

~PROPHET (4112)

[Hebrew, *na-vi'*, Greek, *pro-phe'tes*]

- Prophetic Office In The Hebrew Scriptures
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- One through whom divine will and purpose are made known.
- Just as he, through the mouth of his holy **prophets** from of old, has spoken. (**Luke 1:70**)
- But in this way God has fulfilled the things he announced beforehand through the mouth of all the **prophets**, that his Christ would suffer. (**Acts of Apostles 3:18**)
- Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the person of Yehowah. (**Acts of Apostles 3:19**)
- And that he may send forth the Christ appointed for you, Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 3:20**)
- Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy **prophets** of old time. (**Acts of Apostles 3:21**)
- Although the etymology of the **Hebrew** term for a **prophet**, *na-vi'* is uncertain, the use of this distinctive term shows that true **prophets** were no ordinary announcers but were spokesmen for God, men of God with inspired messages.
- Then the word of the true God came to Shemaiah the man of the true God, saying; (**1 Kings 12:22**)
- At length she said to her husband; Here, now, I well know that it is a holy man of God that is passing by us constantly. (**2 Kings 4:9**)
- Then he said; What is the gravestone over there that I am seeing? At this the men of the city said to him; It is the burial

place of the man of the true God that came from Judah and proceeded to proclaim these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel. (2 Kings 23:17)

- They stood in God's intimate group, and he revealed his confidential matter to them.
- For who has stood in the intimate group of Yehowah that he might see and hear his word? Who has given attention to his word that he might hear it? (Jeremiah 23:18)
- For the Sovereign Lord Yehowah will not do a thing unless he has revealed his confidential matter to his servants the **prophets**. (Amos 3:7)
- And Elijah the Tishbite from the inhabitants of Gilead proceeded to say to Ahab; As Yehowah the God of Israel before whom I do stand is living, there will occur during these years neither dew nor rain, except at the order of my word! (1 Kings 17:1)

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- The Greek *pro-phe'tes* literally means, a **speaker out**, Greek, *pro*, **before** or **in front of**, and *phe-mi'*, say, and thus describes a proclaimer, one who makes known messages attributed to a divine source.
- A certain one of them, their own **prophet**, said; Cretans are always liars, injurious wild beasts, unemployed gluttons. (Titus 1:12)
- Though this includes the thought of a predictor of the future, the **fundamental** meaning of the word is not that of **prediction**.
- And it came about that because the sons of Israel called to Yehowah for aid on account of Midian. (Judges 6:7)
- Yehowah proceeded to send a man, a **prophet**, to the sons of Israel and to say to them; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; It was I who brought you up from Egypt and thus brought you out of the house of slaves. (Judges 6:8)
- So I delivered you out of the hand of Egypt and out of the hand of all your oppressors and drove them out from before you and gave you their land. (Judges 6:9)

- **Furthermore, I said to you; I am Yehowah your God. You must not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are dwelling. And you did not listen to my voice. (Judges 6:10)**
- **Nonetheless, living in harmony with God's will requires that the individual know what Yehowah's revealed purposes for the future are so that he may bring his ways, desires, and goals into line with the divine will.**
- **Hence, in the great majority of cases, the Biblical prophets did convey messages that were, directly or indirectly, related to the future.**

·· **Prophetic Office In The Hebrew Scriptures**

- **The first human spokesman for God obviously was Adam, who initially conveyed God's instructions to his wife Eve and to that extent fulfilled the role of prophet.**
- **Those instructions had to do not only with the present, for them, but also with the future, outlining God's purpose for earth and mankind and the course human's must take to enjoy a blessed future.**
- **And God went on to say; Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26)**
- **And God proceeded to create the man in his image, in God's image he created him, male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)**
- **Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (Genesis 1:28)**
- **And God went on to say; Here I have given to you all vegetation bearing seed which is on the surface of the whole earth and every tree on which there is the fruit of a tree bearing seed. To you let it serve as food. (Genesis 1:29)**

- **And to every wild beast of the earth and to every flying creature of the heavens and to everything moving upon the earth in which there is life as a soul I have given all green vegetation for food. And it came to be so. (Genesis 1:30)**
- **And Yehowah God proceeded to take the man and settle him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to take care of it. (Genesis 2:15)**
- **And Yehowah God also laid this command upon the man; From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction. (Genesis 2:16)**
- **But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (Genesis 2:17)**
- **Then the man said; This is at last bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one will be called Woman, because from man this one was taken. (Genesis 2:23)**
- **That is why a man will leave his father and his mother and he must stick to his wife and they must become one flesh. (Genesis 2:24)**
- **Now the serpent proved to be the most cautious of all the wild beasts of the field that Yehowah God had made. So it began to say to the woman; Is it really so that God said you must not eat from every tree of the garden? (Genesis 3:1)**
- **At this the woman said to the serpent; Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat. (Genesis 3:2)**
- **But as for eating of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God has said; You must not eat from it, no, you must not touch it that you do not die. (Genesis 3:3)**
- **The first faithful human **prophet** mentioned was Enoch, and his message did contain direct prediction.**
- **Yes, the seventh one in line from Adam, Enoch, prophesied also regarding them, when he said; Look! Yehowah came with his holy myriads. (Jude 1:14)**

- To execute judgment against all, and to convict all the ungodly concerning all their ungodly deeds that they did in an ungodly way, and concerning all the shocking things that ungodly sinners spoke against him. (**Jude 1:15**)
- Lamech and his son Noah both proclaimed inspired revelations of God's purpose and will.
- And Lamech lived on for a hundred and eighty-two years. Then he became father to a son. (**Genesis 5:28**)
- And he proceeded to call his name Noah, saying; This one will bring us comfort from our work and from the pain of our hands resulting from the ground which Yehowah has cursed. (**Genesis 5:29**)
- Finally Noah awoke from his wine and got to know what his youngest son had done to him. (**Genesis 9:24**)
- At this he said; Cursed be Canaan. Let him become the lowest slave to his brothers. (**Genesis 9:25**)
- And he added; Blessed be Yehowah, Shem's God, and let Canaan become a slave to him. (**Genesis 9:26**)
- Let God grant ample space to Japheth, and let him reside in the tents of Shem. Let Canaan become a slave to him also. (**Genesis 9:27**)
- And he did not hold back from punishing an ancient world, but kept Noah, a preacher of righteousness, safe with seven others when he brought a deluge upon a world of ungodly people. (**2 Peter 2:5**)
- The word *na-vi* 'i itself is first applied to Abraham.
- But now return the man's wife, for he is a **prophet**, and he will make supplication for you. So keep living. But if you are not returning her, know that you will positively die, you and all who are yours. (**Genesis 20:7**)
- Abraham was not notable for foretelling the future, certainly not in a public way. Yet God had given him a message, a **prophetic** promise.

- **Abraham must have felt agitated, impelled to speak forth about this, particularly to his family, explaining why he was leaving Ur and what God's promise to him was.**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to say to Abram; Go your way out of your country and from your relatives and from the house of your father to the country that I shall show you. (Genesis 12:1)**
- **And I shall make a great nation out of you and I shall bless you and I will make your name great, and prove yourself a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)**
- **And I will bless those who bless you, and him that calls down evil upon you I shall curse, and all the families of the ground will certainly bless themselves by means of you. (Genesis 12:3)**
- **And Yehowah said to Abram after Lot had separated from him; Raise your eyes, please, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward. (Genesis 13:14)**
- **Because all the land at which you are looking, to you and to your seed I am going to give it until time indefinite. (Genesis 13:15)**
- **And I will constitute your seed like the dust particles of the earth, so that, if a man could be able to count the dust particles of the earth, then your seed could be numbered. (Genesis 13:16)**
- **Get up, go about in the land through its length and through its breadth, because to you I am going to give it. (Genesis 13:17)**
- **And Yehowah's angel proceeded to call to Abraham the second time out of the heavens (Genesis 22:15)**
- **And to say; By myself I do swear, is the utterance of Yehowah, that by reason of the fact that you have done this thing and you have not withheld your son, your only one. (Genesis 22:16)**
- **I shall surely bless you and I shall surely multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the grains of sand that are on the seashore, and your seed will take possession of the gate of his enemies. (Genesis 22:17)**

- And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. (**Genesis 22:18**)
- In a similar way, Isaac and Jacob, the inheritors of the promise, were **prophets** having intimate communication with God.
- Which covenant he concluded with Abraham, and his sworn statement to Isaac. (**Psalms 105:9**)
- And which statement he kept standing as a regulation even to Jacob, as an indefinitely lasting covenant even to Israel. (**Psalms 105:10**)
- Saying; To you I shall give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance. (**Psalms 105:11**)
- This was when they happened to be few in number, yes, very few, and alien residents in it. (**Psalms 105:12**)
- And they kept walking about from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people. (**Psalms 105:13**)
- He did not allow any human to defraud them, but on their account he reproved kings. (**Psalms 105:14**)
- Saying; Do not you men touch my anointed ones, and to my **prophets** do nothing bad. (**Psalms 105:15**)
- Additionally, they gave predictive blessings to their sons.
- So he came near and kissed him, and he could smell the scent of his garments. And he proceeded to bless him and to say; See, the scent of my son is like the scent of the field which Yehowah has blessed. (**Genesis 27:27**)
- And may the true God give you the dews of the heavens and the fertile soils of the earth and an abundance of grain and new wine. (**Genesis 27:28**)
- Let peoples serve you and let national groups bow low to you. Become master over your brothers, and let the sons of your mother bow low to you. Cursed be each one of those cursing you, and blessed be each one of those blessing you. (**Genesis**

27:29)

- **So in answer Isaac his father said to him; Behold, away from the fertile soils of the earth your dwelling will be found, and away from the dew of the heavens above. (Genesis 27:39)**
- **And by your sword you will live, and your brother you will serve. But it will certainly occur that, when you grow restless, you will indeed break his yoke off your neck. (Genesis 27:40)**
- **Later on Jacob called his sons and said; Gather yourselves together that I may tell you what will happen to you in the final part of the days. (Genesis 49:1)**
- **Assemble yourselves and listen, you sons of Jacob, yes, listen to Israel your father. (Genesis 49:2)**
- **Reuben, you are my firstborn, my vigor and the beginning of my generative power, the excellence of dignity and the excellence of strength. (Genesis 49:3)**
- **With reckless license like waters, do not you excel, because you have gone up to your fathers bed. At that time you profaned my lounge. He went up to it! (Genesis 49:4)**
- **Simeon and Levi are brothers. Instruments of violence are their slaughter weapons. (Genesis 49:5)**
- **Into their intimate group do not come, O my soul. With their congregation do not become united, O my disposition, because in their anger they killed men, and in their arbitrariness they hamstrung bulls. (Genesis 49:6)**
- **Cursed be their anger, because it is cruel, and their fury, because it acts harshly. Let me parcel them out in Jacob and let me scatter them in Israel. (Genesis 49:7)**
- **As for you, Judah, your brothers will laud you. Your hand will be on the back of the neck of your enemies. The sons of your father will prostrate themselves to you. (Genesis 49:8)**
- **A lion cub Judah is. From the prey, my son, you will certainly go up. He bowed down, he stretched himself out like a lion and, like a lion, who dares rouse him? (Genesis 49:9)**

- **The scepter will not turn aside from Judah, neither the commander's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him the obedience of the peoples will belong. (Genesis 49:10)**
- **Tying his full-grown ass to a vine and the descendant of his own she-ass to a choice vine, he will certainly wash his clothing in wine and his garment in the blood of grapes. (Genesis 49:11)**
- **Dark red are his eyes from wine, and the whiteness of his teeth is from milk. (Genesis 49:12)**
- **Zebulun will reside by the seashore, and he will be by the shore where the ships lie anchored, and his remote side will be toward Sidon. (Genesis 49:13)**
- **Issachar is a strong-boned ass, lying down between the two saddlebags. (Genesis 49:14)**
- **And he will see that the resting-place is good and that the land is pleasant, and he will bend down his shoulder to bear burdens and he will become subject to slavish forced labor. (Genesis 49:15)**
- **Dan will judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. (Genesis 49:16)**
- **Let Dan prove to be a serpent by the roadside, a horned snake at the wayside, that bites the heels of the horse so that its rider falls backward. (Genesis 49:17)**
- **I shall indeed wait for salvation from you, O Yehowah. (Genesis 49:18)**
- **As for Gad, a marauder band will raid him, but he will raid the extreme rear. (Genesis 49:19)**
- **Out of Asher his bread will be fat, and he will give the dainties of a king. (Genesis 49:20)**
- **Naphtali is a slender hind. He is giving words of elegance. (Genesis 49:21)**
- **Offshoot of a fruit bearing tree, Joseph is the offshoot of a fruit**

bearing tree by the fountain, that propels its branches up over a wall. (**Genesis 49:22**)

- But the archers kept harassing him and shot at him and kept harboring animosity against him. (**Genesis 49:23**)
- And yet his bow was dwelling in a permanent place, and the strength of his hands was supple. From the hands of the powerful one of Jacob, from there is the shepherd, the stone of Israel. (**Genesis 49:24**)
- He is from the God of your father, and he will help you, and he is with the Almighty, and he will bless you with the blessings of the heavens above, with the blessings of the watery deep lying down below, with the blessings of the breasts and womb. (**Genesis 49:25**)
- The blessings of your father will indeed be superior to the blessings of the eternal mountains, to the ornament of the indefinitely lasting hills. They will continue upon the head of Joseph, even upon the crown of the head of the one singled out from his brothers. (**Genesis 49:26**)
- Benjamin will keep on tearing like a wolf. In the morning he will eat the animal seized and at evening he will divide spoil. (**Genesis 49:27**)
- All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them when he was blessing them. He blessed them each one according to his own blessing. (**Genesis 49:28**)
- With the exception of Job and Elihu, who were evidently used by God prior to the Exodus to reveal divine truths, all true **prophets** were thereafter drawn from Jacob's descendants, the Israelites, down till the **First Century** of the **Common Era**.
- With Moses, the role of the **prophet** comes into sharper focus. The prophets position as spokesman for God is emphasized by Yehowah's assignment of Aaron as a **prophet** or **mouth** to Moses, while Moses served as **God to Aaron**.
- And he must speak for you to the people, and it must occur that he will serve as a mouth to you, and you will serve as God to him. (**Exodus 4:16**)

- **Consequently Yehowah said to Moses; See, I have made you God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your own brother will become your prophet. (Exodus 7:1)**
- **You, you will speak all that I shall command you, and Aaron your brother will do the speaking to Pharaoh, and he must send the sons of Israel away from his land. (Exodus 7:2)**
- **Moses foretold many events that saw early fulfillment, such as the Ten Plagues. However, he served even more impressively as prophet, or spokesman for God, in the delivering of the Law covenant at Sinai and in instructing the nation in God's will.**
- **Though the Law covenant was of immense immediate value to the Israelites as a moral code and guide, it, too, pointed forward to the future and better things to come.**
- **However, before the faith arrived, we were being guarded under law, being delivered up together into custody, looking to the faith that was destined to be revealed. (Galatians 3:23)**
- **Consequently the Law has become our tutor leading to Christ, that we might be declared righteous due to faith. (Galatians 3:24)**
- **But now that the faith has arrived, we are no longer under a tutor. (Galatians 3:25)**
- **But now Jesus has obtained a more excellent public service, so that he is also the mediator of a correspondingly better covenant, which has been legally established upon better promises. (Hebrews 8:6)**
- **Therefore it was necessary that the typical representations of the things in the heavens should be cleansed by these means, but the heavenly things themselves with sacrifices that are better than such sacrifices. (Hebrews 9:23)**
- **For Christ entered, not into a holy place made with hands, which is a copy of the reality, but into heaven itself, now to appear before the person of God for us. (Hebrews 9:24)**
- **For since the Law has a shadow of the good things to come, but**

- not the very substance of the things, men can never with the same sacrifices from year to year which they offer continually make those who approach perfect. (**Hebrews 10:1**)
- **Moses intimate, often two-way, communication with God, and the greatly increased understanding of Yehowah's will and purpose he was used to convey, made his prophetic position outstanding.**
 - **And God went on to speak to Moses and to say to him; I am Yehowah. (**Exodus 6:2**)**
 - **And I used to appear to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as God Almighty, but as respects my name Yehowah I did not make myself known to them. (**Exodus 6:3**)**
 - **And I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their alien residences in which they resided as aliens. (**Exodus 6:4**)**
 - **And I, even I, have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I remember my covenant. (**Exodus 6:5**)**
 - **Therefore say to the sons of Israel, I am Yehowah, and I shall certainly bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from their slavery, and I shall indeed reclaim you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. (**Exodus 6:6**)**
 - **And I shall certainly take you to me as a people, and I shall indeed prove to be God to you, and you will certainly know that I am Yehowah your God who is bringing you out from under the burdens of Egypt. (**Exodus 6:7**)**
 - **And I shall certainly bring you into the land that I raised my hand in oath to give to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and I shall indeed give it to you as something to possess. I am Yehowah. (**Exodus 6:8**)**
 - **But there has never yet risen up a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom Yehowah knew face to face. (**Deuteronomy 34:10**)**
 - **His brother and sister, Aaron and Miriam, also rendered prophetic service in the sense of being transmitters of divine messages or**

counsel, though not necessarily predictions, as did 70 older men of the nation.

- **And Miriam the **prophetess**, Aaron's sister, proceeded to take a tambourine in her hand, and all the women began going out with her with tambourines and in dances. (**Exodus 15:20**)**
- **Then Yehowah came down in a cloud and spoke to him and took away some of the spirit that was upon him and put it upon each of the seventy older men. And it came about that as soon as the spirit settled down upon them, then they proceeded to act as **prophets**, but they did not do it again. (**Numbers 11:25**)**
- **Now Miriam and Aaron began to speak against Moses on account of the Cushite wife whom he had taken, because it was a Cushite wife he had taken. (**Numbers 12:1**)**
- **And they kept saying; Is it just by Moses alone that Yehowah has spoken? Is it not by us also that he has spoken? And Yehowah was listening. (**Numbers 12:2**)**
- **And the man Moses was by far the meekest of all the men who were upon the surface of the ground. (**Numbers 12:3**)**
- **Then Yehowah suddenly said to Moses and Aaron and Miriam; Go out, the three of you, to the tent of meeting. So the three of them went out. (**Numbers 12:4**)**
- **After that Yehowah came down in the pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam. At this both of them went out. (**Numbers 12:5**)**
- **And he went on to say; Hear my words, please. If there came to be a **prophet** of yours for Yehowah, it would be in a vision I would make myself known to him. In a dream I would speak to him. (**Numbers 12:6**)**
- **Not so my servant Moses! He is being entrusted with all my house. (**Numbers 12:7**)**
- **Mouth to mouth I speak to him, thus showing him, and not by riddles, and the appearance of Yehowah is what he beholds. Why, then, did you not fear to speak against my servant, against Moses? (**Numbers 12:8**)**

- **Aside from the anonymous man of;**
- **Yehowah proceeded to send a man, a prophet, to the sons of Israel and to say to them; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; It was I who brought you up from Egypt and thus brought you out of the house of slaves. (Judges 6:8)**
- **The only person specifically mentioned in the book of Judges as rendering prophetic service was Deborah the prophetess.**
- **Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that particular time. (Judges 4:4)**
- **And she was dwelling under Deborah's palm tree between Ramah and Bethel in the mountainous region of Ephraim, and the sons of Israel would go up to her for judgment. (Judges 4:5)**
- **And she proceeded to send and call Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali and to say to him; Has not Yehowah the God of Israel given the command? Go and you must spread yourself out on Mount Tabor, and you must take with you ten thousand men out of the sons of Naphtali and out of the sons of Zebulun. (Judges 4:6)**
- **And I shall certainly draw to you at the torrent valley of Kishon Sisera the chief of Jabins army and his war chariots and his crowd, and I shall indeed give him into your hand. (Judges 4:7)**
- **The dwellers in open country ceased, in Israel they ceased, until I, Deborah, rose up, until I rose up as a mother in Israel.**
- **The dwellers in open country ceased, in Israel they ceased, until I, Deborah, rose up, until I rose up as a mother in Israel. (Judges 5:7)**
- **However, the absence of the term *na-vi* does not of itself mean that others did not serve in this capacity. By Samuel's time, word from Yehowah had become rare, there was no vision being spread abroad.**
- **From boyhood Samuel served as God's spokesman, and the fulfillment of the divine messages caused all to recognize him as one accredited for the position of prophet to Yehowah.**

- **All the while the boy Samuel was ministering to Yehowah before Eli, and word from Yehowah had become rare in those days, there was no vision being spread abroad. (1 Samuel 3:1)**
- **Now it came about on that day that Eli was lying in his place, and his eyes had begun to grow dim, he was not able to see. (1 Samuel 3:2)**
- **And the lamp of God was not yet extinguished, and Samuel was lying in the temple of Yehowah, where the ark of God was. (1 Samuel 3:3)**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to call Samuel. At this he said; Here I am. (1 Samuel 3:4)**
- **And he went running to Eli and saying; Here I am, for you called me. But he said; I did not call. Lie down again. So he went and lay down. (1 Samuel 3:5)**
- **And Yehowah went on to call yet again; Samuel! At this Samuel got up and went to Eli and said; Here I am, for you did call me. But he said; I did not call, my son. Lie down again. (1 Samuel 3:6)**
- **As regards Samuel, he had not yet come to know Yehowah, and the word of Yehowah had not yet begun to be revealed to him. (1 Samuel 3:7)**
- **So Yehowah called again for the third time; Samuel! At that he got up and went to Eli and said; Here I am, for you must have called me. And Eli began to discern that it was Yehowah that was calling the boy. (1 Samuel 3:8)**
- **Consequently Eli said to Samuel; Go, lie down, and it must occur that, if he should call you, you must say; Speak, Yehowah, for your servant is listening. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. (1 Samuel 3:9)**
- **Then Yehowah came and took his position and called as at the other times; Samuel, Samuel! At this Samuel said; Speak, for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3:10)**
- **And Yehowah went on to say to Samuel; Look! I am doing something in Israel which if anyone hears about, both his ears**

- will tingle. (1 Samuel 3:11)
- On that day I shall carry out toward Eli all that I have said respecting his house, from beginning to end. (1 Samuel 3:12)
 - And you must tell him that I am judging his house to time indefinite for the error that he has known, because his sons are calling down evil upon God, and he has not rebuked them. (1 Samuel 3:13)
 - And that is why I have sworn to the house of Eli that the error of the house of Eli will not be brought to exemption from punishment by sacrifice or by offering to time indefinite. (1 Samuel 3:14)
 - So Samuel told him all the words, and he did not hide anything from him. At that he said; It is Yehowah. What is good in his eyes let him do. (1 Samuel 3:18)
 - And Samuel continued growing up, and Yehowah himself proved to be with him and did not cause any of all his words to fall to the earth. (1 Samuel 3:19)
 - And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba became aware that Samuel was one accredited for the position of **prophet** to Yehowah. (1 Samuel 3:20)
 - And Yehowah proceeded to appear again in Shiloh, because Yehowah revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Yehowah. (1 Samuel 3:21)
 - **With the establishment of the monarchy, an almost continuous line of **prophets** appears.**
 - And all the **prophets**, in fact, from Samuel on and those in succession, just as many as have spoken, have also plainly declared these days. (Acts of Apostles 3:24)
 - **Gad began prophesying prior to Samuel's death.**
 - In time Gad the **prophet** said to David; You must not keep dwelling in the inaccessible place. Go away, and you must come yourself into the land of Judah. Hence David went away and came into the forest of Hereth. (1 Samuel 22:5)

- In time Samuel died, and all Israel proceeded to collect together and bewail him and bury him at his house in Ramah. Then David rose up and went down to the wilderness of Paran. (**1 Samuel 25:1**)
- And he and the **prophet** Nathan were prominent during David's reign.
- Then the king said to Nathan the **prophet**; See, now, I am dwelling in a house of cedars while the ark of the true God is dwelling in the middle of tent cloths. (**2 Samuel 7:2**)
- Upon that Nathan said to the king; Everything that is in your heart, go, do, because Yehowah is with you. (**2 Samuel 7:3**)
- And it came about on that night that the word of Yehowah came to Nathan, saying; (**2 Samuel 7:4**)
- Go, and you must say to my servant David; This is what Yehowah has said; Should you yourself build me a house for me to dwell in? (**2 Samuel 7:5**)
- For I have not dwelt in a house from the day of my bringing the sons of Israel up out of Egypt to this day, but I was continually walking about in a tent and in a tabernacle. (**2 Samuel 7:6**)
- During all the time that I have walked about among all the sons of Israel, was there a word that I spoke with one of the tribes of Israel that I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying; Why did you people not build me a house of cedars? (**2 Samuel 7:7**)
- And now this is what you will say to my servant David; This is what Yehowah of armies has said, I myself took you from the pasture ground from following the flock to become a leader over my people Israel. (**2 Samuel 7:8**)
- And I shall prove to be with you wherever you do go, and I will cut off all your enemies from before you, and I shall certainly make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones that are in the earth. (**2 Samuel 7:9**)
- And I shall certainly appoint a place for my people Israel and

plant them, and they will indeed reside where they are, and no more will they be disturbed, and the sons of unrighteousness will not afflict them again as they did at the first. (2 Samuel 7:10)

- Even from the day that I put judges in command over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. And Yehowah has told you that a house is what Yehowah will make for you. (2 Samuel 7:11)
- When your days come to the full, and you must lie down with your forefathers, then I shall certainly raise up your seed after you, which will come out of your inward parts, and I shall indeed firmly establish his kingdom. (2 Samuel 7:12)
- He is the one that will build a house for my name, and I shall certainly establish the throne of his kingdom firmly to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:13)
- I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son. When he does wrong, I will also reprove him with the rod of men and with the strokes of the sons of Adam. (2 Samuel 7:14)
- As for my loving-kindness, it will not depart from him the way I removed it from Saul, whom I removed on account of you. (2 Samuel 7:15)
- And your house and your kingdom will certainly be steadfast to time indefinite before you, your very throne will become one firmly established to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:16)
- According to all these words and according to all this vision was the way that Nathan spoke to David. (2 Samuel 7:17)
- Then Nathan said to David; You yourself are the man! This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; I myself anointed you as king over Israel, and I myself delivered you out of the hand of Saul. (2 Samuel 12:7)
- And I was willing to give you the house of your lord and the wives of your lord into your bosom, and to give you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if it were not enough, I was willing to add to you things like these as well as other things. (2 Samuel 12:8)

- **Why did you despise the word of Yehowah by doing what is bad in his eyes? Uriah the Hittite you struck down with the sword, and his wife you took as your wife, and him you killed by the sword of the sons of Ammon. (2 Samuel 12:9)**
- **And now a sword will not depart from your own house to time indefinite, as a consequence of the fact that you despised me so that you took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to become your wife. (2 Samuel 12:10)**
- **This is what Yehowah has said; Here I am raising up against you calamity out of your own house, and I will take your wives under your own eyes and give them to your fellowman, and he will certainly lie down with your wives under the eyes of this sun. (2 Samuel 12:11)**
- **Whereas you yourself acted in secret, I, for my part, shall do this thing in front of all Israel and in front of the sun. (2 Samuel 12:12)**
- **David now said to Nathan; I have sinned against Yehowah. At this Nathan said to David; Yehowah, in turn, does let your sin pass by. You will not die. (2 Samuel 12:13)**
- **Notwithstanding this, because you have unquestionably treated Yehowah with disrespect by this thing, also the son himself, just born to you, will positively die. (2 Samuel 12:14)**
- **Then Nathan went to his own house. And Yehowah proceeded to deal a blow to the child that the wife of Uriah had borne to David so that it took sick. (2 Samuel 12:15)**
- **When David proceeded to rise up in the morning, Yehowah's word itself came to Gad the prophet, David's visionary, saying; (2 Samuel 24:11)**
- **Go, and you must say to David; This is what Yehowah has said; Three things I am laying upon you. Choose for yourself one of them that I may do it to you. (2 Samuel 24:12)**
- **Accordingly Gad came in to David and told him and said to him; Should there come to you seven years of famine in your land, or three months of your fleeing before your adversaries, with them pursuing you, or the occurring of three days of pestilence in your**

land? Now know and see what I shall reply to the One sending me. (2 Samuel 24:13)

- So David said to Gad; It is very distressing to me. Let us fall, please, into the hand of Yehowah, for many are his mercies, but into the hand of man do not let me fall. (2 Samuel 24:14)
- Later Gad came in to David on that day and said to him; Go up, set up for Yehowah an altar on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. (2 Samuel 24:18)
- As did other **prophets** later, they served as royal advisers and historians.
- As for the affairs of David the king, the first ones and the last, there they are written among the words of Samuel the seer and among the words of Nathan the **prophet** and among the words of Gad the visionary. (1 Chronicles 29:29)
- As for the rest of the affairs of Solomon, the first and the last, are they not written among the words of Nathan the **prophet** and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite and in the record of visions of Iddo the visionary concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? (2 Chronicles 9:29)
- Meantime, he had the Levites stationed at the house of Yehowah, with cymbals, with stringed instruments and with harps, by the commandment of David and of Gad the kings visionary and of Nathan the **prophet**, for it was by the hand of Yehowah that the commandment was by means of his prophets. (2 Chronicles 29:25)
- As for Rehoboam's affairs, the first and the last, are they not written among the words of Shemaiah the **prophet** and of Iddo the visionary by genealogical enrollment? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the time. (2 Chronicles 12:15)
- Consequently Yehowah's anger became hot against Amaziah, and so he sent a **prophet** to him and said to him; Why have you searched for the peoples gods that did not deliver their own people out of your hand? (2 Chronicles 25:15)
- And it came about when he spoke to him that the king

- immediately said to him; Was it a counselor of the king that we constituted you? Quit for your own sake. Why should they strike you down? Accordingly the **prophet** quit, but he said; I certainly know that God has resolved to bring you to ruin, because you have done this and you have not listened to my counsel. (2 **Chronicles 25:16**)
- **David himself was used to deliver certain divine revelations and is called a **prophet** by the apostle Peter.**
 - **For David says respecting him, I had Yehowah constantly before my eyes, because he is at my right hand that I may never be shaken. (Acts of Apostles 2:25)**
 - **Actually David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says; Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand. (Acts of Apostles 2:34)**
 - **The divided kingdom saw faithful prophets active in the northern and southern kingdoms. Some were used to prophesy to the leaders and people of both kingdoms. Among exilic and postexilic **prophets** were Daniel, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.**
 - **The **prophets** played a vital role in maintaining true worship. Their activity served as a check on the kings of Israel and Judah, for they boldly reprovved erring rulers**
 - **And Yehowah proceeded to send Nathan to David. So he came in to him and said to him; There were two men that happened to be in one city, the one rich and the other of little means. (2 Samuel 12:1)**
 - **The rich man happened to have very many sheep and cattle. (2 Samuel 12:2)**
 - **But the man of little means had nothing but one female lamb, a small one, that he had bought. And he was preserving it alive, and it was growing up with him and with his sons, all together. From his morsel it would eat, and from his cup it would drink, and in his bosom it would lie, and it came to be as a daughter to him. (2 Samuel 12:3)**
 - **After a while a visitor came to the rich man, but he spared taking some from his own sheep and his own cattle to get such ready**

- for the traveler that had come in to him. So he took the female lamb of the man of little means and got it ready for the man that had come in to him. (2 Samuel 12:4)
- At this David's anger grew very hot against the man, so that he said to Nathan; As Yehowah is living, the man doing this deserves to die! (2 Samuel 12:5)
 - And for the female lamb he should make compensation with four, as a consequence of the fact that he has done this thing and because he did not have compassion. (2 Samuel 12:6)
 - Then Nathan said to David; You yourself are the man! This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; I myself anointed you as king over Israel, and I myself delivered you out of the hand of Saul. (2 Samuel 12:7)
 - And I was willing to give you the house of your lord and the wives of your lord into your bosom, and to give you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if it were not enough, I was willing to add to you things like these as well as other things. (2 Samuel 12:8)
 - Why did you despise the word of Yehowah by doing what is bad in his eyes? Uriah the Hittite you struck down with the sword, and his wife you took as your wife, and him you killed by the sword of the sons of Ammon. (2 Samuel 12:9)
 - And now a sword will not depart from your own house to time indefinite, as a consequence of the fact that you despised me so that you took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to become your wife. (2 Samuel 12:10)
 - This is what Yehowah has said; Here I am raising up against you calamity out of your own house, and I will take your wives under your own eyes and give them to your fellowman, and he will certainly lie down with your wives under the eyes of this sun. (2 Samuel 12:11)
 - Whereas you yourself acted in secret, I, for my part, shall do this thing in front of all Israel and in front of the sun. (2 Samuel 12:12)

- **And declared God's judgments against those who practiced wickedness.**
- **At that particular time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. (1 Kings 14:1)**
- **So Jeroboam said to his wife; Rise up, please, and you must disguise yourself that they may not know that you are the wife of Jeroboam, and you must go to Shiloh. Look! There is where Ahijah the prophet is. He is the one that spoke with reference to me as to becoming king over this people. (1 Kings 14:2)**
- **And you must take in your hand ten loaves of bread and sprinkled cakes and a flask of honey, and you must come in to him. He it is that will certainly tell you what is going to happen to the boy. (1 Kings 14:3)**
- **And the wife of Jeroboam proceeded to do so. Consequently she rose up and went to Shiloh and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah himself was unable to see, for his eyes had set because of his age. (1 Kings 14:4)**
- **And Yehowah himself had said to Ahijah; Here is the wife of Jeroboam coming to apply for a word from you regarding her son, for he is sick. This way and that is how you should speak to her. And it will occur that as soon as she arrives, she will be making herself unrecognizable. (1 Kings 14:5)**
- **And it came about that as soon as Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as she was coming into the entrance, he began to say; Come in, you wife of Jeroboam. Why is it that you are making yourself unrecognizable while I am being sent to you with a severe message? (1 Kings 14:6)**
- **Go, say to Jeroboam; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; For the reason that I raised you up out of the middle of your people, that I might constitute you a leader over my people Israel. (1 Kings 14:7)**
- **And I went on to rip the kingdom away from the house of David and give it to you, and you have not become like my servant David, who kept my commandments and who walked after me with all his heart by doing only what was right in my eyes. (1 Kings 14:8)**

- **But you began to act worse than all those who happened to be prior to you, and you went and made for yourself another god and molten images to offend me, and it is I whom you have cast behind your back. (1 Kings 14:9)**
- **For that reason here I am bringing calamity upon the house of Jeroboam, and I shall certainly cut off from Jeroboam anyone urinating against a wall, a helpless and worthless one in Israel, and I shall indeed make a clean sweep behind the house of Jeroboam, just as one clears away the dung until it is disposed of. (1 Kings 14:10)**
- **The one dying of Jeroboam's in the city, the dogs will eat, and the one dying in the field, the fowls of the heavens will eat, because Yehowah himself has spoken it. (1 Kings 14:11)**
- **And you yourself, rise up, go to your house. When your feet come into the city the child will certainly die. (1 Kings 14:12)**
- **And all Israel will indeed bewail him and bury him, because this one alone of Jeroboam's will come into a burial place, for the reason that something good toward Yehowah the God of Israel has been found in him in the house of Jeroboam. (1 Kings 14:13)**
- **And Yehowah will certainly raise up to himself a king over Israel who will cut off the house of Jeroboam the said day, and what if right now? (1 Kings 14:14)**
- **And Yehowah will indeed strike Israel down, just as the reed sways in the water, and he will certainly uproot Israel off this good ground that he gave to their forefathers, and he will indeed scatter them beyond the River, for the reason that they made their sacred poles, so offending Yehowah. (1 Kings 14:15)**
- **And he will give Israel up on account of the sins of Jeroboam with which he sinned and with which he caused Israel to sin. (1 Kings 14:16)**
- **The word of Yehowah now came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying; (1 Kings 16:1)**
- **Inasmuch as I raised you up out of the dust that I might constitute you leader over my people Israel, but you went**

- walking in the way of Jeroboam and so caused my people Israel to sin by offending me with their sins. (1 Kings 16:2)
- Here I am making a clean sweep after Baasha and after his house, and I shall certainly constitute his house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. (1 Kings 16:3)
 - Anyone of Baasha that is dying in the city the dogs will eat, and anyone of his that is dying in the field the fowls of the heavens will eat. (1 Kings 16:4)
 - As for the rest of the affairs of Baasha and what he did and his mightiness, are they not written in the book of the affairs of the days of the kings of Israel? (1 Kings 16:5)
 - Finally Baasha lay down with his forefathers and was buried in Tirzah, and Elah his son began to reign in place of him. (1 Kings 16:6)
 - And also by means of Jehu the son of Hanani the prophet, Yehowah's word itself had come against Baasha and his house, both because of all the badness that he committed in the eyes of Yehowah by offending him with the work of his hands, that it might become like the house of Jeroboam, and because he struck him down. (1 Kings 16:7)
 - Thus Zimri annihilated the whole house of Baasha, according to the word of Yehowah that he had spoken against Baasha by means of Jehu the prophet. (1 Kings 16:12)
 - When the priesthood deviated and suffered corruption, the prophets were Yehowah's means for strengthening the faith of a righteous remnant and for pointing the way back to God's favor for those who had strayed.
 - Like Moses, the prophets on many occasions acted as intercessors, praying to God in behalf of king and people.
 - And I proceeded to prostrate myself before Yehowah, as at first, forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin that you had committed in doing evil in the eyes of Yehowah so as to offend him. (Deuteronomy 9:18)
 - For I was scared because of the hot anger with which Yehowah

had got indignant at you to the point of annihilating you. However, Yehowah listened to me also that time. (**Deuteronomy 9:19**)

- **At Aaron, too, Yehowah got very incensed to the point of annihilating him, but I made supplication also in behalf of Aaron at that particular time. (Deuteronomy 9:20)**
- **And your sin that you had made, the calf, I took, and I proceeded to burn it in the fire and to crush it, grinding it thoroughly until it had become fine like dust, after which I threw its dust into the torrent that was descending from the mountain. (Deuteronomy 9:21)**
- **Further, at Taberah and at Massah and at Kibroth-hattaavah you proved yourselves provokers of Yehowah to anger. (Deuteronomy 9:22)**
- **And when Yehowah sent you out of Kadesh-barnea, saying; Go up and take possession of the land that I shall certainly give you! then you behaved rebelliously against the order of Yehowah your God, and you did not exercise faith toward him and did not listen to his voice. (Deuteronomy 9:23)**
- **You have proved yourselves rebellious in behavior with Yehowah from the day of my knowing you. (Deuteronomy 9:24)**
- **So I kept prostrating myself before Yehowah forty days and forty nights, for I prostrated myself thus because Yehowah talked of annihilating you. (Deuteronomy 9:25)**
- **And I began to make supplication to Yehowah and to say; O Sovereign Lord Yehowah, do not bring to ruin your people, even your private property, whom you redeemed with your greatness, whom you brought out of Egypt with a strong hand. (Deuteronomy 9:26)**
- **Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Do not turn your face to the hardness of this people and their wickedness and their sin. (Deuteronomy 9:27)**
- **For fear the land out of which you brought us may say; Because Yehowah was unable to bring them into the land that he had promised them, and because he hated them he brought them out**

- to put them to death in the wilderness. (**Deuteronomy 9:28**)
- They are, too, your people and your private property whom you brought out with your great power and your outstretched arm. (**Deuteronomy 9:29**)
 - The king now answered and said to the man of the true God; Soften, please, the face of Yehowah your God and pray in my behalf that my hand may be restored to me. At this the man of the true God softened the face of Yehowah, so that the king's hand was restored to him, and it came to be as at first. (**1 Kings 13:6**)
 - And it came about that as soon as King Hezekiah heard, he immediately ripped his garments apart and covered himself with sackcloth and came into the house of Yehowah. (**2 Kings 19:1**)
 - Further, he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary and the older men of the priests covered with sackcloth to Isaiah the **prophet** the son of Amoz. (**2 Kings 19:2**)
 - And they proceeded to say to him; This is what Hezekiah has said; This day is a day of distress and of rebuke and of scornful insolence, for the sons have come as far as the wombs mouth, and there is no power to give birth. (**2 Kings 19:3**)
 - Perhaps Yehowah your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his lord sent to taunt the living God, and he will actually call him to account for the words that Yehowah your God has heard. And you must lift up prayer in behalf of the remnant that are to be found. (**2 Kings 19:4**)
 - And as for you, do not pray in behalf of this people, neither raise in their behalf an entreating cry or a prayer nor beseech me, for I shall not be listening to you. (**Jeremiah 7:16**)
 - And Yehowah proceeded to say to me; Do not pray in behalf of this people for any good. (**Jeremiah 14:11**)
 - When they fast, I am not listening to their entreating cry, and when they offer up the whole burnt offering and the grain offering, I am taking no pleasure in them, for by the sword and by famine and by pestilence I am bringing them to their end.

(Jeremiah 14:12)

- **They were especially active in times of crisis or great need. They gave hope for the future, as at times their messages foretold the blessings of Messiah's government. In this way they benefited not only those then living but future generations down to our day.**
- **Concerning this very salvation a diligent inquiry and a careful search were made by the **prophets** who prophesied about the undeserved kindness meant for you. (1 Peter 1:10)**
- **They kept on investigating what particular season or what sort of season the spirit in them was indicating concerning Christ when it was bearing witness beforehand about the sufferings for Christ and about the glories to follow these. (1 Peter 1:11)**
- **It was revealed to them that, not to themselves, but to you, they were ministering the things that have now been announced to you through those who have declared the Good News to you with Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven. Into these very things angels are desiring to peer. (1 Peter 1:12)**
- **Yet, in doing this they endured great reproach, mockings, and even physical mistreatment.**
- **And Yehowah the God of their forefathers kept sending against them by means of his messengers, sending again and again, because he felt compassion for his people and for his dwelling. (2 Chronicles 36:15)**
- **But they were continually making jest at the messengers of the true God and despising his words and mocking at his **prophets**, until the rage of Yehowah came up against his people, until there was no healing. (2 Chronicles 36:16)**
- **From the day that your forefathers came forth out of the land of Egypt until this day, and I kept sending to you all my servants the **prophets**, daily getting up early and sending them. (Jeremiah 7:25)**
- **But they did not listen to me, and they did not incline their ear, but they kept hardening their neck. They acted worse than their forefathers! (Jeremiah 7:26)**

- **And what more shall I say? For the time will fail me if I go on to relate about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David as well as Samuel and the other prophets. (Hebrews 11:32)**
- **Who through faith defeated kingdoms in conflict, effected righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. (Hebrews 11:33)**
- **Stayed the force of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from a weak state were made powerful, became valiant in war, routed the armies of foreigners. (Hebrews 11:34)**
- **Women received their dead by resurrection, but other men were tortured because they would not accept release by some ransom, in order, that they might attain a better resurrection. (Hebrews 11:35)**
- **Yes, others received their trial by mockings and scourgings, indeed, more than that, by bonds and prisons. (Hebrews 11:36)**
- **They were stoned, they were tried, they were sawn asunder, they died by slaughter with the sword, they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, while they were in want, in tribulation, under ill-treatment. (Hebrews 11:37)**
- **And the world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and mountains and caves and dens of the earth. (Hebrews 11:38)**
- **Those receiving them favorably, however, were blessed with spiritual and other benefits.**
- **The word of Yehowah now came to him, saying; (1 Kings 17:8)**
- **Rise up, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and you must dwell there. Look! I shall certainly command there a woman, a widow, to supply you food. (1 Kings 17:9)**
- **Accordingly he rose up and went to Zarephath and came into the entrance of the city, and, look! A woman, a widow, was there gathering up pieces of wood. So he called to her and said, Please, get me a sip of water in a vessel that I may drink. (1 Kings 17:10)**

- **When she began to go and get it, he went on to call to her and say; Please, get me a bit of bread in your hand. (1 Kings 17:11)**
- **At this she said; As Yehowah your God is living, I have no round cake, but a handful of flour in the large jar and a little oil in the small jar, and here I am gathering up a few pieces of wood, and I must go in and make something for myself and my son, and we shall have to eat it and die. (1 Kings 17:12)**
- **Then Elijah said to her; Do not be afraid. Go in, do according to your word. Only from what is there make me a small round cake first, and you must bring it out to me, and for yourself and your son you can make something afterward. (1 Kings 17:13)**
- **For this is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; The large jar of flour itself will not get exhausted, and the small jar of oil itself will not fail until the day of Yehowah's giving a downpour upon the surface of the ground. (1 Kings 17:14)**
- **So she went and did according to Elijah's word, and she continued to eat, she together with him and her household, for days. (1 Kings 17:15)**
- **The large jar of flour itself did not get exhausted, and the small jar of oil itself did not fail, according to Yehowah's word that he had spoken by means of Elijah. (1 Kings 17:16)**
- **And it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick, and his sickness came to be so severe that there was no breath left in him. (1 Kings 17:17)**
- **At this she said to Elijah; What do I have to do with you, O man of the true God? You have come to me to bring my error to mind and to put my son to death. (1 Kings 17:18)**
- **But he said to her; Give me your son. Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the roof chamber, where he was dwelling, and laid him upon his own couch. (1 Kings 17:19)**
- **And he began calling to Yehowah and saying; O Yehowah my God, is it also upon the widow with whom I am residing as an alien that you must bring injury by putting her son to death? (1 Kings 17:20)**

- **And he proceeded to stretch himself upon the child three times and call to Yehowah and say; O Yehowah my God, please, cause the soul of this child to come back within him. (1 Kings 17:21)**
- **Finally Yehowah listened to Elijah's voice, so that the soul of the child came back within him and he came to life. (1 Kings 17:22)**
- **Elijah now took the child and brought him down from the roof chamber into the house and gave him to his mother, and Elijah then said; See, your son is alive. (1 Kings 17:23)**
- **Upon that the woman said to Elijah; Now, indeed, I do know that you are a man of God and that Yehowah's word in your mouth is true. (1 Kings 17:24)**
- **And it came about one day that Elisha went passing along to Shunem, where there was a prominent woman, and she began to constrain him to eat bread. And it came about that as often as he would pass by, he would turn aside there to eat bread. (2 Kings 4:8)**
- **At length she said to her husband; Here, now, I well know that it is a holy man of God that is passing by us constantly. (2 Kings 4:9)**
- **Please, let us make a little roof chamber on the wall and put there for him a couch and a table and a chair and a lampstand, and it must occur that whenever he comes in to us he can turn aside there. (2 Kings 4:10)**
- **And it came about one day that as usual he came in there and turned aside to the roof chamber and lay down there. (2 Kings 4:11)**
- **So he said to Gehazi his attendant; Call this Shunammite woman. At that he called her that she might stand before him. (2 Kings 4:12)**
- **Then he said to him; Please, say to her, Here you have restricted yourself for us with all this restriction. What is there to be done for you? Is there anything to speak to the king or to the chief of the army for you? To this she said; In among my own people I am dwelling. (2 Kings 4:13)**

- **And he went on to say; What, then, is there to be done for her? Gehazi now said; For a fact, a son she does not have, and her husband is old. (2 Kings 4:14)**
- **Immediately he said; Call her. So he called her, and she kept standing at the entrance. (2 Kings 4:15)**
- **Then he said; At this appointed time next year you will be embracing a son. But she said; No, my master, O man of the true God! Do not tell lies in connection with your maidservant. (2 Kings 4:16)**
- **However, the woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son at this appointed time the next year, just as Elisha had spoken to her. (2 Kings 4:17)**
- **And the child kept on growing up, and it came about one day that he went out as usual to his father with the reapers. (2 Kings 4:18)**
- **And he kept saying to his father; My head, O my head! At last he said to the attendant; Carry him to his mother. (2 Kings 4:19)**
- **Accordingly he carried him and brought him to his mother. And he kept sitting upon her knees until noon, and gradually he died. (2 Kings 4:20)**
- **Then she went up and laid him upon the couch of the man of the true God and closed the door upon him and went out. (2 Kings 4:21)**
- **She now called her husband and said; Do send me, please, one of the attendants and one of the she-asses, and let me run as far as the man of the true God and return. (2 Kings 4:22)**
- **But he said; Why are you going to him today? It is not a new moon nor a Sabbath. However, she said; It is all right. (2 Kings 4:23)**
- **So she saddled up the she-ass and said to her attendant; Drive and go ahead. Do not hold back for my sake from riding unless I shall have said so to you. (2 Kings 4:24)**
- **And she proceeded to go and come to the man of the true God at**

- Mount Carmel. And it came about that, as soon as the man of the true God saw her out ahead, he immediately said to Gehazi his attendant; Look! The Shunammite woman over there. (2 Kings 4:25)**
- **Now run, please, to meet her and say to her; Is it all right with you? Is it all right with your husband? Is it all right with the child? To this she said; It is all right. (2 Kings 4:26)**
 - **When she came to the man of the true God at the mountain, she at once took hold of him by his feet. At this Gehazi came near to push her away, but the man of the true God said; Let her alone, for her soul is bitter within her, and Yehowah himself has hidden it from me and not told me. (2 Kings 4:27)**
 - **She now said; Did I ask for a son through my lord? Did I not say; You must not lead me to a false hope? (2 Kings 4:28)**
 - **Immediately he said to Gehazi; Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand and go. In case you encounter anyone, you must not greet him, and in case anyone should greet you, you must not answer him. And you must place my staff upon the face of the boy. (2 Kings 4:29)**
 - **At this the mother of the boy said; As Yehowah is living and as your soul is living, I will not leave you. Therefore he got up and went with her. (2 Kings 4:30)**
 - **And Gehazi himself passed along before them and then put the staff upon the boys face, but there was no voice nor paying of attention. So he went back to meet him and told him, saying; The boy did not wake up. (2 Kings 4:31)**
 - **At last Elisha came into the house, and there the boy was dead, being laid upon his couch. (2 Kings 4:32)**
 - **Then he came in and closed the door behind them both and began to pray to Yehowah. (2 Kings 4:33)**
 - **Finally he went up and lay down upon the child and put his own mouth upon his mouth and his own eyes upon his eyes and his own palms upon his palms and kept bent over him, and gradually the child's flesh grew warm. (2 Kings 4:34)**

- Then he began walking again in the house, once this way and once that way, after which he went up and bent over him. And the boy began to sneeze as many as seven times, after which the boy opened his eyes. (**2 Kings 4:35**)
- He now called Gehazi and said; Call this Shunammite woman. So he called her and she came in to him. Then he said; Lift up your son. (**2 Kings 4:36**)
- And she proceeded to come in and fall at his feet and bow down to him to the earth, after which she lifted up her son and went out. (**2 Kings 4:37**)
- He that receives a **prophet** because he is a prophet will get a prophets reward, and he that receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will get a righteous man's reward. (**Matthew 10:41**)

•• Means Of Appointment And Inspiration

- The office of **prophet** was not received because of line of descent, however, several **prophets** were Levites, such as Samuel, Zechariah the son of Jehoiada, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, and some **prophets** descendants also became prophets.
- And also by means of Jehu the son of Hanani the **prophet**, Yehowah's word itself had come against Baasha and his house, both because of all the badness that he committed in the eyes of Yehowah by offending him with the work of his hands, that it might become like the house of Jeroboam, and because he struck him down. (**1 Kings 16:7**)
- And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa the king of Judah and then said to him; Because you leaned upon the king of Syria and did not lean upon Yehowah your God, for that reason the military force of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand. (**2 Chronicles 16:7**)
- In the eighth month in the second year of Darius the word of Yehowah occurred to Zechariah the son of Berechiah the son of Iddo the **prophet**, saying; (**Zechariah 1:1**)
- Nor was it a profession entered on ones own initiative. **Prophets** were selected by God and appointed by means of Holy Spirit.

- **After that Moses went out and spoke to the people the words of Yehowah. And he went gathering seventy men from the older men of the people and proceeded to have them stand round about the tent. (Numbers 11:24)**
- **Then Yehowah came down in a cloud and spoke to him and took away some of the spirit that was upon him and put it upon each of the seventy older men. And it came about that as soon as the spirit settled down upon them, then they proceeded to act as **prophets**, but they did not do it again. (Numbers 11:25)**
- **Now there were two of the men remaining in the camp. The name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. And the spirit began to settle down upon them, as they were among those written down, but they had not gone out to the tent. So they proceeded to act as **prophets** in the camp. (Numbers 11:26)**
- **And a young man went running and reporting to Moses and saying; Eldad and Medad are acting as **prophets** in the camp! (Numbers 11:27)**
- **Then Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses from his young manhood on, responded and said; My lord Moses, restrain them! (Numbers 11:28)**
- **However, Moses said to him; Are you feeling jealous for me? No, I wish that all of Yehowah's people were **prophets**, because Yehowah would put his spirit upon them! (Numbers 11:29)**
- **Now it came about in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, while I was in the midst of the exiled people by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I began to see visions of God. (Ezekiel 1:1)**
- **On the fifth day of the month, that is, in the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin. (Ezekiel 1:2)**
- **The word of Yehowah occurred specifically to Ezekiel the son of Buzi the priest in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar, and upon him in that place the hand of Yehowah came to be. (Ezekiel 1:3)**

- Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah; I was not a **prophet**, neither was I the son of a prophet, but I was a herdsman and a nipper of figs of sycamore trees. (**Amos 7:14**)
- And Yehowah proceeded to take me from following the flock, and Yehowah went on to say to me; Go, prophesy to my people Israel. (**Amos 7:15**)
- **By which means they also knew what to proclaim.**
- So, because they were at disagreement with one another, they began to depart, while Paul made this one comment; The Holy Spirit aptly spoke through Isaiah the **prophet** to your forefathers. (**Acts of Apostles 28:25**)
- For **prophecy** was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were borne along by Holy Spirit. (**2 Peter 1:21**)
- **Some showed great reluctance initially.**
- However, Moses said to the true God; Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I have to bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt? (**Exodus 3:11**)
- Moses now said to Yehowah; Excuse me, Yehowah, but I am not a fluent speaker, neither since yesterday nor since before that nor since your speaking to your servant, for I am slow of mouth and slow of tongue. (**Exodus 4:10**)
- At that Yehowah said to him; Who appointed a mouth for man or who appoints the speechless or the deaf or the clear-sighted or the blind? Is it not I, Yehowah? (**Exodus 4:11**)
- So now go, and I myself shall prove to be with your mouth and I will teach you what you ought to say. (**Exodus 4:12**)
- But he said; Excuse me, Yehowah, but send, please, by the hand of the one whom you are going to send. (**Exodus 4:13**)
- Then Yehowah's anger grew hot against Moses and he said; Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I do know that he can really speak. And, besides, here he is on his way out to meet you. When he does see you, he will certainly rejoice in his heart.

(Exodus 4:14)

- **And you must speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I myself shall prove to be with your mouth and his mouth, and I will teach you men what you are to do. (Exodus 4:15)**
- **And he must speak for you to the people, and it must occur that he will serve as a mouth to you, and you will serve as God to him. (Exodus 4:16)**
- **And this rod you will take in your hand that you may perform the signs with it. (Exodus 4:17)**
- **And the word of Yehowah began to occur to me, saying; (Jeremiah 1:4)**
- **Before I was forming you in the belly I knew you, and before you proceeded to come forth from the womb I sanctified you. Prophet to the nations I made you. (Jeremiah 1:5)**
- **But I said; Alas, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah! Here I actually do not know how to speak, for I am but a boy. (Jeremiah 1:6)**
- **And Yehowah went on to say to me; Do not say; I am but a boy. But to all those to whom I shall send you, you should go, and everything that I shall command you, you should speak. (Jeremiah 1:7)**
- **Do not be afraid because of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 1:8)**
- **At that Yehowah thrust his hand out and caused it to touch my mouth. Then Yehowah said to me; Here I have put my words in your mouth. (Jeremiah 1:9)**
- **See, I have commissioned you this day to be over the nations and over the kingdoms, in order to uproot and to pull down and to destroy and to tear down, to build and to plant. (Jeremiah 1:10)**
- **In Elisha's case, his divine appointment came through his predecessor, Elijah, and was symbolized by Elijah's throwing his mantle, or official garment, over Elisha.**
- **Accordingly he went from there and found Elisha the son of**

- Shaphat while he was plowing with twelve spans before him, and he with the twelfth. So Elijah crossed over to him and threw his official garment upon him. (**1 Kings 19:19**)
- At that he left the bulls and went running after Elijah and said; Let me, please, kiss my father and my mother. Then I will go following you. At this he said to him, Go, return, for what have I done to you? (**1 Kings 19:20**)
 - So he returned from following him and then took a span of the bulls and sacrificed them, and with the implements of the bulls he boiled their flesh and then gave it to the people, and they proceeded to eat. After that he rose up and went following Elijah and began to minister to him. (**1 Kings 19:21**)
 - Though appointed by Yehowah's spirit, it does not appear that the **prophets** spoke continually under inspiration. Rather, God's spirit came upon them at certain times, revealing the messages to be announced.
 - Therefore **prophecy** against them. **Prophecy**, O son of man. (**Ezekiel 11:4**)
 - Then the spirit of Yehowah fell upon me, and he went on to say to me; say; This is what Yehowah has said; You people said the right thing, O house of Israel, and as regards the things that come up in your spirit, I myself have known it. (**Ezekiel 11:5**)
 - And, on the other hand, I myself have become full of power, with the spirit of Yehowah, and of justice and mightiness, in order to tell to Jacob his revolt and to Israel his sin. (**Micah 3:8**)
 - This had a stirring effect upon them, impelling them to speak.
 - So they went from there to the hill, and here there was a group of **prophets** to meet him, at once the spirit of God became operative upon him, and he began to speak as a prophet in the middle of them. (**1 Samuel 10:10**)
 - And I said; I am not going to make mention of him, and I shall speak no more in his name. And in my heart it proved to be like a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I got tired of holding in, and I was unable to endure it. (**Jeremiah 20:9**)

- There is a lion that has roared! Who will not be afraid? The Sovereign Lord Yehowah himself has spoken! Who will not **prophesy**? (Amos 3:8)
- Not only did they do things that were out of the ordinary but also their expression and manner doubtless reflected intensity and feeling that were truly extraordinary. This may explain in part what is meant by individuals, **behaving like prophets**.
- And the spirit of Yehowah will certainly become operative upon you, and you will certainly speak as a **prophet** along with them and be changed into another man. (1 Samuel 10:6)
- And it must occur that when these signs come to you, do for yourself what your hand finds possible, because the true God is with you. (1 Samuel 10:7)
- And you must go down ahead of me to Gilgal, and, look! I am going down to you to offer up burnt sacrifices, to render up communion sacrifices. Seven days you should keep waiting until my coming to you, and I shall certainly let you know what you should do. (1 Samuel 10:8)
- And it occurred that as soon as he turned his shoulder to go from Samuel, God began changing the heart of his into another, and all these signs proceeded to come true on that day. (1 Samuel 10:9)
- So they went from there to the hill, and here there was a group of **prophets** to meet him, at once the spirit of God became operative upon him, and he began to speak as a **prophet** in the middle of them. (1 Samuel 10:10)
- And it came about that when all those knowing him formerly saw him, look! It was with **prophets** that he prophesied. Consequently the people said one to another; What is this that has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the **prophets**? (1 Samuel 10:11)
- At once Saul sent messengers to take David. When they got to see the elderly ones of the **prophets prophesying**, and Samuel standing in his position over them, the spirit of God came to be upon Saul's messengers, and they began behaving like prophets, they also. (1 Samuel 19:20)

- When they told it to Saul, he immediately sent other messengers, and they began behaving like **prophets**, they also. So Saul sent messengers again, the third set, and they began behaving like prophets, they also. (1 Samuel 19:21)
- Finally he too went to Ramah. When he got as far as the great cistern that is in Secu, he began to inquire and say; Where are Samuel and David? To this they said; There in Naioth in Ramah. (1 Samuel 19:22)
- And he kept on his way from there to Naioth in Ramah, and the spirit of God came to be upon him, yes, him, and he went on walking and continued behaving like a **prophet** until he came into Naioth in Ramah. (1 Samuel 19:23)
- And he also proceeded to strip off his garments and behave, he also, like a **prophet** before Samuel, and he lay fallen naked all that day and all that night. That is why they came to say; Is Saul also among the **prophets**? (1 Samuel 19:24)
- And to Shemaiah of Nehelam you will say; (Jeremiah 29:24)
- This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; For the reason that you yourself have sent in your name letters to all the people who are in Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying; (Jeremiah 29:25)
- Yehowah himself has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, in order to become the grand overseer of the house of Yehowah toward any man maddened and behaving like a **prophet**, and you must put him into the stocks and into the pillory. (Jeremiah 29:26)
- Now, then, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who is behaving as a **prophet** to you people? (Jeremiah 29:27)
- For that is why he has sent to us at Babylon, saying; It is long drawn out! Build houses and inhabit them, and plant gardens and eat their fruitage. (Jeremiah 29:28)
- And Zephaniah the priest proceeded to read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the **prophet**. (Jeremiah 29:29)

- **Then the word of Yehowah occurred to Jeremiah, saying; (Jeremiah 29:30)**
- **Send to all the exiled people, saying; This is what Yehowah has said concerning Shemaiah of Nehelam; For the reason that Shemaiah has prophesied to you people, but I myself did not send him, and he tried to make you trust in falsehood. (Jeremiah 29:31)**
- **Therefore this is what Yehowah has said; Here I am turning my attention upon Shemaiah of Nehelam and upon his offspring. He will not come to have a man dwelling in the midst of this people, and he will not look upon the good that I am doing for my people, is the utterance of Yehowah, for he has spoken outright revolt against Yehowah. (Jeremiah 29:32)**
- **And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (Acts of Apostles 2:4)**
- **Yes, they were all astonished and were in perplexity, saying one to another; What does this thing purport to be? (Acts of Apostles 2:12)**
- **However, different ones mocked at them and began to say; They are full of sweet wine. (Acts of Apostles 2:13)**
- **But Peter stood up with the eleven and raised his voice and made this utterance to them; Men of Judea and all you inhabitants of Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give ear to my sayings. (Acts of Apostles 2:14)**
- **These people are, in fact, not drunk, as you suppose, for it is the third hour of the day. (Acts of Apostles 2:15)**
- **On the contrary, this is what was said through the prophet Joel. (Acts of Apostles 2:16)**
- **And in the last days, God says, I shall pour out some of my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams. (Acts of Apostles 2:17)**

- **And as all those sitting in the Sanhedrin gazed at him, they saw that his face was as an angels face. (Acts of Apostles 6:15)**
- **But he, being full of Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and caught sight of God's glory and of Jesus standing at God's right hand. (Acts of Apostles 7:55)**
- **Their total concentration and zealous boldness in their mission might cause their behavior to appear strange, even irrational, to others, just as a prophet so appeared to military chiefs when Jehu was anointed. Yet, on realizing that the man was a prophet, the chiefs accepted his message with full seriousness.**
- **And Elisha the prophet, for his part, called one of the sons of the prophets and then said to him; Gird up your loins and take this flask of oil in your hand and go to Ramoth-gilead. (2 Kings 9:1)**
- **When you have come in there, see Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi there, and you must come in and make him get up from the midst of his brothers and bring him into the innermost chamber. (2 Kings 9:2)**
- **And you must take the flask of oil and pour it out upon his head and say; This is what Yehowah has said; I do anoint you as king over Israel. And you must open the door and flee and not wait. (2 Kings 9:3)**
- **And the attendant, the prophets attendant, got on his way to Ramoth-gilead. (2 Kings 9:4)**
- **When he came in, why, there the chiefs of the military force were seated. He now said; There is a word I have for you, O chief. At this Jehu said; For which one of all of us? Then he said; For you, O chief. (2 Kings 9:5)**
- **So he got up and came into the house, and he proceeded to pour the oil out upon his head and say to him; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; I do anoint you as king over Yehowah's people, that is, over Israel. (2 Kings 9:6)**
- **And you must strike down the house of Ahab your lord, and I must avenge the blood of my servants the prophets and the blood of all the servants of Yehowah at the hand of Jezebel. (2 Kings 9:7)**

- **And the whole house of Ahab must perish, and I must cut off from Ahab anyone urinating against a wall and any helpless and worthless one in Israel. (2 Kings 9:8)**
- **And I must constitute the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. (2 Kings 9:9)**
- **And Jezebel the dogs will eat up in the tract of land at Jezreel, and there will be no one burying her. With that he opened the door and went fleeing. (2 Kings 9:10)**
- **As for Jehu, he went out to the servants of his lord, and they began to say to him; Is everything all right? Why did this crazy man come in to you? But he said to them; You yourselves well know the man and his sort of talk. (2 Kings 9:11)**
- **But they said; It is false! Tell us, please. Then he said; It was like this and like that that he talked to me, saying; This is what Yehowah has said; I do anoint you as king over Israel. (2 Kings 9:12)**
- **At this they hurriedly took each one his garment and put it under him upon the bare steps, and they began to blow the horn and say; Jehu has become king! (2 Kings 9:13)**
- **Now as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice; You are going mad, Paul! Great learning is driving you into madness! (Acts of Apostles 26:24)**
- **But Paul said; I am not going mad, Your Excellency Festus, but I am uttering sayings of truth and of soundness of mind. (Acts of Apostles 26:25)**
- **When Saul, in pursuit of David, was caused to behave like a prophet, he stripped off his garments and lay naked all that day and all that night, during which time David evidently escaped.**
- **But Paul said; I am not going mad, Your Excellency Festus, but I am uttering sayings of truth and of soundness of mind. (Acts of Apostles 26:25)**

- This does not mean that **prophets** frequently went naked, for the Biblical record shows the contrary. In the two other cases recorded, the prophet went naked for a purpose, to represent some facet of his prophecy.

- At that time Yehowah spoke by the hand of Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying; Go, and you must loosen the sackcloth from off your hips, and your sandals you should draw from off your feet. And he proceeded to do so, walking about naked and barefoot. (**Isaiah 20:2**)

- And Yehowah went on to say; Just as my servant Isaiah has walked about naked and barefoot three years as a sign and a portent against Egypt and against Ethiopia. (**Isaiah 20:3**)

- So the king of Assyria will lead the body of captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, boys and old men, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks stripped, the nakedness of Egypt. (**Isaiah 20:4**)

- On this account I will wail and howl, I will walk barefoot and naked. I shall make a wailing like the jackals, and a mourning like female ostriches. (**Micah 1:8**)

- For the stroke upon her is unhealable, for it has come as far as Judah, the plague as far as the gate of my people, as far as Jerusalem. (**Micah 1:9**)

- In Gath do not you men tell it out, positively do not weep. In the house of Aphrah wallow in the very dust. (**Micah 1:10**)

- Make your way across, O inhabitress of Shaphir, in shameful nudity. The inhabitress of Zaanan has not gone forth. The wailing of Beth-ezel will take from you people its standing place. (**Micah 1:11**)

- The reason for Saul's nakedness whether to show him as a mere man, divested of his royal garments, impotent against Yehowah's own regal authority and power, or for some other purpose is not stated.

- Yehowah used various methods to inspire the **prophets**: **verbal communication** through angels.

- Then Yehowah's angel appeared to him in a flame of fire in the midst of a thorn bush. As he kept looking, why, here the thorn

bush was burning with the fire and yet the thorn bush was not consumed. (**Exodus 3:2**)

- At this Moses said; Let me just turn aside that I may inspect this great phenomenon, as to why the thorn bush is not burnt up. (**Exodus 3:3**)
- When Yehowah saw that he turned aside to inspect, God at once called to him out of the midst of the thorn bush and said; Moses! Moses! To which he said; Here I am. (**Exodus 3:4**)
- To him Yehowah's angel appeared, standing at the right side of the incense altar. (**Luke 1:11**)
- But Zechariah became troubled at the sight, and fear fell upon him. (**Luke 1:12**)
- However, the angel said to him; Have no fear, Zechariah, because your supplication has been favorably heard, and your wife Elizabeth will become mother to a son to you, and you are to call his name John. (**Luke 1:13**)
- And you will have joy and great gladness, and many will rejoice over his birth. (**Luke 1:14**)
- For he will be great before Yehowah. But he must drink no wine and strong drink at all, and he will be filled with Holy Spirit right from his mothers womb. (**Luke 1:15**)
- And many of the sons of Israel will he turn back to Yehowah their God. (**Luke 1:16**)
- Also, he will go before him with Elijah's spirit and power, to turn back the hearts of fathers to children and the disobedient ones to the practical wisdom of righteous ones, to get ready for Yehowah a prepared people. (**Luke 1:17**)
- God, who long ago spoke on many occasions and in many ways to our forefathers by means of the **prophets**. (**Hebrews 1:1**)
- Has at the end of these days spoken to us by means of a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the systems of things. (**Hebrews 1:2**)

- That is why it is necessary for us to pay more than the usual attention to the things heard by us, that we may never drift away. (**Hebrews 2:1**)
- For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a retribution in harmony with justice. (**Hebrews 2:2**)
- **Visions** that impressed God's message on the conscious mind.
- The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz that he visioned concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. (**Isaiah 1:1**)
- The pronouncement that Habakkuk the **prophet** visioned! (**Habakkuk 1:1**)
- **Dreams or night visions** given while the **prophet** slept.
- In the first year of Belshazzar the king of Babylon, Daniel himself beheld a dream and visions of his head upon his bed. At that time he wrote down the dream itself. The complete account of the matters he told. (**Daniel 7:1**)
- **And messages conveyed while the person was in a trance.**
- But he became very hungry and wanted to eat. While they were preparing, he fell into a trance (**Acts of Apostles 10:10**)
- And beheld heaven opened and some sort of vessel descending like a great linen sheet being let down by its four extremities upon the earth. (**Acts of Apostles 10:11**)
- But when I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance. (**Acts of Apostles 22:17**)
- And saw him saying to me, Hurry up and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not agree to your witness concerning me. (**Acts of Apostles 22:18**)
- And I said; Lord, they themselves well know that I used to imprison and flog in one synagogue after another those believing upon you. (**Acts of Apostles 22:19**)

- And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being spilled, I myself was also standing by and approving and guarding the outer garments of those doing away with him. (**Acts of Apostles 22:20**)
- And yet he said to me, Get on your way, because I shall send you out to nations far off. (**Acts of Apostles 22:21**)
- On occasion, music might contribute to the **prophets** receiving the divine communication.
- It is after that that you will come to the hill of the true God, where there is a garrison of the Philistines. And it should come about that at the time of your coming there to the city, you will certainly meet a group of **prophets** coming down from the high place, and ahead of them a stringed instrument and tambourine and flute and harp, while they are speaking as **prophets**. (**1 Samuel 10:5**)
- And now you men fetch me a string-instrument player. And it occurred that, as soon as the string-instrument player played, the hand of Yehowah came to be upon him. (**2 Kings 3:15**)
- Similarly, the proclamation of the inspired message was effected in diverse manners.
- God, who long ago spoke on many occasions and in many ways to our forefathers by means of the **prophets**. (**Hebrews 1:1**)
- Generally the **prophet** spoke it, both in public places and in sparsely populated regions.
- The word that occurred to Jeremiah from Yehowah, saying; (**Jeremiah 7:1**)
- Stand in the gate of the house of Yehowah, and you must proclaim there this word, and you must say; Hear the word of Yehowah, all you of Judah, who are entering into these gates to bow down to Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 7:2**)
- And Jeremiah proceeded to call Baruch the son of Neriah that Baruch might write at the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Yehowah that He had spoken to him, on the roll of the book. (**Jeremiah 36:4**)

- **Then Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying; I am shut up. I am unable to enter into the house of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 36:5)**
- **And you yourself must enter in and read aloud from the roll that you have written at my mouth the words of Yehowah in the ears of the people at the house of Yehowah in the day of fast, and also in the ears of all Judah who are coming in from their cities you should read them aloud. (Jeremiah 36:6)**
- **Perhaps their request for favor will fall before Yehowah and they will return, each one from his bad way, for great is the anger and the rage that Yehowah has spoken against this people. (Jeremiah 36:7)**
- **And Baruch the son of Neriah proceeded to do according to all that Jeremiah the prophet had commanded him, to read aloud from the book the words of Yehowah at the house of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 36:8)**
- **Now it came about in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem and all the people that were coming in from the cities of Judah into Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before Yehowah. (Jeremiah 36:9)**
- **And Baruch began to read aloud from the book the words of Jeremiah at the house of Yehowah, in the dining room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the copyist, in the upper courtyard, at the entrance of the new gate of the house of Yehowah, in the ears of all the people. (Jeremiah 36:10)**
- **And Micaiah the son of Gemariah the son of Shaphan got to hear all the words of Yehowah from out of the book. (Jeremiah 36:11)**
- **At that he went down to the house of the king, to the dining room of the secretary, and, look! There is where all the princes were sitting, Elishama the secretary and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah and Elnathan the son of Achbor and Gemariah the son of Shaphan and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah and all the other princes. (Jeremiah 36:12)**
- **And Micaiah proceeded to tell them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read aloud from the book in the ears of the**

people. (**Jeremiah 36:13**)

- This, in fact, is the one spoken of through Isaiah the **prophet** in these words; Listen! Someone is crying out in the wilderness; Prepare the way of Yehowah, you people! Make his roads straight. (**Matthew 3:3**)
- But he might dramatize the message by use of symbols or symbolic acts, as in Ezekiel's portraying the siege of Jerusalem by use of a brick, or in Hosea's marriage to Gomer.
- And you, O son of man, take for yourself a brick, and you must put it before you and engrave upon it a city, even Jerusalem. (**Ezekiel 4:1**)
- And you must lay siege against it and build a siege wall against it and throw up a siege rampart against it and set encampments against it and put battering rams all around against it. (**Ezekiel 4:2**)
- And as for you, take to yourself an iron griddle, and you must put it as an iron wall between you and the city, and you must fix your face against it, and it must get to be in a siege, and you must besiege it. It is a sign to the house of Israel. (**Ezekiel 4:3**)
- There was a start of the word of Yehowah by Hosea, and Yehowah proceeded to say to Hosea; Go, take to yourself a wife of fornication and children of fornication, because by fornication the land positively turns from following Yehowah. (**Hosea 1:2**)
- And he proceeded to go and take Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, so that she became pregnant and in time bore to him a son. (**Hosea 1:3**)
- Ahijah now took hold of the new garment that was on him and ripped it into twelve pieces. (**1 Kings 11:30**)
- And he went on to say to Jeroboam; Take for yourself ten pieces, for this is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; Here I am ripping the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and I shall certainly give you ten tribes. (**1 Kings 11:31**)
- And the one tribe is what will continue his for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city that I have

chosen out of all the tribes of Israel. (1 Kings 11:32)

- The reason why is that they have left me and begun to bow down to Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, to Chemosh the god of Moab and to Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon, and they have not walked in my ways by doing what is right in my eyes and my statutes and my judicial decisions like David his father. (1 Kings 11:33)
- But I shall not take the entire kingdom out of his hand, because a chieftain I shall set him for all the days of his life, for the sake of David my servant whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes. (1 Kings 11:34)
- And I shall certainly take the kingship out of the hand of his son and give it to you, even ten tribes. (1 Kings 11:35)
- And to his son I shall give one tribe, in order, that David my servant may continue having a lamp always before me in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for myself to put my name there. (1 Kings 11:36)
- And you are the one that I shall take, and you will indeed reign over all that your soul craves, and you will certainly become king over Israel. (1 Kings 11:37)
- And it must occur that, if you obey all that I shall command you, and you do walk in my ways and actually do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, just as David my servant did, I will also prove to be with you, and I will build you a lasting house, just as I have built for David, and I will give you Israel. (1 Kings 11:38)
- And I shall humiliate the offspring of David on account of this, only not always. (1 Kings 11:39)
- As regards Elisha, he had taken sick with the sickness with which he was to die. So Jehoash the king of Israel came down to him and began to weep over his face and say; My father, my father, the war chariot of Israel and his horsemen! (2 Kings 13:14)
- And Elisha proceeded to say to him; Take a bow and arrows. So he took to himself a bow and arrows. (2 Kings 13:15)

- And he went on to say to the king of Israel; Put your hand to the bow. Accordingly he put his hand to it, after which Elisha laid his hands upon the hands of the king. (**2 Kings 13:16**)
- Then he said; Open the window to the east. So he opened it. Finally Elisha said; Shoot! So he shot. He now said; Yehowah's arrow of salvation, even the arrow of salvation against Syria! And you will certainly strike down Syria at Aphek to the finishing point. (**2 Kings 13:17**)
- And he went on to say; Take the arrows. At that he took them. Then he said to the king of Israel; Strike on the earth. So he struck three times and stopped. (**2 Kings 13:18**)
- And the man of the true God grew indignant at him, hence he said; It was meant to strike five or six times! In that case you would certainly be striking down Syria to the finishing point, but now it is three times that you will strike down Syria. (**2 Kings 13:19**)
- This is what Yehowah said; Go, and you must get an earthenware flask of a potter and some of the older men of the people and some of the older men of the priests. (**Jeremiah 19:1**)
- And you must break the flask before the eyes of the men who are going with you. (**Jeremiah 19:10**)
- And you must say to them; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; In the same way I shall break this people and this city as someone breaks the vessel of the potter so that it is no more able to be repaired, and in Topheth they will bury until there is no more place to bury. (**Jeremiah 19:11**)

See Also DREAM

See Also INSPIRATION

See Also VISION.

·· **Distinguishing The True From The False**

- In some cases, such as that of Moses, Elijah, Elisha, and Jesus, God's **prophets** performed miraculous works that attested to the genuineness of their message and office.

- Not all, however, are recorded as performing such powerful works. The three essentials for establishing the credentials of a true prophet, as given through Moses, were. The true **prophet** would speak in Yehowah's name, the things foretold would come to pass
- However, the **prophet** who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that **prophet** must die. (**Deuteronomy 18:20**)
- And in case you should say in your heart; How shall we know the word that Yehowah has not spoken? (**Deuteronomy 18:21**)
- When the **prophet** speaks in the name of Yehowah and the word does not occur or come true, that is the word that Yehowah did not speak. With presumptuousness the **prophet** spoke it. You must not get frightened at him. (**Deuteronomy 18:22**)
- And his **prophesying** must promote true worship, being in harmony with God's revealed word and commandments.
- In case a **prophet** or a dreamer of a dream arises in your midst and does give you a sign or a portent. (**Deuteronomy 13:1**)
- And the sign or the portent does come true of which he spoke to you, saying; Let us walk after other gods, whom you have not known, and let us serve them. (**Deuteronomy 13:2**)
- You must not listen to the words of that **prophet** or to the dreamer of that dream, because Yehowah your God is testing you to know whether you are loving Yehowah your God with all your heart and all your soul. (**Deuteronomy 13:3**)
- After Yehowah your God you should walk, and him you should fear, and his commandments you should keep, and to his voice you should listen, and him you should serve, and to him you should cling. (**Deuteronomy 13:4**)
- The last requirement was probably the most vital and decisive, for an individual might hypocritically use God's name, and by coincidence, his prediction might see fulfillment.
- But the true **prophet** was not solely or even primarily a prognosticator, as has been shown. Rather, he was an advocate of

righteousness, and his message dealt primarily with moral standards and their application. He expressed God's mind on matters.

- **Hear the word of Yehowah, you dictators of Sodom. Give ear to the Law of our God, you people of Gomorrah. (Isaiah 1:10)**
- **Of what benefit to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says Yehowah. I have had enough of whole burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed animals, and in the blood of young bulls and male lambs and he-goats I have taken no delight. (Isaiah 1:11)**
- **When you people keep coming in to see my face, who is it that has required this from your hand, to trample my courtyards? (Isaiah 1:12)**
- **Stop bringing in any more valueless grain offerings. Incense, it is something detestable to me. New moon and Sabbath, the calling of a convention, I cannot put up with the use of uncanny power along with the solemn assembly. (Isaiah 1:13)**
- **Your new moons and your festal seasons my soul has hated. To me they have become a burden. I have become tired of bearing them. (Isaiah 1:14)**
- **And when you spread out your palms, I hide my eyes from you. Even though you make many prayers, I am not listening, with bloodshed your very hands have become filled. (Isaiah 1:15)**
- **Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean, remove the badness of your dealings from in front of my eyes. Cease to do bad. (Isaiah 1:16)**
- **Learn to do good. Search for justice. Set right the oppressor. Render judgment for the fatherless boy. Plead the cause of the widow. (Isaiah 1:17)**
- **Come, now, you people, and let us set matters straight between us, says Yehowah. Though the sins of you people should prove to be as scarlet, they will be made white just like snow, though they should be red like crimson cloth, they will become even like wool. (Isaiah 1:18)**
- **If you people show willingness and do listen, the good of the**

land you will eat. (**Isaiah 1:19**)

- **But if you people refuse and are actually rebellious, with a sword you will be eaten up, for the very mouth of Yehowah has spoken it. (**Isaiah 1:20**)**
- **Hear, please, you people, what Yehowah is saying. Get up, conduct a legal case with the mountains, and may the hills hear your voice. (**Micah 6:1**)**
- **Hear, O you mountains, the legal case of Yehowah, also you durable objects, you foundations of the earth, for Yehowah has a legal case with his people, and it is with Israel that he will argue. (**Micah 6:2**)**
- **O my people, what have I done to you? And in what way have I tired you out? Testify against me. (**Micah 6:3**)**
- **For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and from the house of slaves I redeemed you, and I proceeded to send before you Moses, Aaron and Miriam. (**Micah 6:4**)**
- **O my people, remember, please, what Balak the king of Moab counseled, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him. From Shittim it was, all the way to Gilgal, to the intent that the righteous acts of Yehowah might be known. (**Micah 6:5**)**
- **With what shall I confront Yehowah? With what shall I bow myself to God on high? Shall I confront him with whole burnt offerings, with calves a year old? (**Micah 6:6**)**
- **Will Yehowah be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of torrents of oil? Shall I give my firstborn son for my revolt, the fruitage of my belly for the sin of my soul? (**Micah 6:7**)**
- **He has told you, O earthling man, what is good. And what is Yehowah asking back from you but to exercise justice and to love kindness and to be modest in walking with your God? (**Micah 6:8**)**
- **To the city the very voice of Yehowah calls out, and the person of practical wisdom will fear your name. Hear the rod and who it was that designated it, O you people. (**Micah 6:9**)**
- **Do there yet exist in the house of a wicked one the treasures of**

- wickedness, and the scrimped ephah measure that is denounced?
([Micah 6:10](#))
- Can I be morally clean with wicked scales and with a bag of deceptive stone weights? ([Micah 6:11](#))
 - For her own rich men have become full of violence, and her own inhabitants have spoken falsehood, and their tongue is tricky in their mouth. ([Micah 6:12](#))
 - Hence, it was not necessary to wait perhaps for years or generations to determine whether the **prophet** was true or false by fulfillment of a prediction.
 - If his message contradicted God's revealed will and standards, he was false. Thus, a prophet who foretold peace for Israel or Judah, at a time when the people were engaging in disobedience to God's Word and Law, of necessity was false.
 - For from the least one of them even to the greatest one of them, every one is making for himself unjust gain, and from the **prophet** even to the priest, each one is acting falsely. ([Jeremiah 6:13](#))
 - And they try to heal the breakdown of my people lightly, saying; There is peace! There is peace! When there is no peace. ([Jeremiah 6:14](#))
 - And Yehowah proceeded to say to me; Do not pray in behalf of this people for any good. ([Jeremiah 14:11](#))
 - When they fast, I am not listening to their entreating cry, and when they offer up the whole burnt offering and the grain offering, I am taking no pleasure in them, for by the sword and by famine and by pestilence I am bringing them to their end. ([Jeremiah 14:12](#))
 - At this I said; Alas, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah! Here the **prophets** are saying to them, you will see no sword, and there will be no famine to happen to you, but true peace is what I shall give you in this place. ([Jeremiah 14:13](#))
 - And Yehowah went on to say to me; Falsehood is what the **prophets** are prophesying in my name. I have not sent them, nor

have I commanded them or spoken to them. A false vision and divination and a valueless thing and the trickiness of their heart they are speaking prophetically to you people. (**Jeremiah 14:14**)

- Therefore this is what Yehowah has said concerning the **prophets** who are prophesying in my name and whom I myself did not send and who are saying that no sword or famine will occur in this land, By sword and by famine those prophets will come to their finish. (**Jeremiah 14:15**)
- And the very people to whom they are **prophesying** will become people cast out into the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword, with no one to do the burying of them, them, their wives and their sons and their daughters. And I will pour out upon them their calamity. (**Jeremiah 14:16**)
- Jesus later warning concerning false **prophets** paralleled that of Moses. Though using his name, and giving signs and wonders to lead astray, their fruits would prove them workers of lawlessness.
- Be on the watch for the false **prophets** that come to you in sheeps covering, but inside they are ravenous wolves. (**Matthew 7:15**)
- By their fruits you will recognize them. Never do people gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles, do they? (**Matthew 7:16**)
- Likewise every good tree produces fine fruit, but every rotten tree produces worthless fruit. (**Matthew 7:17**)
- A good tree cannot bear worthless fruit, neither can a rotten tree produce fine fruit. (**Matthew 7:18**)
- Every tree not producing fine fruit gets cut down and thrown into the fire. (**Matthew 7:19**)
- Really, then, by their fruits you will recognize those men. (**Matthew 7:20**)
- Not everyone saying to me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the will of my Father who is in the heavens will. (**Matthew 7:21**)
- Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy

- in your name, and expel demons in your name, and perform many powerful works in your name? ([Matthew 7:22](#))
- And yet then I will confess to them; I never knew you! Get away from me, you workers of lawlessness. ([Matthew 7:23](#))
 - Then, too, if anyone says to you; See; Here is the Christ; See; There he is. Do not believe it. ([Mark 13:21](#))
 - For false Christ's and false **prophets** will arise and will give signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, the chosen ones. ([Mark 13:22](#))
 - You, then, watch out, I have told you all things beforehand. ([Mark 13:23](#))
 - However, there also came to be false **prophets** among the people, as there will also be false teachers among you. These very ones will quietly bring in destructive sects and will disown even the owner that bought them, bringing speedy destruction upon themselves. ([2 Peter 2:1](#))
 - Furthermore, many will follow their acts of loose conduct, and on account of these the way of the truth will be spoken of abusively. ([2 Peter 2:2](#))
 - Also, with covetousness they will exploit you with counterfeit words. But as for them, the judgment from of old is not moving slowly, and the destruction of them is not slumbering. ([2 Peter 2:3](#))
 - Beloved ones, do not believe every inspired expression, but test the inspired expressions to see whether they originate with God, because many false **prophets** have gone forth into the world. ([1 John 4:1](#))
 - You gain the knowledge of the inspired expression from God by this; Every inspired expression that confesses Jesus Christ as having come in the flesh originates with God. ([1 John 4:2](#))
 - But every inspired expression that does not confess Jesus does not originate with God. Furthermore, this is the antichrists inspired expression which you have heard was coming, and now it is already in the world. ([1 John 4:3](#))

- The true **prophet** never foretold simply to satisfy human curiosity. Every prediction related to God's will, purpose, standards, or judgment.

- And it came about at that particular time that Jeroboam himself went out from Jerusalem, and Ahijah the Shilonite the **prophet** got to find him on the road, and Ahijah was covering himself with a new garment, and the two of them were by themselves in the field. (1 Kings 11:29)

- Ahijah now took hold of the new garment that was on him and ripped it into twelve pieces. (1 Kings 11:30)

- And he went on to say to Jeroboam; Take for yourself ten pieces, for this is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; Here I am ripping the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and I shall certainly give you ten tribes. (1 Kings 11:31)

- And the one tribe is what will continue his for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel. (1 Kings 11:32)

- The reason why is that they have left me and begun to bow down to Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, to Chemosh the god of Moab and to Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon, and they have not walked in my ways by doing what is right in my eyes and my statutes and my judicial decisions like David his father. (1 Kings 11:33)

- But I shall not take the entire kingdom out of his hand, because a chieftain I shall set him for all the days of his life, for the sake of David my servant whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes. (1 Kings 11:34)

- And I shall certainly take the kingship out of the hand of his son and give it to you, even ten tribes. (1 Kings 11:35)

- And to his son I shall give one tribe, in order, that David my servant may continue having a lamp always before me in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for myself to put my name there. (1 Kings 11:36)

- And you are the one that I shall take, and you will indeed reign

over all that your soul craves, and you will certainly become king over Israel. (1 Kings 11:37)

- And it must occur that, if you obey all that I shall command you, and you do walk in my ways and actually do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, just as David my servant did, I will also prove to be with you, and I will build you a lasting house, just as I have built for David, and I will give you Israel. (1 Kings 11:38)
- And I shall humiliate the offspring of David on account of this, only not always. (1 Kings 11:39)
- And Yehowah proceeded to say to Isaiah; Go out, please, to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, to the end of the conduit of the upper pool by the highway of the laundryman's field. (Isaiah 7:3)
- And you must say to him; Watch yourself and keep undisturbed. Do not be afraid, and do not let your heart itself be timid because of the two tail ends of these smoking logs, because of the hot anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. (Isaiah 7:4)
- For the reason that Syria with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah has advised what is bad against you, saying; (Isaiah 7:5)
- Let us go up against Judah and tear it apart and by breakthroughs take it for ourselves, and let us make another king reign inside it, the son of Tabeel. (Isaiah 7:6)
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; It will not stand, neither will it take place. (Isaiah 7:7)
- For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin, and within just sixty-five years Ephraim will be shattered to pieces so as not to be a people. (Isaiah 7:8)
- And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. Unless you people have faith, you will in that case not be of long duration. (Isaiah 7:9)
- Often the future events foretold were the consequence of existing conditions, as the people sowed, so they would reap. The false prophets lulled the people and their leaders with soothing assurances

that, despite their unrighteous course, God was still with them to protect and prosper them.

- **This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Do not listen to the words of the **prophets** who are prophesying to you people. They are making you become vain. The vision of their own heart is what they speak, not from the mouth of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 23:16**)**
- **They are saying again and again to those who are disrespectful of me, Yehowah has spoken; Peace is what you people will come to have. And to every one walking in the stubbornness of his heart they have said; No calamity will come upon you people. (**Jeremiah 23:17**)**
- **For who has stood in the intimate group of Yehowah that he might see and hear his word? Who has given attention to his word that he might hear it? (**Jeremiah 23:18**)**
- **Look! The windstorm of Yehowah, rage itself, will certainly go forth, even a whirling tempest. Upon the head of the wicked ones it will whirl itself. (**Jeremiah 23:19**)**
- **The anger of Yehowah will not turn back until he will have carried out and until he will have made the ideas of his heart come true. In the final part of the days you people will give your consideration to it with understanding. (**Jeremiah 23:20**)**
- **Then it came about in that year, in the beginning of the kingdom of Zedekiah the king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur, the **prophet** who was from Gibeon, said to me in the house of Yehowah before the eyes of the priests and of all the people. (**Jeremiah 28:1**)**
- **This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon. (**Jeremiah 28:2**)**
- **Within two full years more I am bringing back to this place all the utensils of the house of Yehowah that Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon took from this place that he might bring them to Babylon. (**Jeremiah 28:3**)**
- **And Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, and all the exiles of Judah who have come to Babylon I am bringing back to**

- this place, is the utterance of Yehowah, for I shall break the yoke of the king of Babylon. (**Jeremiah 28:4**)
- And Jeremiah the **prophet** proceeded to say to Hananiah the prophet before the eyes of the priests and before the eyes of all the people who were standing in the house of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 28:5**)
 - Yes, Jeremiah the **prophet** proceeded to say; Amen! Thus may Yehowah do! May Yehowah establish your words that you have prophesied by bringing back the utensils of the house of Yehowah and all the exiled people from Babylon to this place! (**Jeremiah 28:6**)
 - However, hear, please, this word that I am speaking in your ears and in the ears of all the people. (**Jeremiah 28:7**)
 - As regards the **prophets** that happened to be prior to me and prior to you from long ago, they also used to prophesy concerning many lands and concerning great kingdoms, of war and of calamity and of pestilence. (**Jeremiah 28:8**)
 - As regards the **prophet** that **prophesies** of peace, when the word of the prophet comes true the **prophet** whom Yehowah has sent in truth will become known. (**Jeremiah 28:9**)
 - At that Hananiah the **prophet** took the yoke bar from off the neck of Jeremiah the **prophet** and broke it. (**Jeremiah 28:10**)
 - And Hananiah went on to say before the eyes of all the people; This is what Yehowah has said; Just like this I shall break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon within two full years more from off the neck of all the nations. And Jeremiah the **prophet** proceeded to go his way. (**Jeremiah 28:11**)
 - Then the word of Yehowah occurred to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the **prophet** had broken the yoke bar from off the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, saying; (**Jeremiah 28:12**)
 - Go, and you must say to Hananiah; This is what Yehowah has said; Yoke bars of wood you have broken, and instead of them you will have to make yoke bars of iron. (**Jeremiah 28:13**)
 - For this is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said;

A yoke of iron I will put upon the neck of all these nations, to serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and they must serve him. And even the wild beasts of the field I will give him. **(Jeremiah 28:14)**

- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; **(Ezekiel 13:1)**
- Son of man, prophesy concerning the **prophets** of Israel who are prophesying, and you must say to those prophesying out of their own heart; Hear the word of Yehowah. **(Ezekiel 13:2)**
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Woe to the stupid **prophets**, who are walking after their own spirit, when there is nothing that they have seen! **(Ezekiel 13:3)**
- Like foxes in the devastated places are what your own **prophets** have become, O Israel. **(Ezekiel 13:4)**
- You men will certainly not go up into the gaps, neither will you build up a stone wall in behalf of the house of Israel, in order to stand in the battle in the day of Yehowah. **(Ezekiel 13:5)**
- They have visioned what is untrue and a lying divination, those who are saying; The utterance of Yehowah is, when Yehowah himself has not sent them, and they have waited to have a word come true. **(Ezekiel 13:6)**
- Is it not an untrue vision that you men have visioned, and a lying divination that you have said, when saying; The utterance of Yehowah is, when I myself have spoken nothing? **(Ezekiel 13:7)**
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the reason that you men have spoken untruth and you have visioned a lie, therefore here I am against you, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. **(Ezekiel 13:8)**
- And my hand has come to be against the **prophets** that are visioning untruth and that are divining a lie. In the intimate group of my people they will not continue on, and in the register of the house of Israel they will not be written, and to the soil of Israel they will not come, and you people will have to know that I am the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. **(Ezekiel 13:9)**

- For the reason, yes, for the reason that they have led my people astray, saying; There is peace! When there is no peace, and there is one that is building a partition wall, but in vain there are those plastering it with whitewash. (**Ezekiel 13:10**)
- Say to those plastering with whitewash that it will fall. A flooding downpour will certainly occur, and you, O hailstones, will fall, and a blast of windstorms itself will cause a splitting. (**Ezekiel 13:11**)
- And, look! The wall must fall. Will it not be said to you men, Where is the coating with which you did the plastering? (**Ezekiel 13:12**)
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; I will also cause a blast of windstorms to burst forth in my rage, and in my anger there will occur a flooding downpour, and in rage there will be hailstones for an extermination. (**Ezekiel 13:13**)
- And I will tear down the wall that you men have plastered with whitewash and bring it into contact with the earth, and its foundation must be exposed. And she will certainly fall, and you must come to an end in the midst of her, and you will have to know that I am Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 13:14**)
- And I will bring my rage to its finish upon the wall and upon those plastering it with whitewash, and I shall say to you men; The wall is no more, and those plastering it are no more. (**Ezekiel 13:15**)
- The **prophets** of Israel that are prophesying to Jerusalem and that are visioning for her a vision of peace, when there is no peace, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 13:16**)
- Woe, whenever all men speak well of you, for things like these are what their forefathers did to the false **prophets**. (**Luke 6:26**)
- They imitated the true **prophets**, employing symbolic language and actions.
- Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron and said; This is what Yehowah has said; With these you

- will push the Syrians until you exterminate them. (**1 Kings 22:11**)
- At that Hananiah the **prophet** took the yoke bar from off the neck of Jeremiah the **prophet** and broke it. (**Jeremiah 28:10**)
 - And Hananiah went on to say before the eyes of all the people; This is what Yehowah has said; Just like this I shall break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon within two full years more from off the neck of all the nations. And Jeremiah the **prophet** proceeded to go his way. (**Jeremiah 28:11**)
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 - For this is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; A yoke of iron I will put upon the neck of all these nations, to serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and they must serve him. And even the wild beasts of the field I will give him. (**Jeremiah 28:14**)
 - While some were outright frauds, many were evidently **prophets** who became delinquent or apostate.
 - And now send, collect together all Israel to me at Mount Carmel and also the four hundred and fifty **prophets** of Baal and the four hundred **prophets** of the sacred pole, who are eating at the table of Jezebel. (**1 Kings 18:19**)
 - However, Jehoshaphat went on to say to the king of Israel; Inquire, please, first of all for the word of Yehowah. (**1 Kings 22:5**)
 - So the king of Israel collected the **prophets** together, about four hundred men, and said to them; Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead in war, or shall I refrain? And they began to say; Go up, and Yehowah will give it into the king's hand. (**1 Kings 22:6**)
 - But Jehoshaphat said; Is there not here a **prophet** of Yehowah still? Then let us inquire through him. (**1 Kings 22:7**)

- And these also, because of wine they have gone astray and because of intoxicating liquor they have wandered about. Priest and **prophet**, they have gone astray because of intoxicating liquor, they have become confused as a result of the wine, they have wandered about as a result of the intoxicating liquor, they have gone astray in their seeing, they have reeled as to decision. (**Isaiah 28:7**)
- For both the **prophet** and the priest themselves have become polluted. Also in my own house I have found their badness, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 23:11**)
- Therefore their way will become for them like slippery places in the gloom, into which they will be pushed and certainly fall. For I shall bring upon them a calamity, the year of their being given attention, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 23:12**)
- And in the **prophets** of Samaria I have seen impropriety. They have acted as **prophets** incited by Baal, and they keep making my people, even Israel, wander about. (**Jeremiah 23:13**)
- And in the **prophets** of Jerusalem I have seen horrible things, committing adultery and walking in falsehood, and they have strengthened the hands of evildoers in order, that they should not return, each one from his own badness. To me all of them have become like Sodom, and the inhabitants of her like Gomorrah. (**Jeremiah 23:14**)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah of armies has said against the **prophets**; Here I am making them eat wormwood, and I will give them poisoned water to drink. For from the **prophets** of Jerusalem apostasy has gone forth to all the land. (**Jeremiah 23:15**)
- Some were women, false **prophetesses**.
- And as for you, O son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who are acting as **prophetesses** out of their own heart, and prophesy against them. (**Ezekiel 13:17**)
- And you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Woe to the women sewing bands together upon all elbows and making veils upon the head of every size in order to hunt

- souls! Are the souls that you women hunt down the ones belonging to my people, and the souls belonging to you the ones that you preserve alive? (**Ezekiel 13:18**)
- And will you profane me toward my people for the handfuls of barley and for the morsels of bread, in order to put to death the souls that ought not to die and in order to preserve alive the souls that ought not to live by your lie to my people, the hearers of a lie? (**Ezekiel 13:19**)
 - Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am against the bands of you women, with which you are hunting down the souls as though they were flying things, and I will rip them from off your arms and let go the souls that you are hunting down, souls as though they were flying things. (**Ezekiel 13:20**)
 - And I will rip away your veils and deliver my people out of your hand, and they will no more prove to be in your hand something caught in the hunt, and you will have to know that I am Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 13:21**)
 - By reason of dejecting the heart of a righteous one with falsehood, when I myself had not caused him pain, and for making the hands of a wicked one strong so that he would not turn back from his bad way in order to preserve him alive. (**Ezekiel 13:22**)
 - Therefore untruth you women will not keep on visioning, and divination you will divine no longer, and I will deliver my people out of your hand, and you will have to know that I am Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 13:23**)
 - Nevertheless, I do hold this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a **prophetess**, and she teaches and misleads my slaves to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols. (**Revelation 2:20**)
 - A spirit of uncleanness replaced God's spirit. All such false **prophets** were to be put to death.
 - And it must occur in that day, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies, that I shall cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they will no more be remembered, and also the **prophets** and

the spirit of uncleanness I shall cause to pass out of the land.
([Zechariah 13:2](#))

- And it must occur that in case a man should prophesy anymore, his father and his mother, the ones who caused his birth, must also say to him, You will not live, because falsehood is what you have spoken in the name of Yehowah. And his father and his mother, the ones who caused his birth, must pierce him through because of his prophesying. ([Zechariah 13:3](#))
- And that **prophet** or that dreamer of the dream should be put to death, because he has spoken of revolt against Yehowah your God, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt and has redeemed you from the house of slaves, to turn you from the way in which Yehowah your God has commanded you to walk, and you must clear out what is evil from your midst. ([Deuteronomy 13:5](#))
- As to those measuring up to the divine standards, the fulfillment of certain short-range **prophecies**, some being accomplished in just a day or a year, gave basis for confidence that their **prophecies** relating to a more distant future would also see fulfillment.
- And here there was a man of God that had come out of Judah by the word of Yehowah to Bethel, while Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make sacrificial smoke. ([1 Kings 13:1](#))
- Then he called out against the altar by the word of Yehowah and said; O altar, altar, this is what Yehowah has said; Look! A son born to the house of David, whose name is Josiah! And he will certainly sacrifice upon you the priests of the high places that are making sacrificial smoke upon you, and mens bones he will burn upon you. ([1 Kings 13:2](#))
- And he gave a portent on that day, saying; This is the portent of which Yehowah has spoken; Look! The altar is ripped apart, and the fatty ashes that are upon it will certainly be spilled out. ([1 Kings 13:3](#))
- And it came about that, as soon as the king heard the word of the man of the true God that he had called out against the altar in Bethel, Jeroboam at once thrust out his hand from off the altar, saying; You men, grab hold of him! Immediately his hand that he had thrust out against him became dried up, and he was not

- able to draw it back to himself. (**1 Kings 13:4**)
- **And the altar itself was ripped apart so that the fatty ashes were spilled out from the altar, according to the portent that the man of the true God had given by the word of Yehowah. (1 Kings 13:5)**
 - **And you yourself, rise up, go to your house. When your feet come into the city the child will certainly die. (1 Kings 14:12)**
 - **At that Jeroboam's wife rose up and went her way and came to Tirzah. As she was arriving at the threshold of the house, the boy himself died. (1 Kings 14:17)**
 - **Then he said; At this appointed time next year you will be embracing a son. But she said; No, my master, O man of the true God! Do not tell lies in connection with your maidservant. (2 Kings 4:16)**
 - **However, the woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son at this appointed time the next year, just as Elisha had spoken to her. (2 Kings 4:17)**
 - **Elisha now said; Listen, you men, to the word of Yehowah. This is what Yehowah has said; Tomorrow about this time a seah measure of fine flour will be worth a shekel, and two seah measures of barley worth a shekel in the gateway of Samaria. (2 Kings 7:1)**
 - **At that the adjutant upon whose hand the king was supporting himself answered the man of the true God and said; If Yehowah were making floodgates in the heavens, could this thing take place? To this he said; Here you are seeing it with your own eyes, but from it you will not eat. (2 Kings 7:2)**
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• Sons Of The Prophets

- As Gesenius Hebrew Grammar explains (Oxford, 1952, p. 418), the Hebrew *ben*, son of, or *beneh'*, sons of, may denote membership of a guild or society, or of a tribe, or any definite class.
- At his side Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, did repair work, and at his side Hananiah a member of the ointment mixers did repair work, and they proceeded to flagstone Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. (Nehemiah 3:8)
- Where a member of the ointment mixers is literally a son of the ointment mixers. The sons of the **prophets** may thus describe a school of instruction for those called to this vocation or simply a cooperative association of **prophets**. Such **prophetic** groups are mentioned as being at Bethel, Jericho, and Gilgal.
- Then the sons of the **prophets** that were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him; Do you really know that today Yehowah is taking your master from headship over you? At this he said; I, too, well know it. Be silent. (2 Kings 2:3)
- Then the sons of the **prophets** that were at Jericho approached Elisha and said to him; Do you really know that today Yehowah is taking your master from headship over you? At this he said; I, too, well know it. Be silent. (2 Kings 2:5)
- And Elisha himself returned to Gilgal, and there was famine in the land. As the sons of the **prophets** were sitting before him, he in time said to his attendant; Put the large cooking pot on and boil stew for the sons of the **prophets**. (2 Kings 4:38)
- It is after that that you will come to the hill of the true God, where there is a garrison of the Philistines. And it should come about that at the time of your coming there to the city, you will certainly meet a group of **prophets** coming down from the high place, and ahead of them a stringed instrument and tambourine and flute and harp, while they are speaking as **prophets**. (1 Samuel 10:5)
- So they went from there to the hill, and here there was a group

- of **prophets** to meet him, at once the spirit of God became operative upon him, and he began to speak as a **prophet** in the middle of them. (**1 Samuel 10:10**)
- **Samuel presided over a group at Ramah.**
 - **In time the report got to Saul, saying; Look! David is in Naioth in Ramah. (**1 Samuel 19:19**)**
 - **At once Saul sent messengers to take David. When they got to see the elderly ones of the **prophets prophesying**, and Samuel standing in his position over them, the spirit of God came to be upon Saul's messengers, and they began behaving like prophets, they also. (**1 Samuel 19:20**)**
 - **And Elisha seems to have held a similar position in his day.**
 - **And Elisha himself returned to Gilgal, and there was famine in the land. As the sons of the **prophets** were sitting before him, he in time said to his attendant; Put the large cooking pot on and boil stew for the sons of the **prophets**. (**2 Kings 4:38**)**
 - **And the sons of the **prophets** began to say to Elisha; Look, now! The place where we are dwelling before you is too cramped for us. (**2 Kings 6:1**)**
 - **Let us go, please, as far as the Jordan and take from there each one a beam and make for ourselves there a place in which to dwell. So he said, Go. (**2 Kings 6:2**)**
 - **And a certain one went on to say; Come on, please, and go with your servants. At that he said; I myself shall go. (**2 Kings 6:3**)**
 - **Has not my lord been told what I did when Jezebel killed the **prophets** of Yehowah, how I kept some of the prophets of Yehowah hid, a hundred men by fifties in a cave, and kept supplying them bread and water? (**1 Kings 18:13**)**
 - **The record mentions their building their own dwelling place and the use of a borrowed tool, which may indicate that they lived simply. Though often sharing quarters and food in common, they might receive individual assignments to go out on **prophetic** missions.**
 - **And a certain man of the sons of the **prophets** said to his friend**

by the word of Yehowah; Strike me, please. But the man refused to strike him. (1 Kings 20:35)

- Therefore he said to him; For the reason that you did not listen to the voice of Yehowah, here you are going away from me, and a lion will certainly strike you down. After that he went away from beside him, and the lion got to find him and strike him down. (1 Kings 20:36)
- And he went on to find another man and to say; Strike me, please. So the man struck him, striking and wounding. (1 Kings 20:37)
- Then the **prophet** went and stood still for the king by the road, and he kept himself disguised with a bandage over his eyes. (1 Kings 20:38)
- And it came about that as the king was passing by, he cried out to the king and proceeded to say; Your servant himself went out into the thick of the battle, and, look! A man was leaving the line, and he came bringing a man to me and then said; Guard this man. If he should in any way be missing, your soul will also have to take the place of his soul, or else a talent of silver you will weigh out. (1 Kings 20:39)
- And it came about that as your servant was active here and there, why, he himself was gone. At this the king of Israel said to him; Thus your own judgment is. You yourself have decided. (1 Kings 20:40)
- Upon that he hurriedly removed the bandage from over his eyes, and the king of Israel got to recognize him, that he was from the **prophets**. (1 Kings 20:41)
- He now said to him; This is what Yehowah has said; For the reason that you have let go out of your hand the man devoted to me for destruction, your soul must take the place of his soul, and your people the place of his people. (1 Kings 20:42)
- Now there was a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the **prophets** that cried out to Elisha, saying; Your servant, my husband, is dead, and you yourself well know that your own servant had continually feared Yehowah, and the creditor himself has come to take both my children for his slaves. (2 Kings 4:1)

- **At this Elisha said to her; What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house? To this she said; Your maidservant has nothing at all in the house but a spouted jar of oil. (2 Kings 4:2)**
- **Accordingly a certain one went out to the field to pick mallows, and he got to find a wild vine and went picking wild gourds from it, his garment full, and then came and sliced them into the stewpot, for they were not acquainted with them. (2 Kings 4:39)**
- **And the sons of the prophets began to say to Elisha; Look, now! The place where we are dwelling before you is too cramped for us. (2 Kings 6:1)**
- **Let us go, please, as far as the Jordan and take from there each one a beam and make for ourselves there a place in which to dwell. So he said; Go. (2 Kings 6:2)**
- **And a certain one went on to say; Come on, please, and go with your servants. At that he said; I myself shall go. (2 Kings 6:3)**
- **Accordingly he went with them, and they finally came to the Jordan and began to cut down the trees. (2 Kings 6:4)**
- **And it came about that a certain one was felling his beam, and the axhead itself fell into the water. And he began to cry out and say; Alas, my master, for it was borrowed! (2 Kings 6:5)**
- **Then the man of the true God said; Where did it fall? So he showed him the place. Immediately he cut off a piece of wood and threw it there and made the axhead float. (2 Kings 6:6)**
- **He now said; Lift it up for yourself. At once he thrust his hand out and took it. (2 Kings 6:7)**
- **And Elisha the prophet, for his part, called one of the sons of the prophets and then said to him; Gird up your loins and take this flask of oil in your hand and go to Ramoth-gilead. (2 Kings 9:1)**
- **When you have come in there, see Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi there, and you must come in and make him get up from the midst of his brothers and bring him into the innermost chamber. (2 Kings 9:2)**

·· Prophets In The Christian Greek Scriptures

- The **Greek** word *pro-phe'tes* corresponds to the **Hebrew** *na-vi'*. The priest Zechariah, father of John the Baptizer, acted as **prophet** in revealing God's purpose concerning his son, John, who would be called a **prophet** of the Most High.
- But as for you, young child, you will be called a **prophet** of the Most High, for you will go in advance before Yehowah to make his ways ready. (**Luke 1:76**)
- John's simple mode of life and his message were reminiscent of earlier Hebrew **prophets**. He was widely recognized as a **prophet**, even Herod felt some restraint because of him.
- John the baptizer turned up in the wilderness, preaching baptism in symbol of repentance for forgiveness of sins. (**Mark 1:4**)
- Consequently all the territory of Judea and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem made their way out to him, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, openly confessing their sins. (**Mark 1:5**)
- Now John was clothed with camels hair and with a leather girdle around his loins, and was eating insect locusts and wild honey. (**Mark 1:6**)
- If, though, we say; From men, we have the crowd to fear, for they all hold John as a **prophet**. (**Matthew 21:26**)
- For Herod stood in fear of John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and he was keeping him safe. And after hearing him he was at a great loss what to do, yet he continued to hear him gladly. (**Mark 6:20**)
- Jesus said John was far more than a **prophet**.
- While these were on their way, Jesus started to say to the crowds respecting John; What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed being tossed by a wind? (**Matthew 11:7**)
- What, then, did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft garments? Why, those wearing soft garments are in the houses of kings. (**Matthew 11:8**)

- Really, then, why did you go out? To see a **prophet**? Yes, I tell you, and far more than a prophet. (**Matthew 11:9**)
- This is he concerning whom it is written: Look! I myself am sending forth my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way ahead of you! (**Matthew 11:10**)
- And many of the sons of Israel will he turn back to Yehowah their God. (**Luke 1:16**)
- Also, he will go before him with Elijah's spirit and power, to turn back the hearts of fathers to children and the disobedient ones to the practical wisdom of righteous ones, to get ready for Yehowah a prepared people. (**Luke 1:17**)
- In answer John said; A man cannot receive a single thing unless it has been given him from heaven. (**John 3:27**)
- You yourselves bear me witness that I said; I am not the Christ, but, I have been sent forth in advance of that one. (**John 3:28**)
- He that has the bride is the bridegroom. However, the friend of the bridegroom, when he stands and hears him, has a great deal of joy on account of the voice of the bridegroom. Therefore this joy of mine has been made full. (**John 3:29**)
- That one must go on increasing, but I must go on decreasing. (**John 3:30**)
- **Jesus, the Messiah, was The Prophet, the long-awaited one foretold by Moses.**
- Now this is the witness of John when the Jews sent forth priests and Levites from Jerusalem to him to ask him; Who are you? (**John 1:19**)
- And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed; I am not the Christ. (**John 1:20**)
- And they asked him; What, then? Are you Elijah? And he said; I am not. Are you, The Prophet? And he answered; No! (**John 1:21**)

- So they questioned him and said to him; Why, then, do you baptize if you yourself are not the Christ, or Elijah, or The Prophet? (**John 1:25**)
- John answered them, saying; I baptize in water. In the midst of you one is standing whom you do not know. (**John 1:26**)
- the one coming behind me, but the lace of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie. (**John 1:27**)
- Hence when the men saw the signs he performed, they began to say; This is for a certainty the **prophet** that was to come into the world. (**John 6:14**)
- Therefore some of the crowd that heard these words began saying; This is for a certainty **The Prophet**. (**John 7:40**)
- A **prophet** I shall raise up for them from the midst of their brothers, like you, and I shall indeed put my words in his mouth, and he will certainly speak to them all that I shall command him. (**Deuteronomy 18:18**)
- And it must occur that the man who will not listen to my words that he will speak in my name, I shall myself require an account from him. (**Deuteronomy 18:19**)
- Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the person of Yehowah. (**Acts of Apostles 3:19**)
- And that he may send forth the Christ appointed for you, Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 3:20**)
- Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy **prophets** of old time. (**Acts of Apostles 3:21**)
- In fact, Moses said; Yehowah God will raise up for you from among your brothers a **prophet** like me. You must listen to him according to all the things he speaks to you. (**Acts of Apostles 3:22**)
- Indeed, any soul that does not listen to that **Prophet** will be completely destroyed from among the people. (**Acts of Apostles**)

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- And all the **prophets**, in fact, from Samuel on and those in succession, just as many as have spoken, have also plainly declared these days. (**Acts of Apostles 3:24**)
- You are the sons of the **prophets** and of the covenant which God covenanted with your forefathers, saying to Abraham, and in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed. (**Acts of Apostles 3:25**)
- To you first God, after raising up his Servant, sent him forth to bless you by turning each one away from your wicked deeds. (**Acts of Apostles 3:26**)
- His ability to perform powerful works and to discern matters in a way beyond the ordinary caused others to recognize him as a **prophet**.
- With that he approached and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still, and he said; Young man, I say to you; Get up! (**Luke 7:14**)
- And the dead man sat up and started to speak, and he gave him to his mother. (**Luke 7:15**)
- Now fear seized them all, and they began to glorify God, saying; A great **prophet** has been raised up among us, and, God has turned his attention to his people. (**Luke 7:16**)
- He said to her; Go, call your husband and come to this place. (**John 4:16**)
- In answer the woman said; I do not have a husband. Jesus said to her; You said well, A husband I do not have. (**John 4:17**)
- For you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. This you have said truthfully. (**John 4:18**)
- The woman said to him; Sir, I perceive you are a **prophet**. (**John 4:19**)
- Then one of his servants said; None, my lord the king, but it is Elisha the **prophet** who is in Israel that tells the king of Israel the things that you speak in your inner bedroom. (**2 Kings 6:12**)

- **More than all others he was one in God's intimate group.**
- **For who has stood in the intimate group of Yehowah that he might see and hear his word? Who has given attention to his word that he might hear it? ([Jeremiah 23:18](#))**
- **No man has seen God at any time, the only-begotten god who is in the bosom position with the Father is the one that has explained him. ([John 1:18](#))**
- **But I have the witness greater than that of John, for the very works that my Father assigned me to accomplish, the works themselves that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father dispatched me. ([John 5:36](#))**
- **Jesus said to them; If God were your Father, you would love me, for from God I came forth and am here. Neither have I come of my own initiative at all, but that One sent me forth. ([John 8:42](#))**
- **He regularly quoted earlier **prophets** as testifying to his divine commission and office.**
- **In reply he said to them; A wicked and adulterous generation keeps on seeking for a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the **prophet**. ([Matthew 12:39](#))**
- **For just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights, so the Son of man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. ([Matthew 12:40](#))**
- **Jesus said to them; Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected is the one that has become the chief cornerstone. From Yehowah this has come to be, and it is marvelous in our eyes? ([Matthew 21:42](#))**
- **Yehowah's spirit is upon me, because he anointed me to declare Good News to the poor, he sent me forth to preach a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, to send the crushed ones away with a release. ([Luke 4:18](#))**
- **To preach Yehowah's acceptable year. ([Luke 4:19](#))**
- **With that he rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant**

and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were intently fixed upon him. (Luke 4:20)

- Then he started to say to them; Today this scripture that you just heard is fulfilled. (Luke 4:21)
- This is he concerning whom it is written: Look! I am sending forth my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way ahead of you. (Luke 7:27)
- So he said to them; O senseless ones and slow in heart to believe on all the things the **prophets** spoke! (Luke 24:25)
- Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into his glory? (Luke 24:26)
- And commencing at Moses and all the **Prophets** he interpreted to them things pertaining to himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)
- He now said to them; These are my words which I spoke to you while I was yet with you, that all the things written in the Law of Moses and in the **Prophets** and Psalms about me must be fulfilled. (Luke 24:44)
- But it is that the word written in their Law may be fulfilled; They hated me without cause. (John 15:25)
- He foretold the manner of his own betrayal and death, that as a **prophet** he would die at Jerusalem, the killer of the **prophets**, that his disciples would abandon him, that Peter would deny him three times, that he would be resurrected on the third day many of these prophecies being based on earlier **prophecies** in the Hebrew Scriptures.
- Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the following day, because it is not admissible for a **prophet** to be destroyed outside of Jerusalem. (Luke 13:33)
- Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the killer of the **prophets** and stoner of those sent forth to her, how often I wanted to gather your children together in the manner that a hen gathers her brood of chicks under her wings, but you people did not want it! (Luke 13:34)

- **Being now about to go up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the twelve disciples off privately and said to them on the road. (Matthew 20:17)**
- **Look! We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man will be delivered up to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death. (Matthew 20:18)**
- **And will deliver him up to men of the nations to make fun of and to scourge and to impale, and the third day he will be raised up. (Matthew 20:19)**
- **When, now, it had become evening, he was reclining at the table with the twelve disciples. (Matthew 26:20)**
- **While they were eating, he said; Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me. (Matthew 26:21)**
- **Being very much grieved at this, they commenced each and every one to say to him; Lord, it is not I, is it? (Matthew 26:22)**
- **In reply he said; He that dips his hand with me in the bowl is the one that will betray me. (Matthew 26:23)**
- **True, the Son of man is going away, just as it is written concerning him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been finer for him if that man had not been born. (Matthew 26:24)**
- **By way of reply Judas, who was about to betray him, said; It is not I, is it, Rabbi? He said to him; You yourself said it. (Matthew 26:25)**
- **Then Jesus said to them; All of you will be stumbled in connection with me on this night, for it is written, I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered about. (Matthew 26:31)**
- **But after I have been raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee. (Matthew 26:32)**
- **But Peter, in answer, said to him; Although all the others are stumbled in connection with you, never will I be stumbled! (Matthew 26:33)**

- **Jesus said to him; Truly I say to you, on this night, before a cock crows, you will disown me three times. (Matthew 26:34)**
- **Beyond this, he foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple.**
- **And when he got nearby, he viewed the city and wept over it. (Luke 19:41)**
- **Saying; If you, even you, had discerned in this day the things having to do with peace, but now they have been hid from your eyes. (Luke 19:42)**
- **Because the days will come upon you when your enemies will build around you a fortification with pointed stakes and will encircle you and distress you from every side. (Luke 19:43)**
- **And they will dash you and your children within you to the ground, and they will not leave a stone upon a stone in you, because you did not discern the time of your being inspected. (Luke 19:44)**
- **Later, as certain ones were speaking concerning the temple, how it was adorned with fine stones and dedicated things. (Luke 21:5)**
- **He said; As for these things that you are beholding, the days will come in which not a stone upon a stone will be left here and not be thrown down. (Luke 21:6)**
- **Then they questioned him, saying; Teacher, when will these things actually be, and what will be the sign when these things are destined to occur? (Luke 21:7)**
- **He said; Look out that you are not misled, for many will come on the basis of my name, saying; I am he, and, The due time has approached. Do not go after them. (Luke 21:8)**
- **Furthermore, when you hear of wars and disorders, do not be terrified. For these things must occur first, but the end does not occur immediately. (Luke 21:9)**
- **Then he went on to say to them; Nation will rise against nation,**

and kingdom against kingdom. ([Luke 21:10](#))

- **And there will be great earthquakes, and in one place after another pestilences and food shortages, and there will be fearful sights and from heaven great signs. ([Luke 21:11](#))**
- **But before all these things people will lay their hands upon you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, you being haled before kings and governor's for the sake of my name. ([Luke 21:12](#))**
- **It will turn out to you for a witness. ([Luke 21:13](#))**
- **Therefore settle it in your hearts not to rehearse beforehand how to make your defense. ([Luke 21:14](#))**
- **For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your opposers together will not be able to resist or dispute. ([Luke 21:15](#))**
- **Moreover, you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ([Luke 21:16](#))**
- **And you will be objects of hatred by all people because of my name. ([Luke 21:17](#))**
- **And yet not a hair of your heads will by any means perish. ([Luke 21:18](#))**
- **By endurance on your part you will acquire your souls. ([Luke 21:19](#))**
- **Furthermore, when you see Jerusalem surrounded by encamped armies, then know that the desolating of her has drawn near. ([Luke 21:20](#))**
- **Then let those in Judea begin fleeing to the mountains, and let those in the midst of her withdraw, and let those in the country places not enter into her. ([Luke 21:21](#))**
- **Because these are days for meting out justice, that all the things written may be fulfilled. ([Luke 21:22](#))**
- **Woe to the pregnant women and the ones suckling a baby in**

- those days! For there will be great necessity upon the land and wrath on this people. ([Luke 21:23](#))
- And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations, until the appointed times of the nations are fulfilled. ([Luke 21:24](#))
 - The precise fulfillment of all of these things within the life of those hearing him gave solid basis for faith and conviction as to the fulfillment of his prophecies relating to his presence. ([Matthew Chapter 24](#)) ([Mark Chapter 13](#))([Luke Chapter 21](#))
 - Pentecost, **33 C.E.**, saw the foretold outpouring of God's spirit on the disciples at Jerusalem, causing them to **prophecy** and see visions. They did this by declaring the magnificent things of God, and by inspired revelation of knowledge about God's Son and what this meant for their listeners.
 - Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our tongues about the magnificent things of God. ([Acts of Apostles 2:11](#))
 - Yes, they were all astonished and were in perplexity, saying one to another; What does this thing purport to be? ([Acts of Apostles 2:12](#))
 - However, different ones mocked at them and began to say; They are full of sweet wine. ([Acts of Apostles 2:13](#))
 - But Peter stood up with the eleven and raised his voice and made this utterance to them; Men of Judea and all you inhabitants of Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give ear to my sayings. ([Acts of Apostles 2:14](#))
 - These people are, in fact, not drunk, as you suppose, for it is the third hour of the day. ([Acts of Apostles 2:15](#))
 - On the contrary, this is what was said through the **prophet** Joel. ([Acts of Apostles 2:16](#))
 - And in the last days, God says, I shall pour out some of my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophecy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams. ([Acts of Apostles 2:17](#))

- **And even upon my men slaves and upon my women slaves I will pour out some of my spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. (Acts of Apostles 2:18)**
- **And I will give portents in heaven above and signs on earth below, blood and fire and smoke mist. (Acts of Apostles 2:19)**
- **The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and illustrious day of Yehowah arrives. (Acts of Apostles 2:20)**
- **And everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will be saved. (Acts of Apostles 2:21)**
- **Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus the Nazarene, a man publicly shown by God to you through powerful works and portents and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know. (Acts of Apostles 2:22)**
- **This man, as one delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you fastened to a stake by the hand of lawless men and did away with. (Acts of Apostles 2:23)**
- **But God resurrected him by loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to continue to be held fast by it. (Acts of Apostles 2:24)**
- **For David says respecting him, I had Yehowah constantly before my eyes, because he is at my right hand that I may never be shaken. (Acts of Apostles 2:25)**
- **On this account my heart became cheerful and my tongue rejoiced greatly. Moreover, even my flesh will reside in hope. (Acts of Apostles 2:26)**
- **Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your loyal one to see corruption. (Acts of Apostles 2:27)**
- **You have made lifes ways known to me, you will fill me with good cheer with your face. (Acts of Apostles 2:28)**
- **Men, brothers, it is allowable to speak with freeness of speech to you concerning the family head David, that he both deceased and**

- was buried and his tomb is among us to this day. (**Acts of Apostles 2:29**)
- Therefore, because he was a **prophet** and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one from the fruitage of his loins upon his throne. (**Acts of Apostles 2:30**)
 - He saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his flesh see corruption. (**Acts of Apostles 2:31**)
 - This Jesus God resurrected, of which fact we are all witnesses. (**Acts of Apostles 2:32**)
 - Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this which you see and hear. (**Acts of Apostles 2:33**)
 - Actually David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says, Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand. (**Acts of Apostles 2:34**)
 - Until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (**Acts of Apostles 2:35**)
 - Therefore let all the house of Israel know for a certainty that God made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you impaled. (**Acts of Apostles 2:36**)
 - Now when they heard this they were stabbed to the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles; Men, brothers, what shall we do? (**Acts of Apostles 2:37**)
 - Peter said to them; Repent, and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the free gift of the Holy Spirit. (**Acts of Apostles 2:38**)
 - For the promise is to you and to your children and to all those afar off, just as many as Yehowah our God may call to him. (**Acts of Apostles 2:39**)
 - And with many other words he bore thorough witness and kept exhorting them, saying; Get saved from this crooked generation. (**Acts of Apostles 2:40**)

- Again it should be remembered that prophesying does not mean solely or necessarily **predicting** the future. The apostle Paul stated that he that **prophesies** upbuilds and encourages and consoles men by his speech, and he held prophesying forth as a proper and particularly desirable goal for all Christians to strive after.
- Whereas speaking foreign tongues was a sign for unbelievers, **prophesying** was for believers. Yet even the unbeliever attending a Christian meeting would benefit by **prophesying**, being reproved and closely examined by it so that the secrets of his heart become manifest.
- Pursue love, yet keep zealously seeking the spiritual gifts, but preferably that you may **prophesy**. (1 Corinthians 14:1)
- For he that speaks in a tongue speaks, not to men, but to God, for no one listens, but he speaks sacred secrets by the spirit. (1 Corinthians 14:2)
- However, he that **prophesies** upbuilds and encourages and consoles men by his speech. (1 Corinthians 14:3)
- He that speaks in a tongue upbuilds himself, but he that prophesies upbuilds a congregation. (1 Corinthians 14:4)
- Now I would like for all of you to speak in tongues, but I prefer that you prophesy. Indeed, he that **prophesies** is greater than he that speaks in tongues, unless, in fact, he translates, that the congregation may receive upbuilding. (1 Corinthians 14:5)
- But at this time, brothers, if I should come speaking to you in tongues, what good would I do you unless I spoke to you either with a revelation or with knowledge or with a **prophecy** or with a teaching? (1 Corinthians 14:6)
- Consequently tongues are for a sign, not to the believers, but to the unbelievers, whereas **prophesying** is, not for the unbelievers, but for the believers. (1 Corinthians 14:22)
- Therefore, if the whole congregation comes together to one place and they all speak in tongues, but ordinary people or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are mad? (1 Corinthians 14:23)

- But if you are all **prophesying** and any unbeliever or ordinary person comes in, he is reprov'd by them all, he is closely examined by all. (**1 Corinthians 14:24**)
- The secrets of his heart become manifest, so that he will fall upon his face and worship God, declaring; God is really among you. (**1 Corinthians 14:25**)
- This, too, indicates that Christian **prophesying** did not consist mainly of **prediction** but instead often dealt with things relating to the present, though clearly proceeding from a source beyond the ordinary, being inspired by God. Paul counseled on the need for good order and self-control in congregational **prophesying**, so that all could learn and be encouraged.
- Further, let two or three **prophets** speak, and let the others discern the meaning. (**1 Corinthians 14:29**)
- But if there is a revelation to another one while sitting there, let the first one keep silent. (**1 Corinthians 14:30**)
- For you can all **prophesy** one by one, that all may learn and all be encouraged. (**1 Corinthians 14:31**)
- And gifts of the spirit of the **prophets** are to be controlled by the prophets. (**1 Corinthians 14:32**)
- For God is a God, not of disorder, but of peace. As in all the congregations of the holy ones. (**1 Corinthians 14:33**)
- There were, of course, certain ones particularly selected, or gifted, to serve as **prophets**.
- Now there are varieties of gifts, but there is the same spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:4**)
- And there are varieties of ministries, and yet there is the same Lord. (**1 Corinthians 12:5**)
- And there are varieties of operations, and yet it is the same God who performs all the operations in all persons. (**1 Corinthians 12:6**)

- But the manifestation of the spirit is given to each one for a beneficial purpose. (**1 Corinthians 12:7**)
- For example, to one there is given through the spirit speech of wisdom, to another speech of knowledge according to the same spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:8**)
- To another faith by the same spirit, to another gifts of healings by that one spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:9**)
- To yet another operations of powerful works, to another prophesying, to another discernment of inspired utterances, to another different tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues. (**1 Corinthians 12:10**)
- But all these operations the one and the same spirit performs, making a distribution to each one respectively just as it wills. (**1 Corinthians 12:11**)
- Now you are Christ's body, and members individually. (**1 Corinthians 12:27**)
- And God has set the respective ones in the congregation, first, apostles, second, **prophets**, third, teachers, then powerful works, then gifts of healings, helpful services, abilities to direct, different tongues. (**1 Corinthians 12:28**)
- Not all are apostles, are they? Not all are **prophets**, are they? Not all are teachers, are they? Not all perform powerful works, do they? (**1 Corinthians 12:29**)
- Paul himself had the gift of **prophesying**, yet he is primarily known as an apostle.
- And now, look! Bound in the spirit, I am journeying to Jerusalem, although not knowing the things that will happen to me in it. (**Acts of Apostles 20:22**)
- Except that from city to city the Holy Spirit repeatedly bears witness to me as it says that bonds and tribulations are waiting for me. (**Acts of Apostles 20:23**)
- Nevertheless, I do not make my soul of any account as dear to me, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I

received of the Lord Jesus, to bear thorough witness to the Good News of the undeserved kindness of God. (**Acts of Apostles 20:24**)

- **And now, look! I know that all of you among whom I went preaching the kingdom will see my face no more. (Acts of Apostles 20:25)**
- **And when there had been a long abstinence from food, then Paul stood up in the midst of them and said; Men, you certainly ought to have taken my advice and not have put out to sea from Crete and have sustained this damage and loss. (Acts of Apostles 27:21)**
- **Still, now I recommend to you to be of good cheer, for not a soul of you will be lost, only the boat will. (Acts of Apostles 27:22)**
- **For this night there stood near me an angel of the God to whom I belong and to whom I render sacred service. (Acts of Apostles 27:23)**
- **Saying; Have no fear, Paul. You must stand before Caesar, and, look! God has freely given you all those sailing with you. (Acts of Apostles 27:24)**
- **Therefore be of good cheer, men, for I believe God that it will be exactly as it has been told me. (Acts of Apostles 27:25)**
- **However, we must be cast ashore on a certain island. (Acts of Apostles 27:26)**
- **Paul said to the army officer and the soldiers; Unless these men remain in the boat, you cannot be saved. (Acts of Apostles 27:31)**
- **Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is in the interest of your safety, for not a hair of the head of one of you will perish. (Acts of Apostles 27:34)**
- **And if I have the gift of prophesying and am acquainted with all the sacred secrets and all knowledge, and if I have all the faith so as to transplant mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:2)**
- **But at this time, brothers, if I should come speaking to you in**

tongues, what good would I do you unless I spoke to you either with a revelation or with knowledge or with a prophecy or with a teaching? ([1 Corinthians 14:6](#))

- Those especially designated as **prophets**, such as Agabus, Judas, and Silas, appear to have been outstanding spokesmen for the Christian congregation, second only to the apostles.
- And God has set the respective ones in the congregation, first, apostles, second, **prophets**, third, teachers, then powerful works, then gifts of healings, helpful services, abilities to direct, different tongues. ([1 Corinthians 12:28](#))
- And he gave some as apostles, some as **prophets**, some as evangelizers, some as shepherds and teachers. ([Ephesians 4:11](#))
- Like the apostles, they not only served locally but also traveled to different points, gave discourses, and also foretold certain future events.
- Now in these days **prophets** came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ([Acts of Apostles 11:27](#))
- One of them named Agabus rose and proceeded to indicate through the spirit that a great famine was about to come upon the entire inhabited earth, which, for that matter, did take place in the time of Claudius. ([Acts of Apostles 11:28](#))
- Now in Antioch there were **prophets** and teachers in the local congregation, Barnabas as well as Symeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who was educated with Herod the district ruler, and Saul. ([Acts of Apostles 13:1](#))
- Then the apostles and the older men together with the whole congregation favored sending chosen men from among them to Antioch along with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was called Barsabbas and Silas, leading men among the brothers. ([Acts of Apostles 15:22](#))
- Accordingly, when these men were let go, they went down to Antioch, and they gathered the multitude together and handed them the letter. ([Acts of Apostles 15:30](#))
- After reading it, they rejoiced over the encouragement. ([Acts of](#)

Apostles 15:31)

- **And Judas and Silas, since they themselves were also prophets, encouraged the brothers with many a discourse and strengthened them. (Acts of Apostles 15:32)**
- **So, when they had passed some time, they were let go in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them out. (Acts of Apostles 15:33)**
- **But while we were remaining quite a number of days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. (Acts of Apostles 21:10)**
- **And he came to us and took up the girdle of Paul, bound his own feet and hands and said; Thus says the Holy Spirit, The man to whom this girdle belongs the Jews will bind in this manner in Jerusalem and deliver into the hands of people of the nations. (Acts of Apostles 21:11)**
- **As earlier, some Christian women received the gift of prophesying, though always subject to the headship of the male members of the congregation.**
- **This man had four daughters, virgins, that prophesied. (Acts of Apostles 21:9)**
- **But I want you to know that the head of every man is the Christ, in turn the head of a woman is the man, in turn the head of the Christ is God. (1 Corinthians 11:3)**
- **Every man that prays or prophesies having something on his head shames his head. (1 Corinthians 11:4)**
- **But every woman that prays or prophesies with her head uncovered shames her head, for it is one and the same as if she were a woman with a shaved head. (1 Corinthians 11:5)**