

The Final Authority
Study #16 2/17/19

Col 4:16 – notice the locations in vs 15 as well

16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

“the epistle from Laodicea”

It could have been a copy of another letter

It was most likely not part of the canon of Scripture

I Cor 5:9 – Before I Corinthians?

9 ¶ I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

NT Prophets

Rom 16:26 – “the scriptures of the prophets” (prophetic writings in some modern translations)

Ro 16:25 ¶ Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

When Israel was set aside along with the priesthood God established a different group to continue to identify, copy and distribute the Word of God

These are NT Grace Prophets

Eph 4:8,11

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

The earthly Christ established the Kingdom NT prophets

The ascended Christ established “Grace prophets”

Eph 2:19-20

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Apostles have a foundational ministry

(1st Prophet called a “prophet” Abraham)

Prophet – Someone’s spokesman

Ex 4:16 – “thy spokesman”

16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.

Ex 7:1 –“thy prophet”

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

A Prophet is also to identify what God’s Word is to His People

Num 12:6-8

6 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?

Jer 15:19 Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

Eze 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

II Chron 36:12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD.