



Church – The Body of Christ The Prophet

Prophet is the most misunderstood function part of the body of Christ - The Church.

In the word 'Prophet' comes from the Greek word '*Prophetes*' which is also based on the word 'Prophecy' and means the 'one who prophesies'. Prophecy means to tell of the future and is the same as prediction but still can not be equated to prediction. Equating it to prediction is like equating hope to faith.

Hope is an empty wish or desire with no assurance, while faith is based on a promise of God, the Word of God. Similarly prediction can not be equated to prophesy. Prophecy unlike prediction is based on the Word of God and is inline to the Word. Any prophesy that is not inline and goes against the Word should be considered as a prediction and not prophesy. If you believe in it you will be a victim of it.

Prophets in the Old Testament

In the Old Testament all were called Prophets which is very wrong. The Hebrew word that is used is '*Nabi*' which actually means 'Called of God' or 'Man of God'.

Since 'the Head' was not revealed the functions were not known. There were very few who had the wisdom and knowledge of God and did know their function like Solomon knew he was a teacher not a prophet. *Ecel 1:1*

For example Abraham was really an Apostle but was misidentified as a Prophet.

Genesis 20

*⁶ Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from sinning against me. That is why I did not let you touch her. ⁷ Now return the man's wife, **for he is a prophet (Nabi 'Called of God' or 'Man of God')**, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all yours will die."*

The word *Nabi* (misread as prophet) is so common in the Old Testament and used every where. For example Aaron was called to be a High Priest but was called *Nabi*. So was his sister Miriam called *Nabi* but neither Aaron nor Miriam prophets but were Man and Woman of God.

Exodus 7

*¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and **your brother Aaron will be your prophet.** ² You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country."*

Exodus 15

*¹⁹ When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. ²⁰ Then **Miriam the prophetess**, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing.*

²¹ Miriam sang to them:

*"Sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
The horse and its rider
he has hurled into the sea."*

The most know prophets in the Old Testament are Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Zechariah among others. They all prophesized from dreams, visions and when the Word of the Lord came unto them.



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But in the case of Moses, the Lord spoke to him face to face.

Numbers 12

⁶ he said, "Listen to my words:

*"When a prophet of the LORD is among you,
I reveal myself to him in visions,
I speak to him in dreams.*

⁷ *But this is not true of my servant Moses;*

he is faithful in all my house.

⁸ *With him I speak face to face,*

*clearly and not in riddles;
he sees the form of the LORD...*

You might wonder what did Moses prophesize, others spoke about the future. You will be surprised that the books of Moses leaving for Genesis is full of prophesies. Many things about Jesus and the sacrifice on the cross are all written in the books of Moses. 1 Peter 2:24 says "by the wounds of Christ we are healed". Now why is Peter specific 'by the wounds'? In Galatians 3:13 Paul says "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.'" Why is Paul specifying that the curses were broken by the hanging of Jesus up from the cross? These and more are all revealed in the book of Moses. (Read Jesus the Ultimate Sacrifice.)

All the prophet prophesized only when the Lord gave them a message to be given or when they wanted to bless the people or curse the people for disobeying the Lord. A prophet never cursed a person unless the person had disobeyed God.

Take the case of Balaam who was a prophet and later turned to sorcery.

When king Balak wanted him to curse the Israelites, Balaam just could not, he always blessed them. But since there was greed in his heart he disclosed the secret to Balak on how to get the Israelites cursed by God. After this the Lord stopped speaking to Balaam and he could not prophesize therefore Balaam resorted to sorcery.

Sorcery is the opposite of prophesy. Prophecy is backed by God and sorcery by gods.

Now to understand prophesy better lets take some examples.

Exodus 16

⁴ *Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.*

⁵ *And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.*

⁶ *And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:*

⁷ *And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?*

⁸ *And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.*

⁹ *And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.*



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¹⁰ *And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.*

¹¹ *And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*

¹² *I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, **At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread;** and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.*

¹³ *And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.*

¹⁴ *And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.*

¹⁵ *And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.*

Here in the book of Exodus you will notice that the Lord told Moses that He will rain Manna from Heaven every day to provide them food to eat. But Moses went ahead and even announced that the Lord will give them flesh to eat. Since Moses was a prophet the Lord kept his word and confirmed that He would provide them with the flesh of quails for food.

1 Samuel 3

¹⁹ *The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.*

So when a prophet speaks with the anointing, inline to the Word of God, the Lord confirms it and acts on it. If the prophesy is against the Word of God and takes you away from God then never believe it for the Lord will surely not confirm it or act on it.

Deuteronomy 13

¹ *If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, ² and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them," ³ you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

The first prophet on earth was Enoch and he came before his time. The right person to start the Church is an Apostle (Abraham) not a Prophet so God took him and did not let him die. Enoch along with another person is prophesied to come back in the last days because all have to die a physical death like Elijah came back as John the Baptist and died.

Genesis 5

²¹ *When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. ²² And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.*

Jude 1

¹⁴ *Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones ¹⁵ to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."*



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Prophets in the New Testament

Other than Jesus (*who was also called a prophet but was more than a prophet*) there are two prophets named in the New Testament.

Luke 2

³⁶ *There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.*

Acts 11

²⁷ *During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. ²⁹The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.*

Acts 21

¹⁰ *After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.' "*
¹² *When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."*

The New Testament since was written in Greek all were not called Prophets. Here Anna the prophetess, prophesized about the redemption through the child Jesus during the presentation of Jesus in the temple.

When the prophet Agabus spoke the people immediately worked on it, even when Paul heard about the way he way he was to be arrested, he did not try to run away but accepted it as the Lord's will and carried on with his work.

A Prophet according to the High Priest dress.

Exodus 28

⁴² *And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach:*

Through out the Bible, God hated the nakedness of man; it invited the wrath of God. Even so that the tabernacle was designed not to have steps so as to not expose the nakedness of man. The clothes the people wore during those times were like a robe which was about the knee level long, sometimes even shorter. Just as the skirts that girls wear nowadays, therefore the Lord specified the over coat should be up to the knee level long.

Many of us do not understand this and even go to the House of Worship wearing clothes that will only invite the anger of God not the blessings of God.

The undergarment covered the nakedness of man like the prophets protects man from the wrath of God. It was made of linen which represented righteousness. The prophet's main purpose is to be the spokesman of God and to bless the people of God.



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A Prophet according to the body part - the crotch (up to the thigh area).

Since Jesus came as a man we are representing the male body with no offence to the woman.

The crotch area includes the reproductive organs and the thigh region.

The reproductive organ is from where the future generations come from like prophesy of a prophet. The male reproductive organ is in a position to ejaculate only when filled with blood (An erection comes when the organ becomes hard due to the high pressure of blood flow in it).

Similarly a prophet prophesies when filled with the Word of God (blood represents Word of God).

In the Old Testament the inner thigh area was considered sacred. When a solemn promise was to be made or great blessing was to be given the person would place his hand on the inner thigh of the other person while blessing that person or while making the vow.

Genesis 24

*²And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, **Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:***

³And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

Genesis 47:29

*²⁹And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, **If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:***

Therefore the words that come out from the mouth of a true prophet are like a solemn promise and God backs every word of it.

We as believers of the true God are all called to prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:39

*³⁹Therefore, my brothers, **be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.***

Acts 2:17

*¹⁷"In the last days, God says, **I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.***

1 Corinthians 14:5

*⁵I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but **I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.***

When we have faith in the Word of God and we know that God has made available blessings for that person we just have to open the door for the blessings to flow on that person by prophesying.

But a prophet is a man or woman appointed by God to be His official spokesman or woman to all mankind. He speaks for God and since God dwells in Spirit, a prophet speaks in Spirit. Things of the natural world come from the spiritual world. Therefore for the natural world it is yet to come, but for the prophet it has already happened.