

School Of The Prophets – Class #1

Topic: The Church, The Prophetic & Ancient Order Of The Seers! (Abram, Enoch & Samuel)

DESPISE NOT PROPHECYING!!!

1 Thessalonians 5:20 KJV "Despise not prophesyings."

Despise = Contempt (Legal Term for being CRUEL)

Joel's Prophecy About The Prophetic!

Joel 2:28 "Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will **PROPHECY**. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions."

1. PROPHECY
2. DREAMS
3. VISIONS

The word "prophet" comes from the Hebrew word *nabi* or *nabiy*, to bubble forth, like a fountain, or to utter, speak, or "pour forth" an announcement. Other words — *hozeh* and *ro'eh*, meaning "seer" which means to SEERS!

THE PROPHET IS A GIFT (EPH 4:11)

Ephesians 4:11 "Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers."

PROPHETS ARE FOUNDATIONAL (EPH. 2:20)

Ephesians 2:20 "Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself."

Old Testament Acknowledgment Of Prophets!

Numbers 11:26-29 "Two men, Eldad and Medad, had stayed behind in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but they had not gone out to the Tabernacle. Yet the Spirit rested upon them as well, so they prophesied there in the camp. A young man ran and reported to Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!" Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' assistant since his youth, protested, "Moses, my master, make them stop!" But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people **WERE PROPHETS** and that the LORD would put his Spirit upon them all!"

Early Church Acknowledgement Of Prophets!

Acts 13:1-3 "Among **THE PROPHETS** and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called "the black man"), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul. One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.

Acknowledgement Of The Gift of Prophecy

Acts 21:8-9 "The next day we went on to Caesarea and stayed at the home of Philip the Evangelist, one of the seven men who had been chosen to distribute food. [9] He had four unmarried daughters who had the **GIFT OF PROPHECY**."

Angelic Acknowledgement Of the Prophets!

Revelation 22:9 "But he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers **THE PROPHETS**, as well as all who obey what is written in this book. Worship only God!"

Who Is The Greatest Prophet (John The Baptist)

Matthew 11:9-10 "Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a **PROPHET**. John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.'"

Who Is The Ultimate Prophet (Jesus)

John 6:14 "When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is **THE PROPHET** we have been expecting!"

THE FIRST "CALLED" PROPHET? (ABRAM)

Genesis 20:7 "Now return the woman to her husband, and he will pray for you, for he is **A PROPHET**. Then you will live. But if you don't return her to him, you can be sure that you and all your people will die."

WHAT MADE ABRAM A PROPHET?

1. HE HEARD

Genesis 12:1-2 "The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others."

2. HE SAW

John 8:56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad."

3. HE MOVED

Genesis 22:15-17 "Then the angel of the LORD called again to Abraham from heaven. "This is what the LORD says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that. I will certainly bless you."

4. HE NEGOTIATED

Genesis 18:17,25-26 "Should I hide my plan from Abraham?" the LORD asked. "

[25] Surely you wouldn't do such a thing, destroying the righteous along with the wicked. Why, you would be treating the righteous and the wicked exactly the same! Surely you wouldn't do that! Should not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?" [26] And the LORD replied, "If I find fifty righteous people in Sodom, I will spare the entire city for their sake."

ABRAHAM IS NOT ONLY THE FATHER OF OUR FAITH, BUT ALSO THE FATHER OF THE PROPHETIC MOVEMENT BY TITLE BUT NOT BY OFFICE.

WHO WAS "ACTUALLY" THE FIRST PROPHET??? (Enoch)

Jude 1:14-15 "Enoch, the seventh from Adam, **PROPHESIED** about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

-----FROM ENOCH TO ABRAHAM-----THEN TO MIRIAM & AARON-----TO DEBORAH & NO NAME PROPHETS DURING THE TIME OF JUDGES-----TO SAMUEL AND THUS BEGINS THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE SEERS!

THE TERM "SEER" FIRST BEGAN?

1 Samuel 9:6-8 "But the servant said, "I've just thought of something! There is a man of God who lives here in this town. He is held in high honor by all the people because everything he says comes true. Let's go find him. Perhaps he can tell us which way to go." "But we don't have anything to offer him," Saul replied. "Even our food is gone, and we don't have a thing to give him." "Well," the servant said, "I have one small silver piece. We can at least offer it to the man of God and see what happens!" (In those days if people wanted a message from God, they would say, "Let's go and ask the **SEER**," for prophets used to be called **SEERS**.)

- Q. WHY THE BIRTHING OF THE SEERS??
- R. THE WORD OF THE LORD IS RARE!!!!

1 Samuel 3:1 NLT "Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the LORD by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the LORD were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon."

SEERS & PROPHETS AREN'T THE SAME!

2 Kings 17:13 KJV "Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the **PROPHETS**, and by all the **SEERS**, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

WHAT IS A SEER?

What Is a Seer? "A seer is **one who sees with spiritual eyes**. He perceives the meaning of that which seems obscure to others; therefore he is an interpreter and clarifier of eternal truth. He foresees the future from the past and the present.

SAMUEL WAS CALLED A SEER!

1 Samuel 3:19-21 "As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him, and everything Samuel said proved to be reliable. And all Israel, from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south, knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD. The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh and gave messages to Samuel there at the Tabernacle."

SAMUEL ACKNOWLEDGED HIMSELF AS A SEER!

1 Samuel 9:19 "I am the **SEER**!" Samuel replied. "Go up to the place of worship ahead of me. We will eat there together, and in the morning I'll tell you what you want to know and send you on your way."

QUALITIFATIONS OF BEING A SEER!

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1. HONOR - WALKING IN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE WITH BOTH GOD & MAN.
2. CONSISTENCY - TRACK RECORD OF PROPHETIC UTTERANCES COMING TO PASS!

SEERS IN SCRIPTURE!

1. GAD

2 Samuel 24:11 "For when David was up in the morning, the word of the Lord came unto the prophet Gad, David's **SEER**, saying,"

2. HEMAN

1 Chronicles 25:5 "All these were the sons of Heman the king's **SEER** in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters."

3. IDDO

2 Chronicles 9:29 KJV "Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo **THE SEER** against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?"

4. HANANI

2 Chronicles 16:7 KJV "And at that time Hanani **THE SEER** came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand."

SAMUEL BEGINS TO SET UP HIS COURT (COMPANY OF PROPHETS)

1 Samuel 7:15-17 "Samuel continued as Israel's judge for the rest of his life. [16] Each year he traveled around, **SETTING UP HIS COURT** first at Bethel, then at Gilgal, and then at Mizpah. He judged the people of Israel at each of these places. Then he would return to his home at Ramah, and he would hear cases there, too. And Samuel built an altar to the LORD at Ramah."

Q. WHY ESTABLISH AN ORDER OF THE PROPHETS & SEERS??

R. BECAUSE OF BALAAM SON OF PEOR (NUMBER 22)

REASONS FOR INITIATING THE COMPANY OF PROPHETS??

1. ACCOUNTABILITY
2. TRAINING
3. MATURITY
4. FELLOWSHIP
5. SHARPENING

NOTE: TO REMOVE THE LONE RANGERS!!

WHAT IS ANCIENT ORDER? (GENERATION)

The Hebrew word דֹר (*dor*, [Strong's #1755](#)) is used 167 times in the Hebrew Bible and usually translated as "generation." While the Hebrew word דֹר (*dor*) and the [English](#) word "generation" are similar in meaning, it is important to understand the differences in order to have a clearer picture of the [authors understanding](#) of the word which may impact how a particular passage is understood.

A generation is the time from one birth to the birth of the next generation. While the word דֹר (*dor*) has this meaning, there some differences between the Hebrew understanding of this word and our own. In our Greco-Roman culture we see [time as a line](#) with a beginning and an end while the Eastern mind sees time as a continuous circle. While we may see a generation as a time line with a beginning and an end, the Hebrews saw a generation as one circle with the next generation as a continuation of the circle. There is no beginning and no end.

HOW MANY ORDERS? (MELCHIZEDEK, AARON)

Hebrews 7:11 KJV "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be called after the order of Aaron?"

SAMUEL ESTABLISHES THE ORDER OF THE SEERS.

1 Samuel 19:20 AMP "Then Saul sent messengers to take David; but when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing and presiding over them, the Spirit of God came on the messengers of Saul; and they also prophesied.

THE COMPANY OF PROPHETS!

This is the first mention of "a company (cord, chain, or band) of prophets" (Nabhis). There were previously individual prophets. And on one occasion the seventy elders prophesied ([Numbers 11:25](#)), and Moses said, "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them." But until the time of Samuel there was no association or community, college or school, of prophets.

1. His language shows his intimate relation to this "company," of which he was doubtless the founder, and appears subsequently as president ([1 Samuel 19:20](#)); for it is not likely that there were now several such "companies," as in later times ([1 Kings 20:35](#); [2 Kings 2:3, 16](#); [2 Kings 4:38](#)).

2. Its formation was due to a newly awakened religious life among the people and intended as a means of deepening and extending it.

3. It arose about the same time as the establishment of the monarchy, and furnished a regular succession of prophets, by whom the word of the Lord was spoken for the guidance and restraint of the king. "Samuel saw the need of providing a new system of training for those who should be his successors in the prophetic office and formed into fixed societies the sharers of the mystic gift, which was plainly capable of cultivation and enlargement. As it was a leading crisis of the dealings of God with men, unusual operations of the Spirit marked the time of Samuel; but they were not confined to him, though he is far the most conspicuous figure" ('Heroes of Hebrews Hist.'). Notice their -

COMPANY OF PROPHETS FIRST MENTIONED!

1 Samuel 10:5,10 "After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a **COMPANY OF PROPHETS** coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy: And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them."

SAMUEL WAS THEIR PRESIDENT!

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PRESIDING MEANS = PRESIDENT

NOTE: WE WILL CONTINUE THE COMPANY OF THE PROPHETS NEXT WEEK!!

PROPHETIC ASSIGNMENT:

WRITE DOWN THE WORD OF THE LORD (TYPED & PRINTED) AND BRING BACK NEXT WEEK!!!!!!
ASK THE LORD THESE THREE THINGS-----TAKE ONE DAY TO FAST BEFORE THE LORD!!!

1. ASK THE LORD CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF AMERICA FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS
2. ASK THE LORD CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF AMAZING CHURCH FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS
3. ASK THE LORD CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF YOUR LIFE FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS!