

Prophecy

“So says Yahweh!” How powerful are the overtones of these three words especially like it says in **Psalms 148:13** “let them praise the name of Yahweh; for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heavens” or in **Joel 2:32** “For it shall be, all who shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be saved”. We know that the name of Yahweh is a very powerful thing and constantly throughout the bible we see these words over and over being used in messages carried out by the chosen, through the spirit of YHWH.

So what is prophecy? Not only is it one of the numerous gifts that Yahweh has revealed to us but in fact, Yahweh has given it as a job description for the well known job title of “Prophet” or “Seer”.

Ephesians 4:11-12: And indeed He has assigned some to be apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some shepherds and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Messiah.

The **Definition** is: The foretelling or prediction of what is to come or a divinely inspired declaration or revelation. And it can come by a vision, through a dream, a direct revelation or an audible voice. Bringing messages of warnings, weeping’s, woes, wisdom, knowledge, judgment, truth or the future to come.

Yahweh chooses who he wants to give these messages to, not us. And when it comes it’s not coming as a respecter of persons. It’s one of the gifts that have a greater responsibility because it’s pretty much a matter of truth and lies, life and death. If it’s not from Yahweh and your speaking in His name you’re bringing fourth lies out of your own mouth and with that comes judgment.

How do we truly know when a word of prophecy is coming directly from the almighty Yahweh? Yes it states in **Amos 3:7** “For Adonai Yahweh will do nothing unless he reveals his secret council to his servants the prophets.

But we always first want to make sure it’s truly Yahweh speaking to us and not the deception of our own heart by, like we’re told in **2nd Thessalonians 5:21**, to prove all things! A few things we have to take into consideration before jumping to conclusions are:

- 1) It must be according to his word! **Isaiah 8:20:** “To the Torah and to the Testimony! If they do not speak according to this word it is because there is no light to them!” His word can’t contradict and it will not come back to him void. **Isaiah 55:11** “So shall My word be, which goes out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in what I sent it to do!”
- 2) Are we in submission to Yahweh’s judicial order? **Proverbs 24:20** “For no reward shall be to the wicked; the lamp of the wicked will be put out”. I do believe that Yahweh can use the wicked to speak a word of prophecy to his chosen, for example the dreams of the baker and cupbearer that Joseph interpreted for or the dreams of Nebuchadnezzar that Daniel interpreted. But if

you're not within His judicial order, living a life of holiness then I don't believe that you're hearing the voice of Yahweh. **1st Samuel 24:13** "Wickedness proceeds from the wicked. But my hand shall not be on you". We must be in submission to Yahweh's judicial order before hearing his voice.

- 3) It has to come in the name of Yahweh. Not in the name of "God", or "The Lord", or "Jesus" or "Baal but in the name of Yahweh. It's false things like these the bring strife and stumbling blocks inside the congregation and were actually told in **Romans** to mark such people. "And brothers I exhort you to mark those making divisions and causes of stumbling contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and turn away from them. For such ones do not serve our Master Yahshua Messiah, but their own belly, and by smooth speaking and flattering they deceive the hearts of the simple people" **Romans 16:17-18**.

2nd Peter 1:21 for prophecy did not come by the will of man, but holy men of YAHWEH spoke when they were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Once you take in account all three of these factors and if you truly believe that YHWH is leading you, you can't be double minded and turn back.

Remember the man of Elohim, a prophet sent by YHWH to rebuke Jeroboam at the altar in Beth El in 1st Kings 13. He was told not to stay and eat bread there or leave the city in the same way that he came. But he was deceived by another prophet who in turn spoke a false prophecy contradicting the word of YHWH that was originally spoken to him. Malachi 3:6 "For I am Yahweh, I do not change. Because of this, you sons of Jacob are not destroyed". Because of the lack of discernment done by the prophet he turned back and it ended up costing him his life. So again if you truly think that YHWH is leading you, you can't be double minded and turn back.

So when I think of prophecy, I think of a prophet. When I think of a prophet I imagine him sitting down with YHWH on adjacent cushions in a nomad's tent discussing matters, in intimacy, not needing to shout. And when thinking about this, all the righteous people in the bible come to mind. But what is a prophet? The Hebrew word for prophet is "Navi" and it comes from the term "Niv Sefatayim" meaning "Fruit of the Lips" which emphasizes the prophet's role.

A true prophet is a person chosen by YHWH sent to the people to speak on His behalf and convey a message or teaching. He doesn't necessarily have to be a male because there are a few examples of female prophetesses in scripture and doesn't necessarily have to be an Israelite as we see Balaam in the book of Numbers. (Although Balaam wasn't a true prophet of Yahweh, he was only used by Him for a short period of time.)

Since speaking the word of Yahweh is a big responsibility, the prophets were held accountable and had a greater responsibility than most. Moses probably one of the greatest prophets, lost out on entering the Promised Land because he didn't sanctify Yahweh in front of the congregation by the waters of strife. **Luke 12:48** "For anyone who is given much to him, much is required from him. And to he whom they have committed much to him, much more they will require by his hand". Prophets were role models of holiness and closeness to YHWH, setting the standards for the entire community, and they were not for hire. **Proverbs 23:23** "Obtain the truth, and sell it not, also wisdom, and instruction and understanding". A good example of this is Elisha's

servant Gehazi in **2 Kings 5**, took silver and garments from Naaman after the cleansing of his leprosy. But since the word and power of Yahweh is not for sale, the leprosy clung to Gehazi instead. **Proverbs 1:7** "The fear of YHWH is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction" through his lack of fear it resulted him in being leprous for the rest of his life. And not only him but his seed after him too.

So now what characteristics did the great men of the bible have to be divinely chosen to carryout direct revelations from our Heavenly Father.

Proverbs 3:32 says "For the perverse one is hateful to Yahweh, but His intimacy is with the righteous". All of Yahweh's chosen have a close, loving, **intimate relationship** with him and was willing to stay loyal to him and their faith without compromise.

Psalms 25:14 "The secret of YHWH is with those who fear him, and he will make them know his covenant". We constantly see throughout scripture the prophets having a great, respectable **fear of Yahweh** carrying out his words with fear and trembling.

Psams 119:165 "Great peace is to those who love Your Torah, and there is no stumbling block to them". Some of them might not have had **physical peace** but they most certainly had **spiritual peace** and all of them knew and **abided in the Torah**.

Jacob 1:2-3 "My brothers count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the proving of your faith works **patience**" and **Luke 21:19** "By your patience you will gain your souls". Some of the prophets had a very hard life, for example Jeremiah and Ezekiel, but we know that when they were physically weak, they were spiritually strong. And they being **content within Yahweh's will** they had the **patience** to **endure** looking towards the greater goal.

There are many other characteristics then these that the righteous expressed in their daily lives, and by looking to their example we can really take in and learn from them. It says that Enoch and Noah walked with YHWH, Abraham was called a friend of YHWH, and Moses spoke to Yahshua YHWH face to Face! And of course Yahshua Ha Meshach, not only the ultimate prophet but the son of Elohim, and through him all true prophecies come. Are we looking to their example and trying to become more like them in our own lives as we work towards the heavenly father's soon coming kingdom?

False Prophecy

So now let's get a little into false prophecy and what it is because for every good thing in is the world Satan always sets up a counterfeit . We are warned many times throughout scripture to be "on guard of the false prophets coming in sheep's clothing but inside are plundering wolves". Because "their throat is a tomb being opened; they used deceit with their tongues; the poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery are in their way; and they did not know a way of peace; there is no fear of YAHWEH before their eyes," **Romans 3:13-18**. Not only are they bringing swift destruction on themselves but anyone they may come in contact with. We are taught in **1st John 4:1** to not believe every spirit but to test the spirits to see whether they are from Yahweh or

not. Looking at the fruit born from it because by this we will know if it's from Yahweh or not.

In the end times the Spirit of YHWH will be strong on his elect **Joel 2:28-32**, but Yahshua did warn us in **Matthew 24:24** saying "For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up. And they will give great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen". The only way to prevent this from happening is having that intimate relationship with Yahweh through the blood of our Messiah Yahshua and knowing your bible like the back of your hand. **Revelation 12:9** "Satan deceived the whole inhabitable world" and like Don always says "if you think you can't be deceived, you already have been".

Yahshua also speaks about what are the signs of the end times in **Matthew 24:3-5** "And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him Privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things be? And, what is the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age? And answering Yahshua said to them, See that no man deceives you. For many will come in my name saying I am the Messiah. And they will cause many to be deceived. Drop down to **Verse 8-11** "But all these are a beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to affliction, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. And then many will be offended, and they will deliver up one another and will hate one another. And many false prophets will be raised and will deceive many".

We see that prophecy is a very powerful thing and on the contrary false prophecy will be one of the greatest weapons used by the adversary in the end times. But Yahweh being the gracious and wonderful Elohim that he is has a purpose for everything. **Deut 13:1-3** "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams rises among you, and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder which he spoke to you occurs, saying, Let us go after other Elohim which you have not known, and let us serve them, you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams. For YAHWEH your Elohim is testing you, to know if you love YAHWEH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul". Our whole life is just a test and this is just another way of proving that faithfulness to Yahweh.

Now, what does scripture say about the false prophet speaking lies in Yahweh's name? **Deut 18:20-22**: But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, that which I have not commanded him to speak, and who speaks in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which Yahweh has not spoken? When a prophet speaks in the name of Yahweh, if the thing does not happen or come about, that is the thing which Yahweh has not spoken; that prophet has spoken proudly; you shall not be afraid of him. If it's truly not from Yahweh the penalty is death and he actually considers this "Stealing of his words" in **Jeremiah 23:30**! It's also part of the six things that YHWH's hates! **Proverbs 6:16-19** These six things YAHWEH hates; yea, seven are hateful to his soul; High eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that plots evil plans, feet hurrying to run to mischief, a false witness who breathes lies and he sending out strife among brothers. Not to mention it is the 9th commandment "You shall not testify a witness of falsehood against your neighbor", **Exodus 20:16**. This is a very serious offense against Yahweh and a great example of this is in scripture is in **Jeremiah 28:1-17** (Read from

scriptures). Hananiah spoke falsely to the people and the king, in the name of Yahweh, resulting in his own death 2 months later.

But did you catch what it also said in **verse 20 of Deut 18**? Whoever speaks a prophecy in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die! So not only is it the penalty of death speaking falsely in YHWH's name but in other names such as God, Jesus or Baal. An example of this from scripture is in **1st Kings 18:19-40** when Eliyadoo fought the prophets of Baal on top of Mt. Carmel. The false prophets taunted Yahweh by speaking falsely in the name of a pagan deity resulting in the death of all 450 prophets of Baal.

Satan, the 1st false prophet in this world and master of it, will in turn also be silenced and thrown into the lake of fire after the 1,000 year millennium reign of Yahshua. But until then let us be on guard from these destructive heresies coming from the plundering wolves in sheep's clothing just waiting to consume and tickle the ears of any who will listen. Guilty by association and we should not even give such things a chance.

So we've learned that all true prophets and prophecies come from Yahweh and all false prophets and false prophecies come from the adversary. But have you ever thought about the prophecies that come out daily from our own mouths through ignorance against ourselves or others, good and bad? Why is it in the English language we have a saying "knock on wood" or even in the Hebrew they have a word for such a thing? Or do we sometimes out of pride say things, like "that'll never happen to me, or it's been a while since that's happened" and then shortly after, it actually does happen. Sometimes you don't even have to speak it but only think it in our minds and it still happens. The common person would consider this "a coincidence" but we know better and we know that Yahweh knows all that's in our minds and hears every word out of our mouths.

An example of this in scripture is in **Matthew 20:20-23** when the mother of the sons of Zebedee asked of Yahshua to have them sit off to his right and left in his kingdom. Yahshua in response asked them if they were able to drink of the cup that he was about to drink and they responded "we are able". This right here was prophesy spoken sealing the death through martyrism of her two sons Jacob and John.

Jacob 1:19 "Therefore, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath". Do you know why Jacob uses the term "Slow to speak" in this verse? It's because when you're speaking slowly you analyze every word that comes out, choosing them wisely and in turn you might not say something that you'll regret later. Every prophecy comes out through words! Of course Yahweh is always merciful and we all make mistakes. But we just need to constantly be careful what we speak daily and continuously choose them wisely because we might just foretell and speak a prophecy concerning ourselves or others.

In conclusion "there are diversity of gifts but there is only one spirit" **1 Corinthians 12:4**, and prophecy is truly one of these but it's not one to be taken lightly! We need to daily put on our discerning ears for the side-by-side, quiet intimate voice that Yahweh uses to speak to his elect. We need to prove all things like we're told, meditate on the words that come out of our mouths and take every thought into captivity of the body of messiah. Look up for our salvation is near because the bible in itself is a word of prophecy and warns us on the things that we need to look for. So I leave you with **2nd**

Thessalonians 5:18-23 “In everything give thanks, for this is the will of YAHWEH in Messiah Yahshua toward you. Do not quench the Spirit. **Do not despise prophecies.** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Keep back from every form of evil. And may the Elohim of peace Himself fully sanctify you, and may your whole spirit and life and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Master Yahshua Messiah”.

Halleluyah!