will not inherit the Kingdom of God!

Rev 21:8

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, **and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

B. A FINAL WARNING TO THE PROPHETESS:

A final warning to all those that call themselves "Prophetesses" and Prophecy out of their own heart: You too will receive the wrath of God, unless you Repent!

Ezek 13:17-21

17 **Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them,**

18 And say, **Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the women** that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you?

19 And **will ye pollute me among my people** for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, **to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies?**

20 **Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD;** Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and **I will** tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly.

21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and **deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.**

C. A FINAL WARNING TO THE PSYCHOLOGIST:

This warning includes those Psychologists who cover with a covering! (Isa 30:1)

Ezek 13:22-23

22 **Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:**

23 **Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.**

Particularly the ‘False Prophets’ (Psychologists) of America.

Ezek 22:23-25

23 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 **Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed,** nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

25 **There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof,** like a roaring lion ravening the prey; **they have devoured souls;** they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

Ezek 22:27-28

27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

28 **And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.**

D. A FINAL WARNING TO ALL SO CALLED PROPHETS:

Beware **all** of you ‘so-called’ “Prophets”!

Micah 3:5-7

5 **Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err,** that bite with their teeth, **and cry, Peace;** and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

6 **Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.**

7 **Then shall the seers be ashamed,** and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; **for there is no answer of God.**

E. A FINAL PROPHETIC WARNING FOR AMERICA:

A final ‘Prophetic Warning’ for America in these last days, is that God is pleading with you to stop listening to the ‘False Prophets’. Therefore, Repent and **listen** to the Lord, before it is too late!

Jer 2:1

1 **Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,**

Your Fathers have gone far from the Lord!

Jer 2:5-6

5 **Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?**

6 **Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?**

You have defiled the land!

Jer 2:7

7 **And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.**

The Pastors and Priests have transgressed against the Lord, and the “Prophets” Prophecy by ‘false gods’!

Jer 2:8-9

8 **The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.**

9 **Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead.**

The Priests and the “Prophets” speak to ‘idols’!

Jer 2:26-27

26 **As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,**

27 **Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.**

Thy gods are as numerous as thy cities!

Jer 2:28-29

28 **But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.**

29 **Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.**

Your children receive no correction! (Read the Study Guide on “Discipline” by Timothy II)
And you have destroyed your own “Prophets” of God!

Jer 2:30

30 In vain have I smitten **your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.**

The time is coming and now is, that the ‘False Prophets’ will be in wonderment at what is going to happen to America!

Jer 4:9

9 **And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD,** that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and **the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.**

These ‘False Prophets’ have replaced the True “Prophets” of God, and have become full of wind and the Word of God is not in them

Jer 5:13-14

13 **And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.**

14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, **Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.**

The time is coming when God will send a Mighty Nation against America!

Jer 5:15

15 **Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.**

Jer 5:17

17 **And they shall eat up thine harvest,** and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: **they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.**

This is the reason why!

Jer 5:19

19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, **Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these things unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.**

Jer 5:30-31

30 A wonderful and **horrible thing is committed in the land;**
 31 **The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so:** and what will ye do in the end thereof?

The Lord will and now is, removing the True Leaders of God from America!

Isa 3:1-3

1 **For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from (America) Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,**
 2 **The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,**
 3 **The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.**

And is replacing them with youthful Leaders who are ignorant of God's Laws. (2 Timothy 3:1-7)

Isa 3:4-8

4 **And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.**
 5 **And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.**
 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, **saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler,** and let this ruin be under thy hand:
 7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.
 8 **For Jerusalem (America) is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.**

America's Sin of Homosexuality just like Sodom, is no longer hidden but is brazenly displayed! They are rewarding evil to themselves!

Isa 3:9

9 **The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.**

The people no longer seek the Lord, and the Leaders cause America to error!

Isa 9:13-16

13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, **neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.**
 14 **Therefore the LORD will cut off from (America) Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.**

15 **The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.**

16 **For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.**

Many in America will not hear the True “Prophet” of God, as their ears cannot hear him/her, because they have not Repented. Therefore, the Bible (the Word of God) is sealed!

Isa 29:10-11

10 **For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.**

11 **And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed,** which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:

Zech 7:7

7 **Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem (America) was inhabited and in prosperity,** and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?

This is why many have turned and will continue to turn to the ‘False Prophets’, prognosticators, psychologists, psychics, etc., for the answers to their problems.

Isa 30:1

1 **Woe to the rebellious children,** saith the LORD, **that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:**

Isa 30:10

10 **Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:**

If America, however, will turn and listen to the True “Prophet” of God, and the Words that are written in this Book, by God the Holy Spirit; and if they will REPENT - they will be Saved!

Hosea 12:13

13 **And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel (America) out of Egypt (the flesh), and by a prophet was he (she) preserved.**

F. A FINAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Our Prayer for the Church in America in these last days is that God will not forget them. The enemy is increasing in God’s Congregations and casting them down. The enemy is blaspheming the Name of Jesus and leading the foolish people to do the same. We pray that God will restore His True “Prophets” today, and that they will lead the way to restore the Foundation of His True Church once again!

Ps 74:1-10

1 **O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?**

2 **Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed;** this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; **even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.**

4 **Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.**

5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

7 **They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.**

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: **they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.**

9 **We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet:** neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10 **O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?**

Ps 74:18-19

18 Remember this, that **the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.**

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: **forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.**

Ps 74:21-23

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: **let the poor and needy praise thy name.**

22 **Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.**

23 **Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.**

G. THE FINAL GOOD NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST:

The Final Good News for the True Church (the "Body of Christ") is all will be well with them once they are restored!

Jer 15:11

11 **The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.**

Isa 3:10

10 **Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.**

They will be without ‘spot or wrinkle’, then Jesus will come for His Bride!!

Eph 5:27

27 **That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

2 Pet 3:14

14 **Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

H. HOWEVER ONLY A REMNANT WILL BE SAVED:

Even though the True Church (the “Body of Christ”) will be restored, only a Remnant will be Saved!

Isa 11:16

16 **And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.**

Micah 7:18

18 **Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.**

Rom 9:27

27 **Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:**

Rom 11:5

5 **Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.**

Jesus Said:

Matt 7:14

14 **Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

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