



**“PROPHECY”**  
**AND ITS PURPOSE**  
**IN**  
**GOD’S PLAN**

“Perilous times are before us. Everyone who has knowledge of the truth should awake and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given through the spirit of Prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through His word. He has spoken to us through the testimonies to the church, and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer?”

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1. Humanity can only see as far as their eye can see and they can tell what may be of the past, which may be their version or opinion, known as history, but to prophecy, which is to tell of future actions or events, only can be told through humanity by revelation, thus making humanity subject to the revealer.



2. The Bible as a book is unique in that it contains literally hundreds of prophecies that span thousands of years and that have witnessed equally as many fulfillments. Only the Bible, as the word of God, has proven consistently reliable in its predictions dealing with empires, nations, civilizations, and events, often very specific and detailed in their coverage.



3. It Is YHWH who revealeth secrets:-

Amos 3:7

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



4. YHWH desire that all men be prophets:  
**Num.11:25-29**“And the LORD came down in  
a cloud, and spake unto him, and **took of  
the spirit that was upon him, and gave it  
unto the seventy elders:** and it came to  
pass, that, **when the spirit rested upon  
them, they prophesied, and did not cease.....**



**[26]** But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was **Eldad**, and the name of the other **Medad**: and **the spirit rested upon them**; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and **they prophesied in the camp**.

**[27]** And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp....



**[28]** And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

**[29]** And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!”



**1Sam.10:11,12** “And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, **he prophesied among the prophets**, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?”

**[12]** And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?”



**1Cor.14:1-5**“Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, **but rather that ye may prophesy.**

**[2]** For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him;

howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

**[3]** But **he that prophesieth** speaketh unto men to **edification**, and **exhortation**, and **comfort.**



[4] He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but **he that prophesieth edifieth the church.**

[5] I would that ye all spake with tongues, but **rather that ye prophesied:** for **greater is he that prophesieth** than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying..



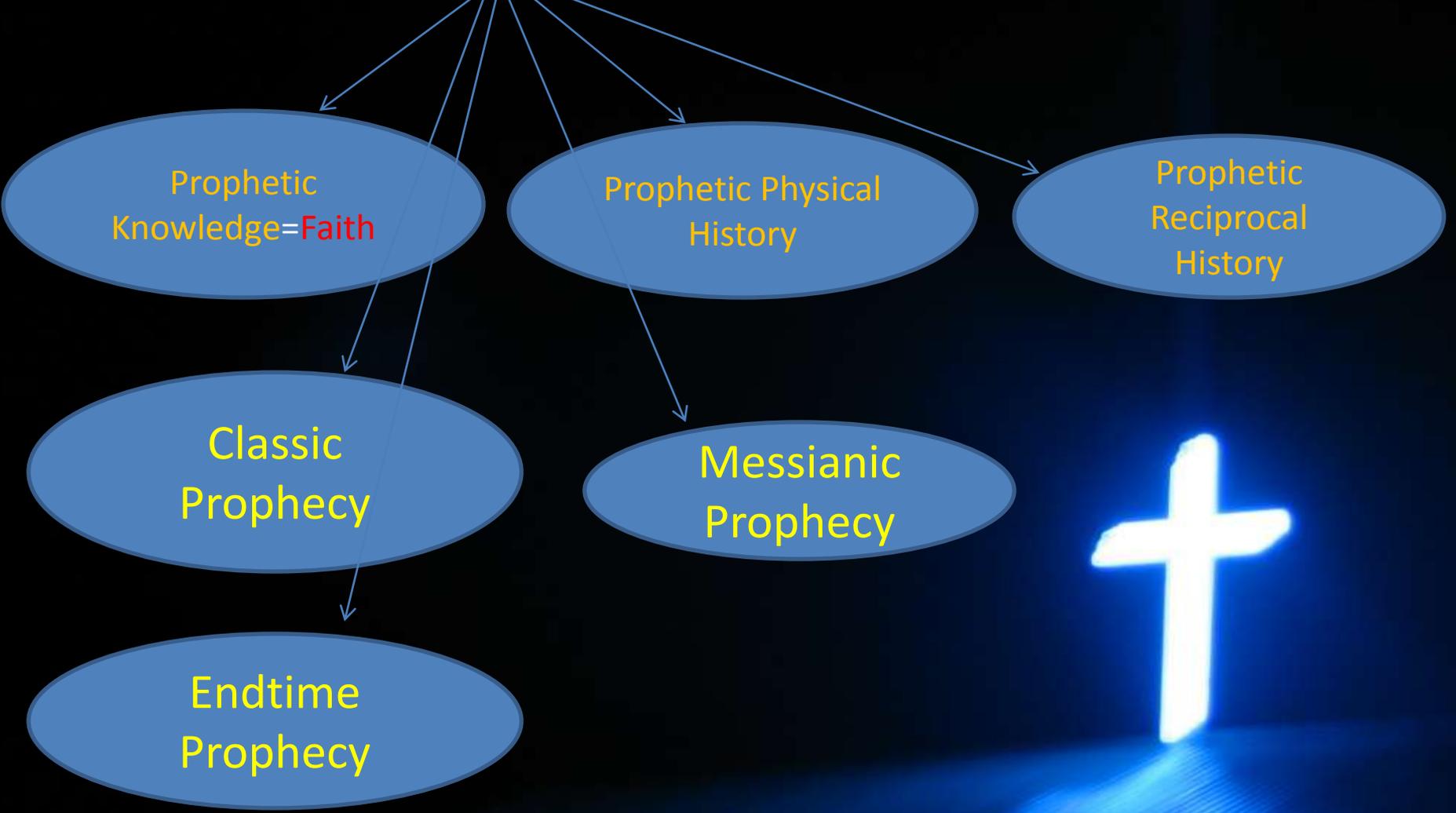
5. Prophecy points us to obedience:-

**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....

**Rev.22:7**, “Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.”



6. In the Old Testament, there are 16 different prophets which authored 17 books of prophecy. Prophecy is categorized in the following:-



## 7. JESUS is identified in scripture as above all the prophets:-

### Acts.3:22-26

“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.

**[23]** And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

**[24]** Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise **foretold of these days**.

**[25]** Ye **are the children of the prophets**, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

**[26]** Unto you first **God**, having **raised up his Son Jesus**, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.”



8. YHWH is the source of all true prophecy:-

**Isa.46:9,10**

“Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and there is none else; I *am* God, and there is none like me, [10] Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:”



## Isa.44:6,7

“Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am **the first**, and I am **the last**; and **beside me there is no God**.

**[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.”



## Isa.44:21-26

“Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

[22] Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the **former things**, what they be, that we may consider them, and **know the latter end of them**; or **declare us things for to come**.

[23] **Shew the things that are to come hereafter**, that we may know that **ye are gods**: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

[24] Behold, **ye are of nothing**, and **your work of nought**: **an abomination is he that chooseth you**.

[25] I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.

[26] Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words.”



**9. Prophecy means:** “A prediction of a future event, especially when made under divine influence or direction.”

**Prophet means:** “One who delivers the divine message or interpreted God’s will which generally entailed foretelling the future.”



**10. The prophet's function is twofold:-**[A] To forth tell.  
[B] To foretell.

**Forth Tell:-**Sets forth the message of the Lord by teaching, warning, exhorting, and comforting.

**Foretelling:-**Involves the prediction of the future, whether of people and nation or of Jesus' coming reign.



## 11. Purpose of Bible Prophecy:-

1. Bible prophecies provide a whole range of information related to the **divine plan** that is useful to the believer. Such **knowledge strengthens and stimulates the Lord's people**. It enables them **to be spiritually awake** and provides the tools needed **to be about [the] Father's business**.

**Lk.21:28** "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

2. They **reveals the steady progress** that is being made **in the outworking** and final culmination of **that plan**.



## 11. Purpose of Bible Prophecy:-

3. The creation, existence and punishment of Israel, the coming of Messiah in his role as Suffering Servant, the lease of power to the gentile nations, the rise of the Antichrist system and the persecution of the saints, the cleansing of the sanctuary, and many others were **all predicted** in Scripture and find clear fulfillments in history. Thus step by step we are able to recognize the approach of the climax of God's purpose in the establishment of his kingdom and the blessing of mankind.

4. Provides another **era of enlightenment** is in the end time prophecies relating to the end of the age. There are forecasts of the harvest of the gospel age, the great time of trouble, the day of judgment, and church's returning favor. All of these and more have enabled the Lord's people to be fully aware of the significance of the distressing events taking place about them.



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