

Foundations: Prophecy

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.....and ~~Palm~~ Sunday

2 Peter 1:16-21 ESV

{16} For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

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{17} For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"

2 Peter 1:16-21 ESV

{18} we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:16-21 ESV

{19} And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

2 Peter 1:16-21 ESV

{20} knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

{21} For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 NKJV

19 Do not quench the Spirit.

20 Do not despise prophecies.

21 Test all things; hold fast what is good.

22 Abstain from every form of evil.

Kinds of Prophecies

1. Declarative or Preddictive texts
2. Prophetic Types:
Symbolic/Allegorical, Ceremonial,
Historical

Testing Prophets and Prophecies

100% accuracy

Deuteronomy 18:20-22; Numbers 23:19

Source and Motivation....

See also Matthew 7:15–18; 1 John 4:1; 2

Corinthians 11:13-15; Acts 17:10-11; 2

Timothy 2:15.

Testing Prophets and Prophecies

1. 100% Fulfilled (Deuteronomy 18:21–22; Jeremiah 28:8–9)
2. Consistent with Scripture (2 Peter 1:20–21; Revelation 22:18–19)
3. Will edify (Deut. 13:1–4; Jer. 23:13–14, 32; Eze. 13:17–23; 14:4–8; Lam. 2:14)

4. Thier life will reflect a divine call
(Isa.28:7; Jer. 23:10–11, 14; 29:9; Zeph.
3:4; Matt. 7:15–20).

5. Will acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord
(1 John 4:1–6).

Considerations

The Ancient Near Eastern Context

(Num 22–24; 1 King 18:19; Jer 27:8–11).

Context: Creation, Corruption,
Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross,
Consummation .

Prophecy and Prophets in the OT

navi' - most common Hebrew word translated "prophet" in the Old Testament. Uncertain origin, thought to refer to "someone who calls, proclaims" or to "someone who has been called."

“seer” (ro’eh or khozeh)

stresses the prophets’ receipt of visions, which frequently included auditions of the divine word (Num. 23:3–5; Jer. 38:21–23).

Doesn’t distinguish between these terms (1 Sam. 9:9)

Prophecy and Prophets in the OT

1st “prophet” = Abraham (Gen 20:7)

Moses = prototype of the prophetic office (Deut. 18:15; 34:10).

Looking for a Prophet like Moses....

Prophecy and Prophets in the OT

Speaking in the name of Yahweh (2 Sam. 12:7; 1 Kings 21:19, Amos 7:14–15; Isa. 6; Jer. 1; and Ezek. 1–3)

prophets continue the intermediating role first performed by Moses.

Prophecy and Prophets in the OT

Important political figures, anointed kings (1 Sam. 16:13; 1 Kings 19:15), military advisers (1 Kings 22; 2 Kings 3), confronters and ruler removers (1 Sam. 15:28; 2 Sam. 11–12; 14:7–18; 21).

Prophecy and Prophets in the OT

Types of Speech:

Vision reports (Amos 7:1–3),

Allegories (Isa. 5:1–7),

Dirges (Amos 5:1–3).

Two Main Genres:

“judgment” - announcement of judgment and the reasons for it (Isa. 30:1–14)

“salvation” (Jer. 28:2–4)

Prophecy and Prophets in the OT

The Basic OT Pattern:

Sin, Judgment, and Salvation

Prophecy and Prophets in the NT

Prophetic voices of Messiah/Salvation

Elizabeth (Luke 1:42–45), Mary (1:46–55), Zechariah (1:68–79), Simeon (2:29–32), and Anna (2:36–38).

Ananias ([Acts 9:10–18](#)), four daughters of Philip ([Acts 21:9](#)), spiritual gift ([1 Cor. 12 and 14](#)), two witnesses will prophesy from Jerusalem ([Revelation 11](#)).

Pentecost ([Acts 2](#); [Joel 2:28-32](#))
maidservants ([Luke 1:38](#)), daughters ([Acts 21:9](#)), young men ([11:27](#); [21:10](#)), and old men ([Luke 2:29](#)),

Prophecy appears in every list of gifts
(Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28; Eph. 4:11),
to edify the church (1 Cor. 14:4)

Alert and testing of false prophets
(Rev. 2:20; 19:20; cf. Matt. 7:15; 24:11;
Mark 13:22; Acts 13:6; 1 Cor. 14:29, 1
John 4:1)

Prophecy and Prophets in the NT

Whole books of the New Testament were written to show Jesus is fulfillment of old testament prophecies.

(Matthew 1:22–23; 2:15, 17–18; John 13:18; 19:24, 28; Acts 1:16 etc.)

Matthew 1:22 NKJV - So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying-

Matthew 5:17 NKJV - “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”

Luke 24:44 NKJV -"These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV - For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

John the prophet who baptizes...

Forerunner from Malachi 3:1 - (Mark 1:2-4; cf. Isaiah 40:3-5; Luke 1:17; 7:27)

A conclusion of a prophetic office time period.

(Matthew 11:13, 14:5)

Jesus - 300+ 1st coming prophecies

Called a prophet (**Matt. 13:57; 21:11; Mark 6:4; Luke 7:16; 9:8, 19; 24:19; John 4:19, 44; 6:14; 7:40; 9:17**)

Like Moses (**Acts 3:22–23; cf. Deut. 18:18–19**) Transfigured Glory (**Matt 17**)

Jesus

Now to all Nations...

(Gen 12:1-3, Rom 9-16; Gal. 1:15–16; cf. Jer. 1:5; Isa. 49:1)

Pentecost the new era of the last days...

(Acts 2; Joel 2:28-32)

Palm Sunday - Humble Prophetic Entry

Matthew 21:1-46 / Luke 19:35-44

Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy

Daniel 9:24-27

$69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880$ days

March 5, 444 B.C. + 173,880

= March 30, A.D. 33

Public Praise of Proclamation

Time is Short

Jesus is coming soon

Be the proof,

Grab a ~~Palm~~ Fern

Hosanna!

‘Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord!’

The King of Israel!

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