

A scenic view of a mountain valley, likely Yosemite, with a large circular graphic overlay. The text "Why Prophecy?" is centered in the upper half of the image. The background shows a valley with a river, surrounded by steep, rocky mountains under a hazy sky. A large, semi-transparent circular graphic is overlaid on the scene, with the text centered within it.

# Why Prophecy?

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**1. Intro:**

**Need to breath?**

**-need to be filled by the Holy Spirit daily**

**-2 Corinthians 3:17 (HCSB)**

**Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where  
the Spirit of the Lord is, there is  
freedom.**

**PROPHECY**

# 1. Intro: PROPHECY

John 10:27 (KJV)

**My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,  
and they follow me..**

## 2. WHAT IS PROPHECY?:

**‘A MESSAGE FROM GOD’**

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### 2.1 Strong's Concordance Definition:

prophēteia: **prophecy**

Original Word: προφητεία, ας, ἡ

Phonetic Spelling: (prof-ay-ti'-ah)

**Definition: prophecy, prophesying; the gift of communicating and enforcing revealed truth.**

**4394** *prophēteía* (from [4396](#) /*prophētēs*, "prophet," which is derived from [4253](#) /*pró*, "before" and [5346](#) /*phēmí*, "make clear, assert as a priority") – properly, what is clarified *beforehand*; *prophecy* which involves divinely-empowered *forthtelling* (asserting the mind of God) or *foretelling* (prediction).

## **2. WHAT IS PROPHECY?:**

### **2.2 Prophecy in the Word:**

#### **2.2.1: Old Testament:**

THE CENTRAL GOAL WAS TWOFOLD:

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**Isa 44:22** I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

**Mat 3:1** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

## **2.2.2 New Testament:**

- Did not change after Jesus**
- Reserved for priests and prophets of the Old Testament was poured out on all flesh**

1Co 12:11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.



## 2.3 Prophecy: Various Forms

- a mental **image / impression** (John 1:43-59);
- **visions** (Isaiah 6:1; 2 Kings 6:17; Acts 16:9);
- a **trance** (see Acts 10:9-15);
- **dreams** (Genesis 20:3; Daniel 7:2);
- an **audible voice** (Acts 10:13; 1 Kings 19:11-13);
- **words** in our mouth (Jeremiah 1:9-10);
- **music, song and poetry** (1 Chronicles 25:1; Matthew 22:43-45; Ephesians 5:19);
- **Scripture** (see Acts 2:17-21, 2:25-28);  
[RHEMA and LOGOS]
- an **inner witness** (Hebrews 5:14).

# 3. THE HEART:

## VARIOUS GOALS:

- Revelation of Jesus Christ: Revelation 1:10-20;
- Unity in the faith: Ephesians 4:12-13
- Correction / conviction: 1 Corinthians 14:24-25;
- Edification, exhortation, comfort: 1 Corinthians 14:3-4; 31
- Direction: Acts 16:9; 21:10-11
- Preparation: Acts 11:27-30
- Separation: Acts 13:1-3
- Impartation: 1 Timothy 4:14
- Prediction: Acts 11:27-30, Revelation 5-22

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### 3.1 Testimony:

- The word “testimony” Greek: *marturia* which means evidence given; record, report, testimony, witness.
- It is from this word in Greek that we get the word “martyr” which essentially means “witness”.
- **Therefore the “witness” of Jesus**

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## 3.2 Spirit of:

- the heart of
- is the goal or aim of the Prophecy

**The Heart of..**

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#### Revelation 19:10 (AMP)

<sup>10</sup> Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he [stopped me and] said to me, “You must not do that; I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who have *and* hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God [alone]. **For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy [His life and teaching are the heart of prophecy].**”

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**Anti-...**



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## **4.1 Discern:**

**1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.**

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## 4.2 Judge it:

**1 Corinthians 2:15 He who is spiritual judges all things.**

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### 4.3 False:

Matthew 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

**False prophets and bad fruit**

## **5. BABIES AND BATHWATER:**

**1 Corinthians 14:1-4 (HCSB)**

**Prophecy: A Superior Gift**

**14 Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, and above all that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> For the person who speaks in another language is not speaking to men but to God, since no one understands him; however, he speaks mysteries in the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> But the person who prophesies speaks to people for edification, encouragement, and consolation. <sup>4</sup> The person who speaks in another language builds himself up, but he who prophesies builds up the church.**



# WHY PROPHECY?

PRAYER