

**Ephesians 4:11~** And he gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelizers,<sup>1</sup> some as shepherds and teachers.

**Footnote:** Or, missionaries Greek, *eu·ag·ge·li·stas*'; Latin, *e·van·ge·li·stas*

1· Thus when Christ ascended to the heaven, he gave gifts of the spirit to those on earth, who were drawn into this similar course as his, those who are part of his body. He gave various gifts that include, apostles, prophets, evangelizers, shepherds and teachers. There are also other gifts, that Paul simply did not mention here. These gifts vary from Christian to Christian within the entire congregation.

**[Question]** What then, did Christ give as gifts to those still on earth of his disciples, when he himself ascended to heaven?

**[Question]** What are some of these gifts of the spirit, and do they vary?

2· The names of the twelve **apostles** are these. First, Simon, the one called Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James the son of Zebedee and John his brother. (**Matthew 10:2**)

**[Question]** What were among the apostles of Christ Jesus?

3· 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**)

**[Question]** What hierarchy of importance of these gifts exists?

4· The next day we set out and arrived in Caesarea, and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelizer, who was one of the seven men, and we stayed with him. (**Acts of Apostles 21:8**)

**[Question]** What gifts did Phillip have of the spirit, and what did the spirit appoint him along with six others to perform for the congregation?

5· 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**)

**[Question]** What gifts existed within the Antioch congregation, and who possessed them?

- 6· Not many of you should become **teachers**, my brothers, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment. (**James 3:1**)

**[Question]** Why should not many become teachers within the congregation of God?

- 7· You have ascended on high. You have carried away captives. You have taken gifts in the form of men, yes, even the stubborn ones, to reside among them, O Yah God. (**Psalms 68:18**)

**[Question]** What did the Psalmist prophesy about the Christ, and what he would do when he ascended to heaven?

- 8· Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have commissioned watchmen. All day long and all night long, constantly, let them not keep still. You who are making mention of Yehowah, let there be no silence on your part. (**Isaiah 62:6**)

**[Question]** What did Yehowah commission to guard his holy ones, and how do elders within the anointed congregation serve to this purpose?

- 9· And I will give you **shepherds** in agreement with my heart, and they will certainly feed you with knowledge and insight. (**Jeremiah 3:15**)

**[Question]** What did Yehowah promise to give according to his will, and what would such ones feed his sheep with?

- 10· Now in these days **prophets** came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. (**Acts of Apostles 11:27**)

**[Question]** Who came down from Antioch to Jerusalem in those days?

- 11· Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, to shepherd the congregation of God, which he purchased with the blood of his own Son. (**Acts of Apostles 20:28**)

**[Question]** Why did Yehowah God appoint through the Holy Spirit, certain men as overseers of his people?

- 12· And there are varieties of ministries, and yet there is the same Lord. (1 Corinthians 12:5)**

**[Question]** What are there varieties of, and yet who directs them all?

- 13· Further, let two or three prophets speak, and let the others discern the meaning. (1 Corinthians 14:29)**

**[Question]** What were members of the congregation to do, when prophets spoke within the congregation?

- 14· Wherefore he says: When he ascended on high he carried away captives. He gave gifts in men. (Ephesians 4:8)**

**[Question]** What did Jesus Christ give on earth, when he ascended in high?

- 15· For, indeed, although you ought to be teachers in view of the time, you again need someone to teach you from the beginning the elementary things of the sacred pronouncements of God. You have become such as need milk, not solid food. (Hebrews 5:12)**

**[Question]** What did Paul state the anointed Hebrew Christians ought to be by now, because they had a long time exposure to the truths of the Bible?