FALSE PROPHETS & PROPHECIES

Acts 2:17-18 (NKJV)

[17] 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; <u>Your sons and your daughters shall</u> <u>prophesy</u>, Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.

[18] <u>And on My menservants and on My</u> maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

What is a Prophet?

- Speaks for or on behalf of God, (thus saith the Lord)
- Gives insight to the nation of Israel (Old Test)
 - any nation (New Test)
 - the church (New Test)
 - to individual people (Old & New Test)
 - > Concerning Future Issues or Decisions.

• Calling things into Being / setting things into motion.

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Prophets in the Old Testament.

Prophets had a different role in the Old Testament:

- Since no one had the Holy Spirit (except John t Bap.)
 - God only spoke to a select few
- There was 1 of 3 ways to hear from God: (Ex. - Saul)

1 Samuel 28:5-6 (NIV)

[5] When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. [6] He inquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him by dreams, or Urim, or prophets.

- a. Dreams....
- **b. Urim (and Thummim)**
- c. Prophets



Exodus 28:29-30 (NIV)

[29] "Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD.

[30] <u>Also put the Urim and the Thummim in</u> <u>the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron's</u> <u>heart whenever he enters the presence of the</u> <u>LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the</u> <u>means of making decisions for the Israelites</u> <u>over his heart before the LORD.</u>

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 (NKJV)

[20] <u>'But the prophet who presumes to speak</u> <u>a word in My name, which I have not</u> <u>commanded him to speak, or who speaks in</u> <u>the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.</u>

'[21] "And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?' [22] "<u>when a prophet speaks in the name of</u> the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

What is a New Testament Prophet?

- A. A person who:
- 1. Speaks for or on behalf of God, (thus saith the Lord)

2. Gives insight to - a nation. (Paul sent to Kings)

- the church. (Ephesians 4)
- to individual people. (Acts examples)
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Acts 11:27-30 (NKJV)

[27] And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. [28] Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. [29] Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. [30] This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

What is their Purpose?

- 1. To Speak on God's Behalf:
 - 1. Concerning the Future. (Give Insight)
 - 2. -Calling things into Being / setting things into motion....

How the Lord Leads us in the NT:

a. Dreams and Visions

b. Inner Witness / Peace

c. Inner Voice / Conscience

d. Written Word

e. Rhema Words

e. The Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:11 (NKJV)

[11] And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some <u>prophets</u>, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **New Testament Examples of Prophets:**

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prophet Joel:[17] 'And it shall come to pass in the last days,
says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on

all flesh.....

Acts 3:18 (NKJV)

[18] "But <u>those things which God foretold by</u> <u>the mouth of all His prophets</u>, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

Acts 3:24 (NKJV)

[24] "Yes, <u>and all the prophets</u>, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, <u>have also foretold these days.</u>

Acts 13:1-3 (NKJV)

[1] Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain <u>prophets</u> and teachers:
Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger,
Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. [2] As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, <u>the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me</u> <u>Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I</u> <u>have called them.</u>" [3] Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts 21:10-11 (NKJV)

[10] And as we stayed many days, <u>a certain</u> <u>prophet named Agabus</u> came down from Judea. [11] When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, '<u>So shall</u> the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.""

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1 Corinthians 14:1, 3 (NKJV)

[1] Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

[3]he who prophesies speaks <u>edification</u> <u>and exhortation and comfort</u> to men.

1 Corinthians 14 Prophecy:

- 1. Is not speaking of the Five-Fold Gift of Prophet.
- 2. It can be anyone who is Baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- 3. It is a prophecy under the Gift of Prophecy. One of the
 Gifts of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

- 4. Is under the inspiration / manifestation of the Spirit.
- 5. Operates in a very specific arena:
 - a. Edification,
 - **b.** Exhortation,
 - c. Comfort.

What are False Prophets according to the OT?

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Matthew 7:15-20 (NKJV)

[15] "<u>Beware of false prophets</u>, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. [16] "<u>You will know them by</u> <u>their fruits</u>. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? [17] "Even so, every good tree bears good
<u>fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.</u> [18] "A
good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad
tree bear good fruit.

[19] "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. [20]
"<u>Therefore by their fruits you will know them</u>.
(cf. - Matthew 12:33-37)

Matthew 12:33-37 (NKJV)

[33] "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. [34] "Brood of vipers! <u>How can you, being evil,</u> speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

[35] "<u>A good man out of the good treasure of</u> <u>his heart brings forth good things, and an evil</u> <u>man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil</u> <u>things</u>. [36] "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. [37] "<u>For</u> <u>by your words you will be justified, and by</u> <u>your words you will be condemned</u>." So, Jesus is basically saying the same thing as the OT:

If a prophet prophecies and speaks for God, it better come to pass, or they are a false prophet.

Matthew 24:3-13 (NIV)

[3] As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and <u>what will be the sign of your coming and</u> <u>of the end of the age</u>?"

[4] Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you.

[10] At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, [11] and <u>many false prophets will appear and</u> <u>deceive many people</u>. [12] Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, [13] but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:23-24 (NIV)

[23] At that time <u>if anyone says to you, 'Look,</u> <u>here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!'</u> do not believe it. [24] <u>For false Christs and false</u> <u>prophets will appear and perform great signs</u> <u>and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that</u> <u>were possible.</u>

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And the fruit of the prophet is what?

- Their words.
- If they come to pass or not.

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The things that bothered us the most were:

- 1. The next few days will be critical.
- 2. An event / attack in the NE part of the USA.
- 3. Obey the EBS (Electronic Broadcasting System).

4. Tell the people to stay inside until it's clear to come out.

(I've had to hide my people away before - so God is....)

5. Watch the NE part of the US.

So What do we do? (Here's how we stepped it through)

(Over several hours)

- 1. We prayed about it.
- 2. I did not feel God giving me any warning about anything even after I pointedly asked him to. (Mary was the same)

a. How did we do that??

b. By following our Peace.

(Emphasize)

3. Realizing we could be missing it.....

we sent it to a couple of board members..... (We asked them to respond in a timely manner)

4. They tended to agree with us.

 Don't accept everything that is told you "this is God" at face value without 'Measuring it / Discerning it / Checking with the Holy Spirit to see what he's telling you about it.

2) What he tells you, supersedes anything someone else maybe saying.

3) We need to concentrate on Growing / Maturing, and less on someone else doing all the hard work for us.

Learn to Hear and Discern for Ourselves

Hebrews 5:13-14 (NKJV)

[13] For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. [14] But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, <u>those who by</u> <u>reason of use have their senses exercised to</u> <u>discern both good and evil.</u>

1 John 2:20-21 (NKJV)

[20] But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. [21] I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

1 John 2:27 (NKJV)

[27] But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

John 16:12-15 (NKJV)

[12] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. [13] "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and <u>He will</u> <u>tell you things to come</u>. [14] "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. [15] "<u>All</u> things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that <u>He will take of Mine and declare it to you</u>.