God's True Prophets - Acts 21B

God had the priests & prophets.

The Levite priests made intercession to God and the rest of the priests did the work in the temple.

The prophets gave the people messages from God.

Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that <u>killest</u> the <u>prophets</u>, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!

Modern prophets more like diviners giving personal prophesies.

- 1 Corinthians 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. (the gifts)
- Mark 6:18 For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to <u>have</u> thy brother's wife.
- 1 Kings 18:17,18 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art* thou he that troubleth Israel? 18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.
- The Lord Jesus Christ, John Baptist, Peter & the apostles went around saying "Repent".
- Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.
- Acts 21:8-14 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him. 9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy. 10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. 11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. 12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. 14 And when he

- would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, <u>The will of the Lord be</u> done.
- Paul stopping at various churches all along the way to Jerusalem. There were many prophesies warning of trouble ahead for Paul.
- Matthew 16:23 But he turned, and said unto <u>Peter</u>, Get thee behind me, <u>Satan</u>: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.
- 1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
- Acts 16 referred to Paul dealing with spirit of divination in girl.
- Acts 21:8,9 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him. 9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.
- 1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the <u>husband</u> of <u>one wife</u>, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- Adam had a rib taken out to make Eve. It was taken from by his heart to work together. Not to rule one over the other.
- Acts 21:10,11 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. 11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.
- Summarized of Herod killing James, arresting Peter, & God striking Herod to death.
- Amos pleaded 4X with God, & God held back judgement. But the fourth time God sent judgement.
- Acts 21:12,13 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.
- Jesus went willingly to Jerusalem knoing it was time for Him to die for the sins of the world.
- Acts 21:14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, <u>The</u> will of the Lord be done.
- Revelation 2&3 messages to the churches referred to.
- Revelation 2:8-11 Smyrna commended
- Romans 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the <u>old paths</u>, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.
- Romans 12:2 And <u>be not conformed</u> to this <u>world</u>: but <u>be</u> ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.
- Acts 6:2-4 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
- Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- James 1:5 If any of you lack <u>wisdom</u>, let him <u>ask</u> of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen (martyred later), a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
- Acts 8 The account of Philip & the eunich summarized.
- Acts 6:6,7 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.
- Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, <u>I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:</u>
- Romans 12 & 1 Corinthians 12 on prophesy reviewing later.
- Acts 10 Peter's vision referred to.
- John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
- Exodus 15:20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels

- and with dances. (Godly dancing to hod.)
- Judges 4:4,7,8,21 And <u>Deborah</u>, a <u>prophetess</u>, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. 8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. 21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.
- 2 Kings 22:14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto <u>Huldah the prophetess</u>, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.
- Nehemiah 6:14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the <u>prophetess Noadiah</u>, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.
- Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and <u>your sons and your daughters shall prophesy</u>, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
- 1 Corinthians 11:5 But every <u>woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her</u> <u>head uncovered dishonoureth her head</u>: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.
- Revelation 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that <u>woman Jezebel</u>, <u>which calleth herself a prophetess</u>, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
- Numbers 11:17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.
- Numbers 11:25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that *was* upon him, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that*, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.
- Numbers 11:29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, *and* that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!
- 1 Corinthians 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another

- <u>prophecy</u>; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
- 1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
- Mark 9:38,39 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. 39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a <u>miracle</u> in <u>my name</u>, that can lightly speak evil of me.
- 1 Timothy 5:22 <u>Lay hands suddenly</u> on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

Annanias & Saphira only ones slain in spirit in Bible.

Acts 19 & Moses with the seventy elders received the spirit of prophesy.

- 1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but <u>rather</u> that ye may <u>prophesy</u>.
- 1 Corinthians 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but <u>rather</u> that ye <u>prophesied</u>: for greater *is* he that <u>prophesieth</u> than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

Prophets to proclaim God's Word to the people. Especially "Repent"

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

More service Notes:

Numbers 12:6-8 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. 7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. 8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

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