



The Zion Letter

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Prophecy and Prophets Today

I watched a YouTube video today of a famous pastor who delivered a prophetic word for 2020. The pastor said several things that I have been saying for the last four years, one being that we only have four to five years left in the USA from this point in time, but his message was devoid of specific direction and vision for the time following the four years. His prophecy was an encouraging word for the faithful, but tough on the lukewarm. Unfortunately, I didn't hear the man quote a single Bible verse! John 16:13 says, ***“However when the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into ALL truth... and He will announce to you things that are coming”***. I recall this past year two influential men of God, one Baptist and the other Pentecostal, saying to me, ***“Rabbi Joe, many in the Church are Biblically illiterate”***. I am sharing this message with you so you will be aware of the difference between true prophecy and false prophecy! I do not publically claim to be a prophet although my ministry deals in the prophetic quite often. If I am a prophet then God will show people and I need not broadcast it. Friend, when I give a prophetic revelation, I back it up with Scripture. This article is my attempt to answer two questions. First, are there modern day prophets; secondly, if so, how can we know they are speaking the truth? I will also share what I believe is a concrete example of end-time prophecy that is undisputable. Nevertheless, I still encourage you to pray about what I say.

Prophets and Prophecy in the Bible:

“For the testimony of Yeshua/Jesus is the Spirit of



Prophecy” Rev 19:10 I believe there are many Godly men and women, servants of God, who pray and fast earnestly seeking God and who may get a prophetic word; but many fail to take that word they've heard in the Spirit, and connect it to the word of God. For example, Yeshua/Jesus said, ***“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you into all truth, for he will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things to come.”*** John 16:13. By leading us into all truth Jesus was referring to the Word of God, for the Word of God is truth! Amos 3:7 says, ***“Surely the Lord will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets”***. I know many in the Church do not believe in these two verses, one from the Old Covenant and one from the New Covenant saying God gave us prophets. Will you stand before God and tell him you don't believe He meant what He said? Again it is written, ***“And He gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah.”*** Ephesians 4:11-12. Where in the Bible does it say that in our age God ordains **only** pastors, teachers and evangelists, but not prophets and apostles? There are those who say, “That was for the Apostles' generation, but not for modern times”. If apostles and prophets are not ordained by God for this generation as well, how can we be edified, equipped and perfected for ministry, as the scripture clearly says?

When I came to Jesus, the Lord revealed many things to me about my life, and it was a great comfort to me. I needed to know that there was hope and a future for me. I needed healing, and I needed the power of God to change me. I had religion in traditional Judaism. I grew up in a beautiful multi-million dollar synagogue full of beautiful people in fancy clothes who drove fancy cars. But my beautiful religion lacked practical power. Nobody ever came to a service lame, deaf, mute, or blind and walked away healed. Conversely, I have seen God work miracles like this hundreds of times during my walk with the Lord. At the age of 28, I needed the power of the living God in my life desperately! When I got saved, I didn't know much about God's power or miracles, but I knew I needed them and I relied on these gifts to mature me and help me in ministry to others. Why would I want to follow Jesus and risk losing family and friends, my job, my house, and my lifelong home in Boston (all of which I gave up) to follow Him, if He wasn't an all-powerful, healer, deliverer, Messiah, Savior and God? Why would I risk everything as a very traditional Jew to follow Him? 2 Timothy 3:1-5 says ***"This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, lovers of money, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, without self-control, fierce despisers of those that are good. Treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form or godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."*** Have you been taught not to believe in prophets and apostles and signs, wonders, and miracles? Have you been taught that the gifts of healing and the office of the prophet or the apostle have been done away with? Then why bother being a Christian? Didn't Jesus Himself say, "Which is easier, to forgive sins or to heal the sick?" If you believe that He can forgive you of sins, give you eternal life, raise you from the dead, then surely He still has the power to heal you and to work through people as He worked through Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Jeremiah, Paul, Peter and many others. Doesn't Hebrews 13:8, tell us that ***"Yeshua the Messiah is the same yesterday, today and forever?"*** God does not change. Why would I give up everything to follow Yeshua as my Savior and Messiah if His power wasn't real? My siblings did not come to my wedding after I became a be-

liever. My parents came, but were not excited for me. I was told that I might be disinherited by them, yet I was willing to risk all. I have paid a great price to follow Yeshua to the ends of the earth, and that is exactly where He has taken me — around the world to preach the Gospel!

You might also receive a prophetic calling to serve God. When God calls someone into ministry, He generally opens a door to serve. It is good confirm the calling through seeking prayer and wise counsel, but never put money or income between you and a calling to serve God. If you put income first, the mammon will win every time and you will end up with neither a ministry nor a comfortable lifestyle. The disciples left everything, but in time, all their needs were met.. In Matt 16, Peter said ***"Lord we've left everything."*** Matthew 6:33 says, ***"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you"***. First you must answer the call, and lastly never quit.

How to interpret Prophecy:

First, one must believe that God still does nothing without first telling His servants, the Prophets (see Amos 3:7). Second, one must judge a prophetic word according to the Bible: ***"when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true,***



that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken presumptuously." Such a one is a false prophet. Speaking of the time of His return, why would Yeshua say, ***"Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many"*** MT 24:11, if true prophets did not also exist? Another way to spot a true prophet is if the word being given lines up with Scripture? Does he/she who prophesied or gave an interpretation use Scripture to back up what they are saying? Lastly, one must understand dual fulfillment of prophecy which is that nearly all prophecies have more than one prophetic fulfillment. For example, when God gave us Noah, who could know that one day Jesus would say, ***"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man"***? MT 24:37. God knew over four thousand years ago that He would one day use Noah's life-testimony as a comparison to life at the

Second Coming of the Messiah which is still a future event! God gave Moses the Passover, in which each family was instructed to roast a spotless lamb, and apply it's blood to the doorpost of their home in order to be redeemed from slavery in Egypt and to save the firstborn in each household where the blood was on the doorpost. Yet, only John the Baptist knew that Yeshua was the true Passover Lamb as He said, "***Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.***" *John 1:29*. Luke 22 tells us that Yeshua's last supper was a Passover meal and that He was crucified on Passover. Paul says, "***For Messiah our Passover (Paschal Lamb) also has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.***" *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*.

In the same way, Daniel 8 cannot be speaking **only** of Alexander the Great (The Greek Goat from the West) who attacks the two horned ram (Medo-Persia). Why? Because prophetically a horn represents a king or ruler, his military, and his government. When Alexander fought Darius III on the battlefield at Guagamela in 331 B.C., Darius was the only king of Medo-Persia. Therefore, the ram of Daniel 8 should have had only one horn not two since there was only one king. The angel Gabriel appears to Daniel and explains the vision saying, "***Behold I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end.***" *Daniel 8:19*. Was Daniel 8 talking about Alexander? Yes, but Alexander did not fly over the earth without touching the ground (v. 5), a most literal verse. Was Daniel 8 referring to Donald J. Trump and the U.S. military killing the de-facto ruler of modern Media (Babylon, Assyria, Nineveh, Southern Turkey, and etcetera)? I say Qassem Soleimani was quite possibly one of the horns of the ram while the Ayatollah may be the other horn who rules Iran proper with an iron fist developing nuclear weapons. Is President Donald Trump the only person with the chutzpah (guts) to



take on Iran if they attack us first as they recently attacked our embassy in Iraq? I say yes. Is Mr. Trump the only person in the West with the power to destroy Iran's nukes, military and government with conventional weapons? Again I say yes.

The Israel Factor:

Friend, you must understand that Iran's nuclear weapons **must** be destroyed and soon, because nowhere in God's Holy Book does it indicate that Israel is destroyed by a nuclear attack, which is what the Iranians have continually threatened to do. Israel will be invaded by armies during the battle of Gog and Magog (see Ezekiel 38-39) and Armageddon (Revelation 16), but again I understand, **not utterly annihilated**. In fact, God says He will destroy all nations, but He will not destroy Israel (Read Jeremiah 30:10-11). God further says, "***if the fixed order of the sun by day, the moon and the stars by night, can be stopped; if the God who stirs up the waves of the sea and the heavens could be measured or***



the foundations of the earth searched out below, then and only then would He cast off Israel." *Jeremiah 31:35-37*. According to the Scripture, there will always be an Israel as long as there is an earth. That is why Iran must be stopped. For if Iran succeeds, then God's word would be untrue and God would be a liar, but we know God's word is true and God is not a liar; therefore the question is WHO will destroy Iran's arsenal of nuclear weapons by conventional means? Will Russia? China? North Korea? England? Germany? No! Not even Israel can do it with conventional weapons. Only the United States and only President Donald J. Trump can accomplish this giant slaying feat. For this reason I believe he will not be removed by impeachment, that he will win a second term, and that he will be hated by all those who serve Satan — knowingly or unknowingly. Many Christians and many Jews hate President Trump because they do not have a revelation of who he is through prayer and study of the Bible, or many are just blind to God's prophetic plans. If they could see, they would listen to the warnings of the prophets. Joel 2:28 says, "***and it shall come to pass after-***

ward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.”



As for the pastor who inspired this newsletter, I agree with him that in the next four years America will experience a period of grace and prosperity under President Trump along with times of trouble. This is not a political statement in as much as I believe Donald Trump is God’s man to save Israel from Iran. What is important to God may not be as important to you and me. The word given by the pastor speaks of four more years of grace and prosperity for America, but gives no vision for what happens afterward. God gave me the vision and the plan for the post Trump world four years ago along with the Word to back it up. This prophetic word will help save many people. If you wish to understand and learn from a prophetic Jew, contact us .

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