

# **APOSTOLIC SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETIC**

## ***SYLLABUS & COURSE STUDY***



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## **INTRODUCTION**

This syllabus has been compiled with apostolic/prophetic people in mind. During this study we hope to clear up a few misconceptions and falsehoods about what it means to be truly apostolic and prophetic. It is our goal to candidly address the real issues that we continue to face concerning the absence of true prophetic/teachers, walking, and working in conjunction with true apostles and other foundational men and women.

The first part of our study will cover ‘Understanding the Prophetic,’ and I will be sharing some of the insights and information that I have learned over the past five decades.

- What does it mean to be prophetic?
- Can one be a prophetic person without prophesying? Yes, or No?
- Is there a difference between the spirit of prophecy and the gift of prophesying? Yes, or No?
- Is there a difference between the gift of prophesying and the office of a prophet? Yes, or No?
- Is there a difference between the function and operation of the older and newer covenant prophets? Yes, or No?
- What is the function of the newer covenant prophets today?
- What happens when apostles and prophets walk and work together in the Ekklesia and Kingdom?

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*Whatever (Yahweh Elohim) plans to do, he tells his servants, the prophets. Everyone is terrified when a lion roars— and ordinary people become prophets when (Yahweh Elohim) speaks. Amos 3:7-8 CEV*

*“Yahweh reveals His plans to His servants the prophets.”*

*“The lion is roaring, and His sons prophesy when Holy Spirit is speaking.”*

## PART ONE

### **UNDERSTANDING THE PROPHETIC**

#### **What does it mean to be prophetic?**

**Being prophetic** has less to do with personality stereotypes and more to do with the way we see and process information. Being prophetic does not necessarily mean that we have a propensity to live in a cave or eat locust and wild honey; but there may be times in our lives that it would be good for us to separate ourselves unto Yahweh and experience some sensory deprivation so that we can hear, see, and journal what we are experiencing in the moment.

**Being prophetic** is less about dramatic delivery, weird antics, and strange behavior, and more about accuracy and clarity of message and content. Being prophetic does not necessarily mean that we only see things through a symbolic or metaphoric prism; but I have personally encountered prophetic people who are poetic and some of them are highly creative people.

There are times when prophetic people see and hear colors, sounds and things in nature that captures their attention and stimulates their senses. It is in these moments that they may see an image, hear a sound, or experience a symphony of feeling and emotion that translates into a thought, word, or musing.

**Question:** Do you know anybody who fits into this profile? Yes, or No?

**Being prophetic is NOT** always about being declarative, demonstrative, and boisterous; but there are times that we all will have an opportunity to share our testimony and witness in Yahweh. The testimony of Yahshua is (*in essence*) the spirit of prophecy, and when we testify to what Yahweh has done and is doing in our lives, we are prophesying. When we bear witness to what Holy Spirit is saying, we are prophesying. When we exhort, encourage, and edify one another, we are prophesying.

*Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant*

*of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:9-10 NASB*

*Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. 1 Corinthians 14:1 NASB*

*When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has an interpretation. (revelation, knowledge, prophecy or teaching- Ref. 1 Cor. 14:6) Let all things be done for edification. 1 Cor. 14:26b NASB*

*For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn, and all may be exhorted; 1 Cor. 14:31 NASB*

**Being prophetic is NOT** about being ominous, scary, or theatrical. Most of the Ekklesia has not been exposed to the true prophetic, and those who have, are leery and intimidated when someone shows up claiming to be a prophet, prophetess or an oracle. 😊

### **Can one be a prophetic person without prophesying?**

Short answer, YES! I have personally encountered people in both the Ekklesia and Marketplace that could be considered prophetic in the way they think and process data. Some of them were mildly eccentric, and somewhat eclectic; but they were extremely talented individuals. I know a few creative designers, talented authors and gifted songwriters who fit this profile. Is it not prophetic when storytellers and narrators cause us to feel like we are a part of a story or book? There is a difference between a musician and singer; but they work together to make music. Singer/songwriters have a way of sharing their heart and soul with us through songs. Minstrels and psalmist tap into the realm of the Spirit and sing the song of the Sovereign. How about prophetic dancing and artistic expression? *Selah!*

*Do not be drunk with wine, for that is reckless living. But be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Give thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 5:18-19 MEV*

## **Is there a difference between the spirit of prophecy and the gift of prophesying?**

The spirit of prophecy and the gift of prophesying are both a part of the prophetic; but there are some differences when it comes to function and operation. Case in point, “the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Yahshua.” In other words, “when we testify to what Yahweh has done and is doing in our lives, we are prophesying. When we bear witness to what Holy Spirit is saying, we are prophesying.”

Someone does not have to necessarily be gifted and graced to prophesy; but those who are gifted and graced to function and operate in the gift of prophesying will be proficient in exhortation, encouragement, and edification. I think that it would be safe to say that the spirit of prophecy is not limited in function to our gathering together unto Him and the gift of prophesying is a manifestation of Holy Spirit that has been given to the Ekklesia for the common good.

### PROPHETIC ORDER

*Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment. But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn, and all may be exhorted; and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment. But if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. 1 Corinthians 14:29-33, 37-38 NASB*

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***The Gift of Prophesying is one of nine gifts and manifestations of Holy Spirit and mostly for exhortation, encouragement, and edification.***

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*There are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. There are various operations, but it is the same God who operates all of them in all people.*

*But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone for the common good. To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But that one and very same Spirit works all these, dividing to each one individually as He will. 1 Corinthians 12:5-11 MEV*

*EAGERLY PURSUE and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest]; and earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual endowments (gifts), especially that you may prophesy (**interpret the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching**). For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding]. But [on the other hand], the one who prophesies [who interprets the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching] speaks to men for their upbuilding and constructive spiritual progress and encouragement and consolation. 1 Corinthians 14:1-3 AMPC*

## **Is there a difference between the gift of prophesying and the office of a prophet?**

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***The Office of the Prophet is revelatory, representative, and responsive.***

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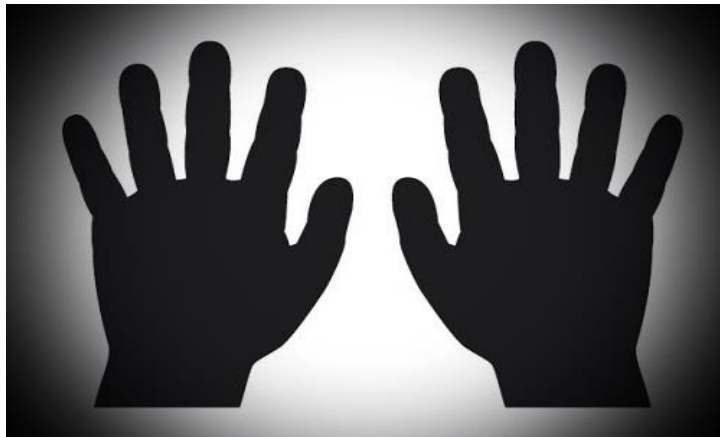
*They speak by revelatory knowledge to the things they both see and hear by the Spirit. They show us the way of the Father's heart concerning building on the solid Rock foundation, which is the revelation of Messiah Yahshua. They cooperate with Holy Spirit when it comes to divine directives, strategies, and the forward advancement of the Kingdom.*

*So, God has appointed some in the church [for His own use]: first apostles (special messengers); second prophets (inspired preachers and expounders); third teachers; then wonder-workers; then those with ability to heal the sick; helpers; administrators; [speakers in] different (unknown) tongues. Are all apostles (special messengers)? Are all prophets (inspired interpreters of the will and purposes of God)? Are all teachers? Do all have the power of performing miracles? Do all possess extraordinary powers of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire and zealously cultivate the greatest and best gifts and graces (the higher gifts and the choicest graces). And yet I will show you a still more excellent way [one that is better by far and the highest of them all-love]. 1 Corinthians 12:28-31 AMP*

- 1). Apostles build the house with wisdom.
- 2). Prophets establish the house with understanding.
- 3). Teachers fill and furnish the house with knowledge.

It has been said: (apostles-govern) (prophets – guide) (evangelists-gather) (pastors-guard) (teachers-ground)

*This is a pictogram of the hands of Yahshua.*



Look at it this way. If the Lion were a prophetic similitude of the Apostolic and the Eagle was a prophetic similitude of the Prophetic, would the view be better from above and different from beneath?



*If the apostolic and prophetic were walking and working together the prophetic could give us a preview of what is to come, and the apostolic could see how to better navigate what is ahead. If the apostolic and prophetic were walking and working together the prophetic could clarify some of the things that we are hearing and the apostolic could help us make it to where we are going together. Selah!*

*Yours, O Lord, (Yahweh) is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, (Yahweh) and You exalt Yourself as head overall. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule overall, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. Now therefore, our God, (Elohim) we thank You, and praise Your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:11-13 NASB*

### **Is there a difference between the function and operation of the older and newer covenant prophets?**

There is a difference between the function and operation of the older and newer covenant prophets; but the primary difference is, older covenant prophets primarily represented the voice of Yahweh to the people. In other words, they spoke on behalf of Yahweh. They were more foretelling than forthtelling. They were seers and hearers from a distance that spoke to things to come. It has been said that John the Baptist was the last older covenant prophet that bridged the gap to the newer covenant prophets. As with all supposition, this generalization does not accurately speak to the big picture.

John the Baptist came saying; “Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand or near” Yahshua came saying; “Repent for the Kingdom of God is come or here” and “Repent and believe the gospel” John came saying; “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” “He must increase, but I must decrease.” “As for me, I baptize you with water; but ONE is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” Yahshua came saying; “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment,

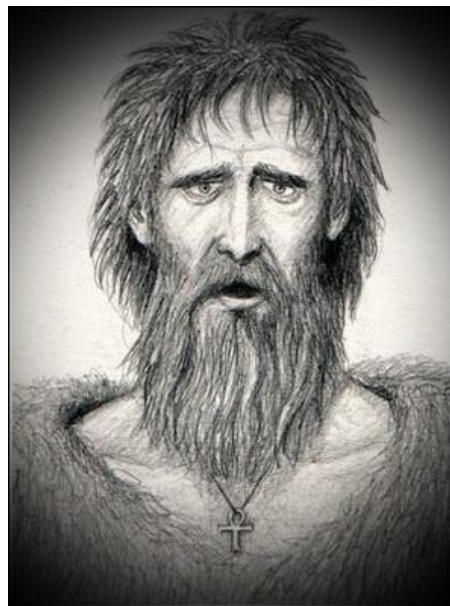
but has passed out of death into life.” (John 5:25) Yahshua came saying; I am the Bread of Life. (John 6:35-48) I am the Light of the world. (John 8:12 & 9:5) I am the Gate. (John 10:7) I am The Good Shepherd. (John 10:11-14) I am The Resurrection and The Life. (John 11:25) I am The Way, The Truth and The Life. (John 14:6) I am the True Vine. (John 15:1-5)

*The following statement is a tribute to John the Baptist, and it contains some especially important prophetic content.*

*Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John, the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force. For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. Matthew 11:11-15 NASB*

**Question:** What did Yahshua really say about John the Baptist?

John the Baptist was one of the greatest people ever born of a woman, until NOW! If you are a son of the Kingdom, you are greater than John the Baptist. Yahshua was conceived by Holy Spirit, born of a virgin and His coming fulfilled every prophecy concerning the coming of His Kingdom. With the prophecies concerning the coming of His Kingdom fulfilled, we no longer need to violently force our way into the Kingdom. Yahshua said, if you can receive it, John is Elijah to come. *Ref. Malachi 4:5*



## **What is the function of the newer covenant prophets today?**

*There is a cry throughout the land and a call in the Spirit for true prophetic teachers to once again emerge and reengage the ongoing work of the ministry. It is time for them to converge and reconvene with true apostles and other foundational men and women in the work. Together they will form a dynamic duo that will shift the heavens and shake the earth in every locale and region around the world.*

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If we continue to take the path of least resistance and compromise, we will soon pass the point of no return, and the gauntlet and opportunity to receive a Kingdom that cannot be shaken will be given to those who will make up the next generation.

I hear the voice of Holy Spirit saying, TODAY is the day of salvation, and we must work the works of Him who sent us while it is day, for the night is coming when we will no longer be able to work. While we are in the world, we are the light of the world. Rise, Shine & Radiate!