

MINISTRY OF THE PROPHET

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Eph 4:11,12 – The prophet is one of the five ascension gift ministries given by Christ to the Church.

All believers are encouraged to exercise and seek the gift of prophecy. *1Cor 12-7:11, Rom 12:4-8, 1Cor 14:1-4, Ac 2:17,18.*

The ministry of the prophet is above and beyond the general gift of prophecy. All believers may prophecy **but not all are prophets and stand in that office.** *1Cor 12:28,29, 1Cor 14:29.* Prophets have a specific gift of revelation and faith. *Rom 12:6.*

New Testament prophets are mentioned in *Ac 13:1, 21:10.*

Jesus warns us to beware of false prophets. *Mat 7:15-23,* He said **by their fruits you shall know them. True prophets produce these fruits:**

1. **Fruit of truth.** Prophecy by the Holy Spirit will agree with the **Word of God.** *Jn 16:13, 14:17.*
2. **Fruit of bringing glory to Christ.** *Jn 16:14,15.*
3. **Fruit of Christ's character.** *Gal 5:22,23.*
4. **Fruit of righteousness.** *Eph 4:22 – Eph 5:21, 2Cor 9:10, Jam 3:18.* [Beware of – these *Rev 2:20-23*]
5. **Fruit of revelation from God.** *Num 12:6.* [Beware of those who speak out of their own heart. *Ezk 13:1-6*] True prophets speak by revelation from God, by the Holy Spirit. *2Pet 1:20,21.*
6. **Fruit of fulfilment of their word of prophecy.** The word of the true prophet will come to pass. *Deut 18:21,22.*
7. **Fruit of confirmation.** True prophecy will be confirmed by others with the prophetic gift from God. *1Cor 14:29, 2Cor 13:1, Ac 20:23.* As God moves by His Spirit the whole Body of Christ, will, in time, be aware of what He is doing.

What is the work of the prophet? What does he do? In his ministry the prophet does a number of things.

1. **The prophet receives revelation from God, the Holy Spirit, to call people into the work of the ministry God has chosen for them.** In the 1970's, 1972-1976, God used various prophets to call us/me out of pastoring a church, and teaching in a secondary school, into the ministry to the churches in Northland, New Zealand. **God used these prophets to call us, release us, confirm us and establish us in the apostolic ministry. The prophetess Deborah** did this for Barak. *Jud 4:4-9.* **The prophets did this for Barnabas and Saul.** *Ac 13:1-4.* Also *1Tim 1:18.*
2. **The prophet speaks to God's people in times of need,** telling them what the Holy Spirit is saying. *2Chr 20:14-17, Ex 14:13,14, Ac 11:28-30.*
3. God reveals through His prophets, to His people **what He is about to do.** *Amos 3:7, Ac 21:11, Is 42:9, Is 43:19, Mat 24, Lk 21, Rev 1:1,19.*
4. **Prophets reveal future events to God's people,** by the Holy Spirit, **so that when they occur, they might remember that God told them and be strong in faith.** *Jn 13:19, Jn 14:29, Jn 16:4, Mat 24, Ac 11:28,29.*
5. **Prophets speak by the Spirit of God to reveal sin and lead God's people to repentance.** *Hag 1:7-11, Jer 2:13, Mic 3:8, 1K 18:21,24,38,39, Rev 2:4,5, Rev 3:16,17, Mat 3:2, 11:9, Rev 1-3.*
6. **Prophets reveal by the Holy Spirit, the gifts that God is imparting to the saints in His Body.** *1Tim 4:14.* This is to equip the saints.
7. The last book of the Bible is the **Revelation of Jesus Christ. This is a book of prophecy and revelation.** *Rev 1:3.* Those who **read it, hear it and keep it are blessed.** *Rev 1:3.*

Prophets bring **revelation of Jesus Christ to the people of God, by the Holy Spirit.** *Jn 16:13,14,15.*

The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy. *Rev 19:10.*

The Spirit of the prophet **testifies about Jesus Christ, and brings glory to Him.**

Also, as believers testify about what Jesus has done for them, it is prophetic, that Jesus will do it for every other person who believes and receives it. *Rev 19:10.*