

THE PROPHETIC

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Prophecy or prediction, was one of the functions of the prophet. It has been defined as a "miracle of knowledge, a declaration or description or representation of something future, beyond the power of human sagacity to foresee, discern, or conjecture." (See **PROPHET**.)

The great prediction which runs like a golden thread through the whole contents of the Old Testament is that regarding the coming and work of the Messiah; and the great use of prophecy was to perpetuate faith in his coming, and to prepare the world for that event. But there are many subordinate and intermediate prophecies also which hold an important place in the great chain of events which illustrate the sovereignty and all-wise overruling providence of God.

Then there are many prophecies regarding the Jewish nation, its founder Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3; 13:16; 15:5; 17:2, 4-6, etc.), and his posterity, Isaac and Jacob and their descendants (12:7; 13:14, 15, 17; 15:18-21; Ex. 3:8, 17), which have all been fulfilled.

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: [2] And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: [3] And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 13:16

And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

Genesis 15:5

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Genesis 17:2

And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Genesis 17:4-6

As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. [5] Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. [6] And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

Exodus 3:8

And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Exodus 3:17

And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

Psalms 12:7

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

The twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy contains a series of predictions which are even now in the present day being fulfilled. In the writings of the prophets Isaiah (2:18-21), Jeremiah (27:3-7; 29:11-14), Ezekiel (5:12; 8), Daniel (8; 9:26, 27), Hosea (9:17), there are also many prophecies regarding the events which were to befall that people.

There is in like manner a large number of prophecies relating to those nations with which the Jews came into contact, as Tyre (Ezek. 26:3-5, 14-21), Egypt (Ezek. 29:10, 15; 30:6, 12, 13), Ethiopia (Nahum 3:8-10), Nineveh (Nahum 1:10; 2:8-13; 3:17-19), Babylon (Isa. 13:4; Jer. 51:7; Isa. 44:27; Jer. 50:38; 51:36, 39, 57), the land of the Philistines (Jer. 47:4-7; Ezek. 25:15-17; Amos 1:6-8; Zeph. 2:4-7; Zech. 9:5-8), and of the four great monarchies (Dan. 2:39, 40; 7:17-24; 8:9).

But the great body of Old Testament prophecy relates directly to the advent of the Messiah, beginning with Gen. 3:15, the first great promise, and extending in ever-increasing fulness and clearness all through to the very close of the canon. The Messianic prophecies are too numerous to be quoted. "To him gave all the prophets witness." (Comp. Micah 5:2; Hag. 2:6-9; Isa. 7:14; 9:6, 7; 11:1, 2; 53; 60:10, 13; Ps. 16:11; 68:18.) Many predictions also were delivered by Jesus and his apostles. Those of Christ were very numerous. (Comp. Matt. 10:23-24; 11:23; 19:28; 21:43, 44; 24; 25:31-46; 26:17-35, 46, 64; Mark 9:1; 10:30; 13; 11:1-6, 14; 14:12-31, 42, 62; 16:17, etc.)

Schools of the Prophets

(1 Sam. 19:18-24; 2 Kings 2:3, 5, 7, 12, 15) were instituted for the purpose of training young men for the prophetic and priestly offices. (See **PROPHET**)

1 Samuel 19:18-24

So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. [19] And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah. [20] And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. [21] And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. [22] Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah. [23] And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. [24] And he stript off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

2 Kings 2:3

And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

2 Kings 2:5

And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

2 Kings 2:7

And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

2 Kings 2:12

And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

2 Kings 2:15

And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

Prophecy.

1. Is the foretelling of future events Ge 49:1; Nu 24:14.

Genesis 49:1

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

Numbers 24:14

And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

2. God is the author of Isa 44:7; 45:21.

Isaiah 44:7

And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

Isaiah 45:21

Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

3. God gives, through Christ Rev 1:1.

Rev. 1:1

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Rev. 11:3

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4. A gift of Christ Eph 4:11; Rev 11:3.

Ephes. 4:11

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

Rev. 11:3

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

5. A gift of the Holy Spirit 1Co 12:10.

1 Cor. 12:10

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

6. Came not by the will of man 2Pe 1:21.

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Rev. 1:1

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Given from the beginning Lu 1:70.

Luke 1:70

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

7. Is a sure word 2Pe 1:19.

2 Peter 1:19

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

8. They who uttered

Amos 2:11

And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the Lord.

9. Raised up by God. Am 2:11.

1 Samuel 3:20

And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

10. Ordained by God. 1Sa 3:20; Jer 1:5.

1 Samuel 3:20

And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

11. Sent by God. 2Ch 36:15; Jer 7:25.

2 Chron. 36:15

And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

Jeremiah 7:25

Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them:

12. Sent by Christ and persecuted. Mt 23:34.

Matthew 23:34

Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

13. Filled with the Holy Spirit. Lu 1:67.

Luke 1:67

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

14. Spoke by the Holy Spirit. Ac 1:16; 11:28; 28:25.

Acts 1:16

Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

Acts 11:28

And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

15. Spoke in the name of the Lord. 2Ch 33:18; Jas 5:10.

2 Chron. 33:18

Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the Lord God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

James 5:10

Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

16. Spoke with authority. 1Ki 17:1.

1 Kings 17:1

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

17. God accomplishes Isa 44:26; Ac 3:18.

1 Kings 17:1-7

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. [2] And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, [3] Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. [4] And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. [5] So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. [6] And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the

evening; and he drank of the brook. [7] And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

18. Christ the great subject of Ac 3:22-24; 10:43; 1Pe 1:10,11.

Isaiah 44:24-26

Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself; [25] That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; [26] That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

19. Fulfilled respecting Christ Lu 24:44.

Luke 24:44

And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

20. Gift of, promised Joe 2:28; Ac 2:16,17.

Joel 2:28

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Acts 2:16-17

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; [17] And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, 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:

21. Is for the benefit of after ages 1Pe 1:10-12.

1 Peter 1:10-12

Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: [11] Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. [12] Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

22. Is a light in dark place, and continual believing for the fulfillment 2Pe 1:19.

2 Peter 1:19

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

23. Is not of private interpretation 2Pe 1:20.

2 Peter 1:20

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

24. Despise not 1Th 5:20.

1 Thes. 5:20

Despise not prophesyings.

25. Receive in faith 2Ch 20:20; Lu 24:25.

2 Chron. 20:14

Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation;

2 Chron. 20:20

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

26. Blessedness of reading, hearing, and keeping Rev 1:3; 22:7.

Rev. 1:3

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

27. Guilt of pretending to the gift of Jer 14:14; 23:13,14; Eze 13:2,3.

Jeremiah 14:14

Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

Jeremiah 23:13-14

And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. [14] I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

Ezekiel 13:2-3

Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the Lord; [3] Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

28. Punishment for

Neh. 9:30

Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

29. Not giving ear to. Ne 9:30.

Neh. 9:30

Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

30. Adding to, or taking from. Rev 22:18,19.

Rev. 22:18-19

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: [19] And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

31. Pretending to the gift of. De 18:20; Jer 14:15; 23:15.

Deut. 18:20

But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

Jeremiah 14:15

Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

Jeremiah 23:15

Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

32. Gift of, sometimes possessed by unconverted men Nu 24:2-9; 1Sa 19:20,23; Mt11:49-51; 1Co 13:2.

Numbers 24:2-4

And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him. [3] And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: [4] He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

Deut. 18:22

When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

1 Samuel 19:20

And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

1 Samuel 19:23

And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

Matthew 7:22

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

33. How tested De 13:1-3; 18:22.

Deut. 13:1-3

If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, [2] And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; [3] Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

THE PROPHETS

34. God spoke of old by Ho 12:10; Heb 1:1.

Hosea 12:10

I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

Hebrews 1:1

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

35. The messengers of God 2Ch 36:15; Isa 44:26.

2 Chron. 36:15

And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

Isaiah 44:26

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

36. The servants of God Jer 35:15.

Jeremiah 35:15

I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

37. The watchmen of Israel Eze 3:17.

Ezekiel 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.

Were called

38. Men of God. 1Sa 9:6.

1 Samuel 9:6

And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

39. Prophets of God. Ezz 5:2.

Ezra 5:2

Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.

40. Holy prophets. Lu 1:70; Rev 18:20; 22:6.

Luke 1:70

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

41. Holy men of God. 2Pe 1:21.

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

42. Seers. 1Sa 9:9.

1 Samuel 9:9

(Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)

43. Were esteemed as holy men 2Ki 4:9.

2 Kings 4:8-10

And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. [9] And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. [10] Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

44. Women sometimes endowed as Joe 2:28.

Joel 2:28

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Galatians 3:28-29

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, **there is neither male nor female:** for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. [29] And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

God communicated to

45. His secret things. Am 3:7.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

At various time and in different ways. Heb 1:1.

46. By an audible voice. Nu 12:8; 1Sa 3:4-14.

Numbers 12:7-8

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?

(God can speak audibly even without revelation of the Logos, but take notice the Word of God was in the heart of Samuel seeing he was reared up in the house of the LORD in the instruction of Eli the Priest.)

1 Samuel 3:4

That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

47. By angels. Da 8:15-26; Rev 22:8,9.

Daniel 8:15-19

And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. [16] And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. [17] So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. [18] Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. [19] And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

48. By dreams and visions. Nu 12:6; Joe 2:28.

Numbers 12:6

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.

Joel 2:28

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

49. Were under the influence of the Holy Spirit while prophesying Lu 1:67; 2Pe 1:21.

Luke 1:67

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

50. Spoke in the name of the Lord 2Ch 33:18; Eze 3:11; Jas 5:10.

Ezekiel 3:11

And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

51. Frequently spoke in parables and riddles 2Sa 12:1-6; Isa 5:1-7; Eze 17:2-10.

2 Samuel 12:1

And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

52. Frequently in their actions, &c were made signs to the people Isa 20:2-4; Jer 19:1,10,11; 27:2,3; 43:9; 51:63; Eze 4:1-13; 5:1-4; 7:23; 12:3-7; 21:6,7; 24:1-24; Ho 1:2-9.

Isaiah The Prophet

Isaiah 20:2

At the same time spake the Lord by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

As Isaiah, a sign and wonder, walked naked (without his outer garment) and barefoot for three years in Israel, so the Assyrians shall lead both Egyptians and Ethiopians naked and barefoot into captivity

Jeremiah The Prophet

Jeremiah 19:1

Thus saith the Lord, Go and **get a potter's earthen bottle**, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests;

Jeremiah 19:10-11

Then **shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee**, [11] And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.

Jeremiah 27:2-3

Thus saith the Lord to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck, [3] And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;

Jeremiah 43:9

Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

Jeremiah 51:63

And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that **thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates:**

Six commands in Jeremiah 19:

1. Go, get a potter's bottle (Jeremiah 19:1).
2. Take the elders and priests into the valley of the son of Hinnom.
3. Proclaim there the words that I will tell you (Jeremiah 19:2).
4. Say, Hear the word of the Lord (Jeremiah 19:3).
5. Then break the bottle in the sight of those who are with you (Jeremiah 19:10).
6. Say to them, Even so I will break this people and city (Jeremiah 19:11).

NOTE:

This being an earthen bottle that was broken, shows that not all bottles of the ancient East were made of skins.

- Bottles of earthenware were of various sizes and shapes as seen in museums today.
- The symbolic action of breaking the bottle pictured the utter destruction of Judah as a nation and Jerusalem as a city.
- In those days it was the custom to break a jar if one wanted to show utmost detestation of another.
- He came up behind or near the despised person and smashed the vessel to pieces, thus imprecating upon him a like hopeless ruin.
- The application to Judah is plainly worded in Jeremiah 19:11-13. God was to break this people and this city like the earthen bottle broken by Jeremiah.
- The breaking would be so complete that they could not be made whole again;
- They would be so utterly destroyed that people would be buried in Tophet until there would be no place to bury anyone else.
- The city was to become like Tophet with all the houses of the kings and people becoming defiled.

The reason given was the burning of incense upon the housetops to the host of heaven and the pouring out of drink offerings to other gods.

**53. Frequently left without divine communication on account of sins of the people
1Sa 28:6; La 2:9; Eze 7:26.**

1 Samuel 28:6

And when Saul enquired of the Lord, the Lord answered him not, neither by dreams nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

Lament. 2:9

Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the Lord.

Ezekiel 7:26

Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

Were required

54. To be bold and undaunted. Eze 2:6; 3:8,9.

Ezekiel 2:6

And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

55. To be vigilant and faithful. Eze 3:17-21.

Ezekiel 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.

56. To receive with attention all God's communications. Eze 3:10.

Ezekiel 3:10

Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.

57. Not to speak anything but what they received from God. De 18:20.

Deut. 18:20

But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

- 58. To declare everything that the Lord commanded. Jer 26:2.**
- 59. Sometimes received divine communications and uttered predictions under great bodily**
- 60. and mental excitement Jer 23:9; Eze 3:14,15; Da 7:28; 10:8; Hab 3:2,16.**
- 61. Sometimes uttered their predictions in verse De 32:44; Isa 5:1.**
- 62. Often accompanied by music while predicting 1Sa 10:5; 2Ki 3:15.**
- 63. Often committed their predictions to writing 2Ch 21:12; Jer 36:2.**
- 64. Writings of, read in the synagogues every Sabbath Lu 4:17; Ac 13:15.**
- 65. Ordinary**
- 66. Numerous in Israel. 1Sa 10:5; 1Ki 18:4.**
- 67. Trained up and instructed in schools. 2Ki 2:3,5; 1Sa 19:20.**
- 68. The sacred bards of the Jews. Ex 15:20,21; 1Sa 10:5,10; 1Ch 25:1.**
- 69. Extraordinary**

70. Specially raised up on occasions of emergency. 1Sa 3:19-21; Isa 6:8,9; Jer 1:5.

71. Often endowed with miraculous power. Ex 4:1-4; 1Ki 17:23; 2Ki 5:3-8.

72. Frequently married men 2Ki 4:1; Eze 24:18.

73. Wore a coarse dress of hair-cloth 2Ki 1:8; Zec 13:4; Mt 3:4; Rev 11:3.

74. Often led a wandering and unsettled life 1Ki 18:10-12; 19:3,8,15; 2Ki 4:10.

75. Simple in their manner of life Mt 3:4.

76. The historiographers of the Jewish nation 1Ch 29:29; 2Ch 9:29.

77. The interpreters of dreams Da 1:17.

78. Were consulted in all difficulties 1Sa 9:6; 28:15; 1Ki 14:2-4; 22:7.

79. Presented with gifts by those who consulted them 1Sa 9:7,8; 1Ki 14:3.

80. Sometimes thought it right to reject presents 2Ki 5:15,16.

81. Were sent to

82. Reprove the wicked and exhort to repentance. 2Ki 17:13; 2Ch 24:19; Jer 25:4,5.

83. Denounce the wickedness of kings. 1Sa 15:10,16-19; 2Sa 12:7-12; 1Ki 18:18; 21:17-22.

84. Exhort to faithfulness and constancy in God's service. 2Ch 15:1,2,7.

85. Predict the coming of Christ. Lu 24:44; Joh 1:45; Ac 3:24; 10:43.

86. Predict the downfall of nations. Isa 15:1; 17:1; Jer 47:1-51:64.

87. Felt deeply on account of the calamities which they predicted Isa 16:9-11; Jer 9:1-7.

88. Predictions of

89. Frequently proclaimed at the gate of the Lord's house. Jer 7:2.

90. Proclaimed in the cities and streets. Jer 11:6.

91. Written on tables and fixed up in some public place. Hab 2:2.

92. Written on rolls and read to the people. Isa 8:1; Jer 36:2.

93. Were all fulfilled. 2Ki 10:10; Isa 44:26; Ac 3:18; Rev 10:7.

94. Assisted the Jews in their great national undertakings Ezr 5:2.

95. Mentioned in scripture

96. Enoch. Ge 5:21-24; Jude 1:14.

97. Noah. Ge 9:25-27.

98. Jacob. Ge 49:1.

99. Aaron. Ex 7:1.

100. Moses. De 18:18.

101. Miriam. Ex 15:20.

102. Deborah. Jdg 4:4.

103. Prophet set to Israel. Jdg 6:8.

104. Prophet sent to Eli. 1Sa 2:27.

105. Samuel. 1Sa 3:20.

106. David. Ps 16:8-11; Ac 2:25,30.

107. Nathan. 2Sa 7:2; 12:1; 1Ki 1:10.

108. Zadok. 2Sa 15:27.

109. Gad. 2Sa 24:11; 1Ch 29:29.

110. Ahijah. 1Ki 11:29; 12:15; 2Ch 9:29.

111. Prophet of Judah. 1Ki 13:1.

112. Iddo. 2Ch 9:29; 12:15.

113. Shemaiah. 1Ki 12:22; 2Ch 12:7,15.

114. Azariah the son of Oded. 2Ch 15:2,8.

115. Hanani. 2Ch 16:7.

116. Jehu the son of Hanani. 1Ki 16:1,7,12.

117. Elijah. 1Ki 17:1.

118. Elisha. 1Ki 19:16.
119. Micaiah the son of Imlah. 1Ki 22:7,8.
120. Jonah. 2Ki 14:25; Jon 1:1; Mt 12:39.
121. Isaiah. 2Ki 19:2; 2Ch 26:22; Isa 1:1.
122. Hosea. Ho 1:1.
123. Amos. Am 1:1; 7:14,15.
124. Micah. Mic 1:1.
125. Oded. 2Ch 28:9.
126. Nahum. Na 1:1.
127. Joel. Joe 1:1; Ac 2:16.
128. Zephaniah. Zep 1:1.
129. Huldah. 2Ki 22:14.
130. Jeduthun. 2Ch 35:15.
131. Jeremiah. 2Ch 36:12,21; Jer 1:1,2.
132. Habakkuk. Hab 1:1.
133. Obadiah. Ob 1:1.
134. Ezekiel. Eze 1:3.
135. Daniel. Da 12:11; Mt 24:15.
136. Haggai. Ezr 5:1; 6:14; Hag 1:1.
137. Zechariah son of Iddo. Ezr 5:1; Zec 1:1.
138. Malachi. Mal 1:1.
139. Zacharias the father of John. Lu 1:67.
140. Anna. Lu 2:36.
141. Agabus. Ac 11:28; 21:10.

142. Daughters of Philip. Ac 21:9.
143. Paul. 1Ti 4:1.
144. Peter. 2Pe 2:1,2.
145. John. Rev 1:1.
146. One generally attached to the king's household 2Sa 24:11; 2Ch 29:25; 35:15.
147. The Jews
148. Require to hear and believe. De 18:15; 2Ch 20:20.
149. Often tried to make them speak smooth things. 1Ki 22:13; Isa 30:10; Am 2:12.
150. Persecuted them. 2Ch 36:16; Mt 5:12.
151. Often imprisoned them. 1Ki 22:27; Jer 32:2; 37:15,16.
152. Often put them to death. 1Ki 18:13; 19:10; Mt 23:34-37.
153. Often left without, on account of sin. 1Sa 3:1; Ps 74:9; Am 8:11,12.
154. Were mighty through faith Heb 11:32-40.
155. Great patience of, under suffering Jas 5:10.
156. God avenged all injuries done to 2Ki 9:7; 1Ch 16:21,22; Mt 23:35-38; Lu 11:50.
157. Christ predicted to exercise the office of De 18:15; Ac 3:22.
158. Christ exercised the office of Mt 24:1-25:46; Mk 10:32-34.

Prophets, False.

- 1. Pretended to be sent by God Jer 23:17,18,31.**
- 2. Not sent or commissioned by God Jer 14:14; 23:21; 29:31.**
- 3. Made use of by God to prove Israel De 13:3.**
- 4. Described as**
- 5. Light and treacherous. Zep 3:4.**
- 6. Covetous. Mic 3:11.**
- 7. Crafty. Mt 7:15.**
- 8. Drunken. Isa 28:7.**
- 9. Immoral and profane. Jer 23:11,14.**
- 10. Women sometimes acted as Ne 6:14; Rev 2:20.**
- 11. Called foolish prophets Eze 13:2.**
- 12. Compared to foxes in the desert Eze 13:4.**
- 13. Compared to wind Jer 5:13.**
- 14. Influenced by evil spirits 1Ki 22:21,22.**
- 15. Prophesied**
- 16. Falsely. Jer 5:31.**
- 17. Lies in the name of the Lord. Jer 14:14.**
- 18. Out of their own heart. Jer 23:16,26; Eze 13:2.**
- 19. In the name of false gods. Jer 2:8.**
- 20. Peace, when there was no peace. Jer 6:14; 23:17; Eze 13:10; Mic 3:5.**
- 21. Often practised divination and witchcraft Jer 14:14; Eze 22:28; Ac 13:6.**
- 22. Often pretended to dreams Jer 23:28,32.**
- 23. Often deceived by God as a judgment Eze 14:9.**

24. The people

25. Led into error. Jer 23:13; Mic 3:5.

26. Made to forget God's name by. Jer 23:27.

27. Deprived of God's word by. Jer 23:30.

28. Taught profaneness and sin by. Jer 23:14,15.

29. Oppressed and defrauded by. Eze 22:25.

30. Warned not to listen to. De 13:3; Jer 23:16; 27:9,15,16.

31. Encouraged and praised. Jer 5:31; Lu 6:26.

32. Mode of trying and detecting De 13:1,2; 18:21,22; 1Jn 4:1-3.

33. Predicted to arise

34. Before destruction of Jerusalem. Mt 24:11,24.

35. In the latter times. 2Pe 2:1.

36. Judgments denounced against Jer 8:1,2; 14:15; 28:16,17; 29:32.

37. Involved the people in their own ruin Isa 9:15,16; Jer 20:6; Eze 14:10.