

THE TRUTH

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Lesson 26 – The Truth About Bible Prophets Pt. 1

Prophets guided God's people throughout biblical times, no one can look through Scripture without encountering a prophet in the Old and New Testament, but are prophets still relevant today? If they are, what role exactly do they play? Do they still exist in the world today, or did they cease to play a part after the New Testament? Jesus warned that there will be many false prophets in the last days, [Matthew 24:1] that is why we must know how to distinguish the true from the counterfeit. So while we are seeking to evade the false prophets, let us be mindful that we embrace the true ones.

1. Before sin entered our world, what kind of dialogue did God have with man? [Genesis 3:8]
Ans. _____ to _____

NOTE: In the beginning it was God's plan to talk directly to man, to come and speak to him face to face, in order that man might have direct access to God and be in the very presence of God.

2. What did sin create? [Isaiah 59:2] Ans. _____

NOTE: When sin came, it formed a wall of partition between God and man. If man had not sinned, that relationship would have continued, but sin erected a barrier between God and man. Despite this, God did not discard or neglect the work of His hand. He chose to communicate with men primarily through:

- _____ [Genesis 16:7-13]
- _____ [Genesis 14:18]
- _____ [Genesis 20:6, 7]

PRIESTS AND PROPHETS

- **PRIESTS:** Were the peoples' representative _____ God. The priest's calling was hereditary.
- **PROPHETS:** Were God's official representatives before _____ people.

NOTE: The Prophet was specifically called by God. The call to prophetic office is in the hands of God, who knows what He wants and when, where, and why He wants it at any given time. Therefore, it is not man's responsibility to direct in the choice of the prophet. This call does not come by committee action or by human planning or devising. God's men are individually chosen, prepared, called, and directed by Him, and yet it is done in such a way that the call to prophetic office comes to the individual with convincing power and sufficient evidence that both he and his associates know it for a certainty.

THE THREE R's

- _____ [Exodus 10:28]
- _____ [2 Chronicles 36:15]
- _____ [2 Kings 4:8-37]

3. What were some of the other names given to prophets in the Bible?

- _____ [Ezekiel 4:1; 5:1]
- _____ [2 Kings 21:10]
- _____ [Malachi 3:1; Haggai 1:13]
- _____ [Haggai 1:13]
- _____ [1 Samuel 9:6]
- _____ [Isaiah 52:8]
- _____ [1 Samuel 9:9]

4. What were the prophets messages called?

- _____ or _____ [2 Chron. 9:29; 15:8; 1 Corinth. 13:8]
- _____ [1 Samuel 9:27; 1 Kings 12:22]
- The Lord's _____ [Haggai 1:13]
- _____ [Jer. 23:33; 38; Isaiah 13:1; 15:1]
- _____ [Isaiah 44:2]
- _____ [2 Kings 17:15; Nehemiah 9:30]

NOTE: The word "testimony" or "testimonies" is frequently used, and carries with it, among other meanings, that of "intentions." "The testimony of Jesus" would, therefore, be the "intentions" of God as revealed through Jesus, His angel, and His prophet to the people. The expression "the testimony of Jesus" is used but three times in the whole Bible, in Revelation 12:17 and 19:10. The Biblical meaning of the term is found in the latter verse, "For the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy."

5. To whom were the prophet's messages addressed?

- To _____ [2 Samuel 12:1]
- To _____ [2 Kings 9:7]
- To _____ [Jonah 1:5]
- To _____ [Jeremiah 1:5]

6. What are the methods God uses to reveal His messages to His prophets? [Numbers 12:6]

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- _____

GROUPS OF THE PROPHETS

- i. Prophets who wrote _____ portion of the Holy Scriptures [Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah]
- ii. Prophets who wrote _____ of the Bible, but whose life and teaching are sketched in the Scriptures, such as Elijah and Elisha
- iii. Prophets who wrote books that have not been _____.
 - The book of _____ the prophet. [1 Chronicles 29:2]
 - The book of _____ the prophet. [2 Chronicles 12:1]
 - The book of _____ [Joshua 10:13; 2 Samuel 1:18]
 - The book of _____ the son of Hanani. [2 Chronicles 20:34]

FUNCTIONS OF THE PROPHETS

7. What were some of the functions of the prophets?

- a. They _____ God's _____. [Amos 3:7]
- b. They _____ and _____ rulers. [1 Kings 22]
- c. They _____ the people to _____. [2 Kings 6]
- d. They _____ against _____. [1 Kings 18]
- e. They _____. [1 Samuel 19:18-24; 2 Kings 2; 4:38-44]

8. What was one of the many gifts Jesus gave the early church at the time of his ascension? [Ephesians 4:8,11-12; 1 Corinthians 12:28] Ans. _____

9. Why were these gifts given and for what reasons? [Ephesians 4:11-12]

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- _____

10. How long will the gift of prophecy be in the church? [Ephesians 4:8; 11-13] Ans. Until Christ _____

11. What did Jesus say He came not to destroy? [Matthew 5:17] Ans. The _____ and the _____

WOMEN AS PROPHETS

12. Can a woman be a prophet? [Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4; Luke 2:36; Acts 21:8-9] Ans. _____

TESTING THE PROPHETS

[Matthew 24:11]

[1 Thessalonians 5:21]

- a. A true prophet will speak in harmony with the _____ [Isaiah 8:20]
- b. A true prophet will exalt _____ and _____ rather than himself or herself. [John 3:30-31]
- c. A true prophet will live a godly life and will produce good _____. [Matthew 7:15-16]
- d. The predictions of a true prophet will come to pass, unless they are _____ prophecies. [Jonah 3:4-5, 10; Jeremiah 18:7-10]
- e. A true prophet will exhibit definite _____ and _____ signs when in vision. [Daniel 10:17-19]
- f. While in vision a prophet keeps his or her _____ [Numbers 24:16]

PROPHETS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

13. Did the early Apostolic Church have prophets? [1 Corinthians 1:4-7; Ephesians 4:8; 11-13] Ans. _____

PROPHETS IN THE LAST DAY CHURCH

14. Which group of people is Satan angry with in the last days?

- a. Those that keep the _____ of God. [Exodus 20:1-17]
- b. Those that have the _____ of _____ [Revelation 12:17]

15. What is the testimony of Jesus Christ? [Revelation 19:10] Ans. The _____ of _____

16. If the counsels of the true prophets are heeded what would be the results? [2 Chronicles 20:20; Hosea 12:13; Matthew 10:41]

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