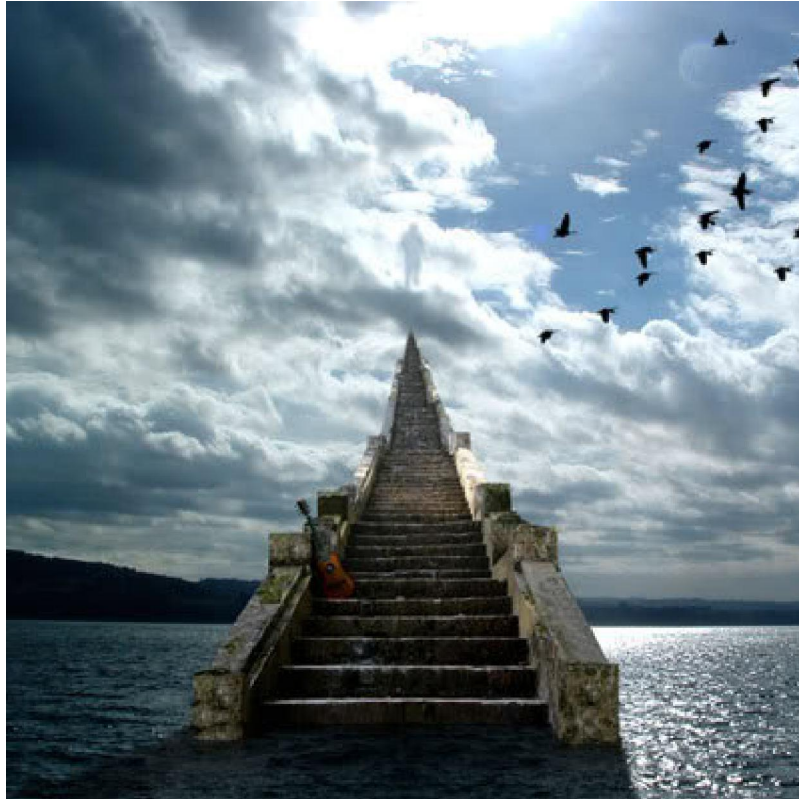


Mystery #3: “the Prophet’s Reward” ----The TRUE Purposes of Prophecy



“He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.” - Matthew 10:41

- WHAT IS A “PROPHET’S REWARD”?
- Is a prophet a “foreteller” or a “forth teller”?
- Who was the first prophet of record in scripture? (Abraham-Genesis 20:7)
- Who was the second? (Aaron-Exodus 7:1)
- Who was the forerunner to THAT PROPHET---Jesus? (Moses-Deut. 34:10)
- What rules apply to a prophet in the Old Testament? And are they the same in the New?

Today many, and I do mean many, voices are lifted claiming to operate in the prophetic. Entire churches, ministries, and “businesses” (The Prophecy Club, and multitudes of book, video, and paraphernalia sellers) all claim to hear from the Lord---and will be glad to take your money in the process). Thousands, upon thousands of words are uttered predicting events, casting grave warnings, and dire scenarios, and fixing dates to events based on “the Bible”.

Nearly ALL of these prophets, so –called, are WRONG. Wrong in predictions, wrong in casting spells of

fear, and wrong in discrediting the prophetic office. Even when they “get it right” or DO hear from the Lord, nearly all are wolves, ravening after a flock (an audience) and they reveal their hearts by the very words they utter which do NOT bear witness to the **character of Christ**. Worse still, many of these “prophets” are unclean vessels who are revealed by their acts done in darkness and their distortions of prophetic writ.

Today ministry schools have opened to “train up the prophets”. Scriptural patterns of prophets bear little witness to this pattern (save Elisha’s school of prophets.) Prophets, in scripture, were raised up directly BY YAHWEH---they emerged from suffering and the wilderness.

“...the prophetic type remains over and outside the formal religious scheme. They were probably always more or less of an annoyance to the priests. They became informal advisers upon public affairs, denouncers of sin and strange practices, “self-constituted”, as we should say, having no sanction but an inner light.”—H.G. Wells

Abraham-The First Prophet:

Genesis 20:7- Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live; and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine. (YAHWEH to Abimilech who had taken Abraham’s wife as his wife---a prophetic foreshadowing)

Moses-the forerunner prophet:

Ex 7:1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

Deut 34:10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

Deut. 13:1 - 1 ¶ 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... 5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.)

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.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

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. (This prophecy is given in conjunction with the unfolding of the direct prophecy OF Christ and speaks in contradistinction to Him. It is a different standard than the one given in Deut. 13.

Who is “that prophet”, the great Prophet?

Deut. 18: 14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

15 ¶ The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. (this verse foretells the Lord, Jesus, who comes AS God in human form) **Deut. 18: 18** I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him

The New Testament affirms Moses’ primacy as the forerunner and type of the Christ:

Ac 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Ac 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. {like...: or, as myself}

Jesus Christ is “that prophet”---the embodiment of the prophetic office:

Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the **spirit of prophecy.**

John 1:21 And they asked him (John the Baptist), What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

But Jesus tells us:

Luke 7:28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

Jesus seems to infer here that the believers, themselves exceed John....hmmm.

The Real Mission of the Prophet---and the heirs in faith:

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek (the submitted); he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

4 ¶ And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and **the sons of the alien**(nations, heathen, gentiles) shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 But **ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD**: men shall call you **the Ministers of our God**: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the **double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.**

In modern parlance, this is called the ministry of the Gospel, proclaiming the Good News of Christ Jesus, and operating in the gifts of the Spirit. It deals **with the binding of Satan**, his fallen angel band, and his demonic hordes. It is physical healing, deliverance from the bondage of sin, the loosing of the shackles of demonic strongholds---both in the heavenlies and on the Earth---and **the restoration of the generations of man, both Jews and then Gentiles.**

The Seed:

Isaiah 61:9 And **their seed** shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that **they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.**

Romans 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And **to thy seed, which is Christ.**

1John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God **doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (or born again---from above)**

Revelation references the great battle which occurs in the spirit realm:

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and **have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

Revelation 19:10 ---again---for the testimony of Jesus is the **spirit of prophecy.**

So we have to ask: IF you are of the Seed, by virtue of the New Birth, are you not in possession of the testimony of Jesus? Ergo, do you not likewise possess the spirit of prophecy? Does this testimony not speak to the mission of Christ which was to destroy the works of the devil. (1John 3:8)?

This, again, goes to the unfolding revelation of the **generations**---as I've said before the human race is streaming toward ONE race, one generation---one bloodline---the bloodline of Christ. THIS generation---the seed of Jesus, the saints in ALL times and places are bequeathed a REWARD---and that reward is the reward of the prophets!

Recall earlier in the study I referenced Genesis 20 and YAH's command to Abimilech? The picture there was one of RECONCILIATION ---and it dealt with GENERATIONS:

Genesis 20:7- Now therefore **restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee,**

and thou shalt live; and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine. (YAHWEH to Abimilech who had taken Abraham's wife as his wife---a prophetic forshadowing)

All humanity is streaming toward reconciliation: one unto destruction, the other unto the REWARD:

Revelation 11:18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy (or corrupt) the earth.

“**corrupt**” is the stronger translation for this word---it is applied equally between destroy and corrupt, but the context here is informed by this word corruption.

What is this corruption?

1311. διαφθειρω diaphtheiro, dee-af-thi'-ro -

from 1225 and 5351; to rot thoroughly, i.e. (by implication) to ruin (passively, decay utterly, figuratively, pervert):--corrupt, destroy, perish.

See Greek 1225 (**diaballo**) – 1225. **διαβαλλω diaballo, dee-ab-al'-lo** -from 1223 and 906; (figuratively) to traduce:--accuse.

Traduce is a Latin word from the Greek- Main Entry:tra£duce

Function:transitive verb

Etymology:Latin traducere to lead across, transfer, degrade, from tra-, trans- trans- + ducere to lead —

1 : **to expose to shame or blame by means of falsehood and misrepresentation**

2 : VIOLATE, BETRAY *traduce a principle of law*

We also are pointed to this word in the lexicon for **diaphtheiro**:

See Greek 5351 (phtheiro)- 5351. **φθειρω phtheiro, fthi'-ro -**

probably strengthened from phthio (to pine or waste); properly, to shrivel or wither, i.e. to spoil (by any process) or (generally) to ruin (especially figuratively, by moral influences, to deprave):--corrupt (self), defile, destroy.

Interesting words, no? Notice the Greek word diaballo---we use the term diabolical without ever connecting it to the proper context. It speaks of deception, betrayal, SHAME, degradation. Who is the accuser?

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (KJV)

So is Revelation 11:18 speaking of the physical destruction of the “Earth”, proper?---or the state of corruption of not only the planetary realm, but more so of the PEOPLES.

Jesus speaks of rewards:

Reward-3408. מִשְׁתּוֹשׁ **misthos, mis-thos'** ---apparently a primary word; pay for service (literally or figuratively), good or bad:--hire, reward, wages.

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Paul in **Romans 4:4**- Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Revelation 20: 6 ¶ And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

This is the separation of the people of YAHWEH from the defiled stock of the Dragon, the Serpent, the corrupted genetics and perverse minds whose consciences are seared:

Revelation 20: 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 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. {out of the book...: or, from the tree of life}

20 ¶ He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Matthew 10: 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

The work of the prophets is reconciliation---the reconciliation of the generations of Christ. The prophet speaks LIFE, he/she cooperates with the present work of YAHWEH in the kairos time---the ever-present moment. The prophets move and have their being in HIM:

1Corinthians 14:29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.