

"IS GOD STILL GIVING PROPHECY AND REVELATION TODAY?" Pt.2

A. Seven GENERAL BIBLICAL OBSERVATIONS Regarding PROPHETS.

7. The ultimate true Prophet of God is _____. (Deut. 18:15, 18; John 1:19-27, 44-49, 4:19, 25, 6:14, 7:16, 7:40, 8:28; Acts 3:19-23)

B. Some SPECIFIC NEW TESTAMENT OBSERVATIONS Regarding PROPHECY.

1. Prophecy is a _____ which is given to certain believers by the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:7-11)

2. Prophets were the _____ most important gift/office in the early church. (1 Cor. 12:28)

3. Prophecy was _____ given to all believers in Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:29)

4. Prophecy includes receiving direct _____ from God, with a _____ element. (1 Corinthians 13:2; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

5. Prophecy would _____ when "that which is _____ is come." (1 Cor.13:8-10)

6. Prophecy benefits the church by speaking God's Word via direct revelation resulting in _____, _____, and _____. (1 Corinthians 14:1-5)

7. Prophecy exercised during church gatherings needed to follow certain regulations. (14:26, 29-33)

a. In any church gathering, only ___ or at the most ___ prophets were allowed to speak. (14:29a)

b. Every prophecy was to be _____ or examined carefully. (14:29b)

c. The most recent prophesy was to take the _____. (14:30)

d. Prophesying was to be done _____ at a _____. (14:31)

e. Prophets were always to be in _____ of their spirit when prophesying. (14:32-33)

8. Prophets were _____ to the church. (Ephesians 2:20)

9. Prophecies were not to be _____ but needed to be _____ before being embraced. (1 Thessalonians 5:20-22; 1 John 4:1-3; Acts 17:10-12)

10. False prophets / teachers are present in the "church" and are characterized by their _____ teaching, their _____ practices, their _____ of the undiscerning, their _____, their unrestrained _____, and abusing their position for personal _____. (2 Peter 2:1-3, 10-17)

11. False prophecy will be used by Satan to bring in the ecumenical one-world _____ church. (Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24; Revelation 13:11-18, 16:13, 19:20)

C. Some IMPORTANT QUESTIONS Regarding PROPHECY and REVELATION TODAY?

1. What is the difference between a "prophet" and "pastors / teacher"? Prophets received direct _____ from God and proclaim God's truths. Pastors and teachers need to now carefully _____ God's written revelation in order to preach God's Word. (1 Tim.4:13; 2 Tim. 2:15)

2. Has "prophecy" and "revelation" ceased for the Church age? _____!

a. The prediction: _____.

8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

• So what does the "perfect" refer to? 5) The _____ canon of Scripture

• Why?

1) The neuter _____ of "that which is [the] perfect [thing]" would be appropriate for the Scriptures.

2) The completed Scriptures are the _____ replacement for the "in part" revelation of Paul's day.

3) _____ re-inforce this interpretation.

4) Because of Paul's use of the "_____ " analogy in reference to the Word of God in 2 Cor.3:18, and James use of a "mirror" and "perfect" in James 1:22-25.

b. The proofs:

1) Prophets were needed for the _____ of the Church, not for the roof. (Eph.2:20)

2) God's truths have been _____ and for _____ delivered to the saints. (Jude 3)

3) The Bible has been _____ and _____ for the present age, and we are warned not to _____ or _____ from it. (1 Cor.13:8-10; Rev.22:18-19)

4) _____ bears witness to the cessation of prophecy.

3. Was there ever a cessation of prophecy in the past?

_____, with the completion of the Old Testament. There was _____ silent years with no prophecy and direct revelation from God!

4. If prophecy has ceased, how does one explain Pentecostal / charismatic claims of prophecy today?

They are _____, _____, fake, or _____.

5. If prophecy has ceased, how does God personally speak to believers today? Through His _____, through _____, through providential _____, etc.

6. Does it really matter what one believes about on-going revelation and prophecy?

The belief of ongoing prophecy _____ the _____ authority and sufficiency of the Scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)