

# FOUR REALMS OF PROPHECY

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## I. PROPHECY OF SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:19-21, NIV – (19) *And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. (20) Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. (21) For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

2 Peter 1:19-20, TLB – (19) *So we have seen and proved that what the prophets said came true. You will do well to pay close attention to everything they have written, for, like lights shining into dark corners, their words help us to understand many things that otherwise would be dark and difficult. But when you consider the wonderful truth of the prophets' words, then the light will dawn in your souls and Christ the Morning Star will shine in your hearts. (20) For no prophecy recorded in Scripture was ever thought up by the prophet himself. It was the Holy Spirit within these godly men who gave them true messages from God.*

1. All prophetic utterance should be judged by the written word of God.
2. Prophecy does not take the place of the Word
  - a. As believers one should not seek prophecy to replace the sufficiency of the word of God in our lives.
  - b. The church needs both God's written word and the prophetic word to mature and become equipped.
3. Prophecy is a divine disclosure on behalf of the moving of the Holy Spirit for edification, exhortation and comfort. (1 Cor 12:10, 1 Cor 14:3)
4. Prophecy is to mutually benefit each other with Anointed loving words of building up, insight and affirmation. 1 Cor 14:24-25

## II. SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Rev 19:10, NIV – (10) *At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

Rev 19:10, TLB – (10) *Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No! Don't! For I am a servant of God just as you are, and as your brother Christians are, who testify of their faith in Jesus. Worship God. The purpose of all prophecy and of all I have shown you is to tell about Jesus."*

Rev 19:10, AMP – (10) *Worship God! For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours].*

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1. Prophecy means to "bring forth" and/or advance the proclamation of God's word as it can forecast events.
  - a. A divine quickening or unction of the Holy Spirit release as the unction and breath of God. AMP
2. Declaration of God's word forthrightly, boldly or confrontively, before a group or individual (Usually activated under the Office of Prophet)

### III.MAKING A PROPHETIC DEGREE OR PROCLAMATION

#### A. When we make a Prophetic decree, we come into agreement with His Word.

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Rom 16:25-26, NIV – (25) *Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, 26 but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him.*

Jonah 3:6-10, NIV – (6) *When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. (7) Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. (8) But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. (9) Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish. (10) When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened*

Rom 16:25, NIV – (25) *Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began.*

2. qeriy'ah OT:71 50 qeriy'ah (ker-ee-aw'); from OT:7121; a proclamation: KJV - preaching. (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright © 1994, 2003 Biblesoft, Inc. and International Bible Translators, Inc.)
3. Take authority over things in the spirit that come against what God has already declared, proclaimed through the laying on of hands and prophecy.

1 Tim 4:14, NKJV – (14) *Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.*

1 Tim 4:14, ASV – (14) *Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.*

1 Tim 1:18-19, NIV – (18) *Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight , (19) holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.*

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1 Tim 1:18, ASV – *(18) This charge I commit unto thee, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which led the way to thee, that by them thou may war the good warfare;*

War NT:4752 to serve in a military campaign; figuratively

Agonizomai: to Fight NT:75 agonizomai (ag-o-nid'-zom-ahee); from NT:73; to struggle, literally (to compete for a prize), figuratively (to contend with an adversary), or genitive case (to endeavor to accomplish something):

KJV - fight, labor fervently, strive. (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright © 1994, 2003 Biblesoft, Inc. and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

4. To realize the impossible you must see the invisible Rom 8:25
5. To see the invisible to obtain the POSSIBLE. Take things out of the invisible through God's creative power and transfer them into the earthly scene to fulfill our destiny. (Heb 11:1-2)

Heb 11:1-2, TLB – *What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.*

Heb 11:3, NIV – *By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

6. We must learn to "see" the promises of God in the invisible by the eyes of faith, embrace it in the invisible and bring it to the earth
  - a. Embrace
  - b. Confess
  - c. declare Gods promises into the
  - d. Then stand

## **B. When we make a prophetic decree, we come into agreement with His Word.**

1. The purpose of the Lord is to build you and not pull you down, plant you and not pluck you up ... Jeremiah 29:11
  2. Matt 16:17-20, NIV – *(17) Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. (18) And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. (19) I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (20) Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.*
  3. The keys of the kingdom of heaven are,
    - a. 1st key of doctrine, called the key of knowledge. "Your business shall be to explain to the world the will, the truth and duty of God's word; and for this you shall have your commissions, credentials, and full instructions to bind and loose:" signified to prohibit
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and permit; to teach or declare a thing to be unlawful was to bind; to be lawful, was to loose. To tell people, in God's name, and according to the scriptures, what is good, and what the Lord requires of them: and they who declare the whole counsel of God, use these keys well, Acts 20:27.

- b. 2nd key of discipline, which is the application of the truth of Gods word to particular persons, a right estimate of their characters and actions. It is not legislative power that is hereby confers, but is judicial; the judge doth not make the law, but only declares what is law, by the impartial understanding into the merits of the cause presented, giving sentence accordingly. Such is the power of the keys, wherever it is lodged, with reference to church-membership and their privileges.

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4. God uses prophecy to speak to our potential.
  - a. God wants us to line our faith with the promise of the prophecy
  - b. We must posture ourselves to realize that potential
  - c. Fulfillment of prophetic words is conditional to the measure of our faith
  - d. We must press on toward the mark that is filled with possibility.
5. The purpose of the prophetic is to stir and cause destiny to come alive in us so you become PASSIONATE about the potential God planted in us.

### **C. The enemy's tactic is to delay, plant fear and cause disbelief in your heart.**

1. Daniel 9.... He prayed and fasted
2. God heard Daniel's prayer the 1st day he prayed but the delay was in the camp of the enemy who wanted to hinder Daniel answer and faith
  - a. if the enemy can plant a seed of doubt about the prophetic "seed" from heaven delivered through a prophetic proclamation, it will not produce a harvest
  - b. How you respond or what you do with your word can determine your destiny.

(Plant orange see you receive the potential of an organe tree with purpose/destined fruit. However, if you do not use your measure of faith to plant that prophetic word as seed to the soil of your spirit man or prepare for harvest, you will never realize the promise of its fruit.)

3. Michael fought against the assigned battle tactic in the spiritual realm
  - a. We can pray to the Lord for Him to release the angelic host to battle the enemy's assignment in the heavenly realm

### **D. Spirit of Prophecy change lives**

1. 1 Sam 10:5-6, NIV – (5) *"After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, tambourines, flutes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying. (6) The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different or another person.*
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**E. Anointing of the Holy Spirit that enables saints who do not have the Gift of Prophecy or who have not been called into the Office of Prophet can speak under the INSPIRATION of God.**

1 Sam 19:20-22, NIV – (20) so he sent men to capture him. But when they saw a group of prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing there as their leader, the Spirit of God came upon Saul's men and they also prophesied. (21) Saul was told about it, and he sent more men, and they prophesied too. Saul sent men a third time, and they also prophesied.

1 Sam 19:23-24, NIV – (23) So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even upon him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth. (24) He stripped off his robes and also prophesied in Samuel's presence. He lay that way all that day and night. This is why people say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

1. When the Spirit of Prophecy is present, there is a free flowing of the prophetic word but does not mean that the people God uses at the time retains the Gift or has been called to the Office of the Prophet.

**IV. There is a lifestyle necessary for the Spirit of Prophecy to flow**

**A. Unity factor both with the Lord and others**

1. II Chron 3:13 "They had ONE sound praising the Lord"
2. Act 2:1 "they were together in one accord"

**B. Recognize and be sensitive to the moving of the Holy Spirit**

1. Acts 4:8 " Then peter filled with the Holy Spirit said to the...."

**C. Attitudes are vital**

1. Phil 4:8 "Rejoice always"
2. Eph 6:18 "Pray without ceasing"
3. Rom 12:3, ASV – For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but so to think as to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to each man a measure of faith. ASV

**D. Deal with sin quickly in your life**

1. Rom 2:4, AMP – Or are you [so blind as to] trifle with and presume upon and despise and underestimate the wealth of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering patience? Are you unmindful or actually ignorant [of the fact] that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repent (to change your mind and inner man to accept God's will)?
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