

## Death of the Modern Prophet

### Scriptures That Must Be Ignored to Believe There Are No Modern Prophets & That No One Speaks In Tongues Anymore

#### Revelation 19:10.5

So, let's look at various translations of this verse:

Bible Gateway NIV: Worship God! For it is **the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.**"

NIV Study, the one I read: Worship God! For the testimony of **Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**"

NASB: worship God. For the testimony of **Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**"

21<sup>st</sup> Century KJV: Worship God! **For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**"

KJV: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

Complete Jewish Bible: Worship God! For the testimony of **Yeshua is the Spirit of prophecy.**"

The Message Bible: **The witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**"

New Living Translation: Worship only God. For **the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.**<sup>[d]</sup>"

Orthodox Jewish Bible: worship Hashem! For the edut (testimony) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua is the Ruach HaNevu'ah (prophecy)."

Passion Translation (Ben's favorite): Worship God. **The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**<sup>[e]</sup>"

The Voice: Address your worship to God, *not to me!* For **the testimony about Jesus is essentially the prophetic spirit.**

Wycliff Bible (what our missionaries are saying): worship thou God. For **the witnessing of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

Catholic Bible: Worship God! **For the witness to Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

There are a half dozen completely different meanings in there. How the heck is anyone expected to get this right? It would seem to me that just about everything we have to go on besides the Holy Spirit, Prophecy and Divine Revelation may have been aimed to deceive us. Thankfully, God is so incredibly brilliant that most, likely all of those translations are correct and that's what I believe. Not only is Jesus the spirit of prophecy, prophecy bears witness to Jesus, the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy and the testimony about Jesus is essentially the prophetic spirit! God is absolutely incredible. He knew evil doers and even well intentioned believers were going to screw this all up and He made it all right in spite of them. Hah, God wins and has the last laugh.

But, translation is only part of the story. I think that's how God protected us from translation errors and intentional misleadings. If it was all wrong we'd be totally lost and deceived. It's like when they translate from Hebrew where, Hebrew words are so much richer, deeper and all-encompassing than English words. In English it takes a hundred words and a paragraph or two to fully define and bring out the complete meaning and intention of certain Hebrew words which, even in themselves don't always capture the full essence of the Lord or His intent. This is a really important revelation and not by accident we're receiving it. So, if Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy, and as He promises, He is in us, then don't we bear testimony to Him which is then again, the essence of prophecy? Aren't we then prophets? Hmm. That's just so amazing.

So, unless Jesus is dead or not living in us, or doesn't keep His promises, prophecy should still be happening. Right? It would be wiser to believe that than to do like the Jews did and not listen to or kill the prophets and their prophecies. How's that working out for them anyway? Really, really bad idea to kill prophets or ignore God's messages through them. Both are sinful and sin is sin, no levels, just sin, same consequences. Remember too, speaking or writing against proven prophets because you don't think they got it right or it doesn't seem to have come to pass yet, or it didn't happen when you thought it should have is equivalent to stoning them.

Finally, Hebrews 4:12 The Word of God is living and powerful. So, the only reasons I can think of that we're not all prophets are 1) Jesus is dead, 2) The Word is dead, 3) Jesus lied, 4) we're dead, 5) The Holy Spirit isn't upon us or, 6) we're all just not paying attention or finally, 7) as in John 16:12 Jesus tells us "I still have many things to tell you but, you cannot bear them now." I hope I didn't miss any and that its numbers 6 and 7 for most of us, as both of these things can be fixed or will change with our maturity in Christ, the rest, much bigger issues.

## **First we must remove the plank before we can hear the truth. Here are the verses the lost use to foolishly discount Modern Prophets:**

### **1 Corinthians 13:8**

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. (NIV)

So, prophecies have ceased, no one speaks in tongues any longer but strangely, knowledge hasn't passed away yet? Hmm, interesting. Lots of people also speak in tongues by the way. That's a whole different topic. Food for thought: because you've never been to Europe doesn't mean no one else has right? So, because you don't use the gifts of tongues or prophecy that are available to you in Christ, you just decide there are no such things and those that do are faking it. I get it. Remember, that didn't work for the Pharisees and, it won't work for you either. Remember how angry God and Christ were with the Pharisees? Sucked to be them. Maybe cease, stilled and pass away are not as all-encompassing as we've been taught or, our translations might be a bit off? Maybe their meanings were intended to be a bit more specific? Or maybe still, we haven't reached that time yet? If Jesus is prophecy or the Spirit of prophecy, and He's coming again, how could prophecy have ceased yet?

**King James Version:** <sup>8</sup> Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

**Young's Literal Translation:** <sup>8</sup>The love doth never fail; and whether [there be] prophecies, they shall become useless; whether tongues, they shall cease; whether knowledge, it shall become useless;

(Oh wow, those are completely different with completely different meanings. “Useless” makes a lot more sense than cease or end doesn’t it? See what they’ve done to us with translations.)

### **Matthew 13:10-16**

<sup>10</sup>The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

<sup>11</sup>He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>13</sup>This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see;  
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

<sup>14</sup>In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;  
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

<sup>15</sup>For this people’s heart has become calloused;  
they hardly hear with their ears,  
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,  
understand with their hearts  
and turn, and I would heal them.’<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>16</sup>But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.

(In verse 12, He doesn’t mean more stuff, He means more faith! We start with a small amount of faith and it grows if we lean in to God and practice or use our faith. Is yours stunted? Have you been in church all your life and still don’t believe in Modern Prophets and speaking in Tongues? Well then, the parable may be about you! And, you won’t be able to hear that without a little faith. All your lives you thought this was meant for the Pharisees because you thought you understood parts of some of the parables. Well, it was talking about both old and new or, Modern Pharisees. Yes, not only are there Modern Prophets, there are Modern Pharisees. Please, take a small step of faith and read on. You will not be sorry.)

**Now that we've removed the plank, here are the verses in support of Modern Prophets and Prophecy. There are 42 of them for the analytics out there. That's a lot for the left brainers. ☺**

From here on its NIV translation:

### **Amos 3:7**

<sup>7</sup>Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

(So, if you don't believe in modern or contemporary prophets does that mean God is finished? Dead? Nothing new is going to happen?)

### **1 Thessalonians 5:20**

<sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with contempt.

(And if you say that was meant for Old Testament prophets and prophecies only then, why do you so rarely preach from the Old Testament? News flash, if you did, you'd recognize many of those prophecies coming to pass right now and modern prophets are just giving you more current events and a play by play of it.)

### **1 Corinthians 12:10**

<sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,<sup>[a]</sup> and to still another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>[b]</sup>

(Sadly it would appear many modern churches have killed most of the important gifts of Christians and the church. Why would they do that? Hint, who would want to do that?)

### **1 Corinthians 13:2**

<sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

(That's Paul right? So, he wrote this after Christ's death, resurrection and ascension. Prophecy was alive and kicking then so, when then exactly did it cease or become useless?)

### **1 Corinthians 14:1**

#### **Intelligibility in Worship**

**14** Follow the way of love and **eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.**

(Now that's interesting, why would Paul encourage us to pursue a dead gift so eagerly? Again hint, who would want to do that?)

### **1 Corinthians 14:6**

<sup>6</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you and speak in tongues, what good will I be to you, unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction?

(Hmm, here prophecy is right up there with knowledge & word of instruction, as essential to our faith. Maybe we should toss preaching too?)

### **1 Corinthians 14:22**

<sup>22</sup> Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers.

(Hmm, I guess the converse here would be those that don't believe in modern or contemporary prophets would be considered unbelievers?)

## **2 Peter 1:20**

<sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

## **John 11:49-54**

<sup>49</sup> Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! <sup>50</sup> You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." <sup>51</sup> He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, <sup>52</sup> and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

<sup>54</sup> Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the people of Judea. Instead he withdrew to a region near the wilderness, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.

(Now that's interesting, fools claim Jesus was that last prophet yet the bible tells us here, Caiaphas was a prophet who was alive after Jesus' death. Hmm. As were many other prophets listed here from the New Testament)

## **Acts 19:6**

<sup>6</sup> When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues<sup>[a]</sup> and prophesied.

(Oh, more prophets after Christ's death & resurrection. And this verse makes it sound like prophecy is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Did God change again and not tell us?)

## **Acts 21:9**

<sup>9</sup> He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

(Acts, written after Christ's death, resurrection and ascension)

## **1 Corinthians 11:4**

<sup>4</sup> Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head.

(Who is being warned here? Why would they care if there were no prophets? Oh, that's right, there are no modern prophets, only false prophets.)

## **1 Corinthians 14:3**

<sup>3</sup> But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

(So, the biggest problem for most is they don't understand what a prophet is. They think of fortune tellers which couldn't be further from the truth. Fortune tellers are of Satan and are the problem as they confuse people. A prophet is someone chosen by God to speak for God. Their job, whatever the time period or tidings, is to accurately impart His message. **We should desire the gift of prophecy because the purpose of prophecy is to edify, exhort, and comfort, and we should all want to encourage and build up others.** Men and women called to this task came from differing backgrounds, personalities and

levels of social status. But what they all had in common was a heart for God, an anointing to hear from Him, and the faithfulness to impart his message to others. There are also many different prophetic gifts similar to all the different gifts of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.)

## **2 Peter 1:21**

“For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit”

(Most people who condemn the prophets have very little anointing, usually no anointing of the Holy Spirit or a spiritual veil from the enemy so, they can’t discern true prophets and prophecy no matter how well they think they know their scriptures, the Logos portion of them without the Rhema portion.)

## **Matthew 7:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

(Why would Jesus warn future prophets if there weren’t going to be any? Odd.)

## **Acts 2:17**

<sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

(So, those who have killed modern prophets and prophecy have as well by doing so, eliminated the last days and our sons and daughters who prophecy I guess. Isn’t that what Satan tries to do? Break scripture to show God a liar? I think we all better hope then that prophet killers are wrong.)

## **1 Corinthians 13:9**

<sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

(That’s why there are many modern prophets, so that we can get a better view of whatever is going on. Like the Gospels written from 4 different perspectives or, the books of the Old Testament prophets, all have in them their message on the “Last Days or End Times”, so that we can get a better, more complete view of them if we truly search them out. It doesn’t say we don’t know at all or prophesy at all.)

## **1 Corinthians 14:39**

<sup>39</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

(Why are we exhorted to be eager for something that doesn’t any longer exist?)

## **Revelation 11:1-7**

### **The Two Witnesses**

**11** I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. **2** But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. **3** And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” **4** They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.”<sup>[a]</sup> **5** If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. **6** They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

**7** Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

(Now it makes sense, if there are no prophets now or in the future, then there can't be “two witnesses” (prophets) and there then can be no end times or last days. Now, who would want that?)

### **1 Chronicles 25:1**

#### **The Musicians**

**25** David, together with the commanders of the army, set apart some of the sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals. Here is the list of the men who performed this service:

(Hmm, even though this is Old Testament times, prophesying was pretty important. Why would God just take it away and leave us blind? He didn't.)

### **Romans 12:6**

**6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. **If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy** in accordance with your faith;

(Use it or lose it as the saying goes. If you have the gift and don't practice it or use it, you'll lose it. It is a sin not to use your spiritual gifts.)

### **Matthew 10:41**

**41** Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

(Why would Matthew tell us this if there were to be no more prophets? The intent is for us to welcome the prophet's message as well.)

### **Luke 4:24**

**24** “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.”

(Apparently by many, they're not accepted anywhere.)

### **Acts 21:10**

<sup>10</sup> After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.  
(Acts, again, post death, resurrection and ascension.)

### **1 Corinthians 14:37-40**

<sup>37</sup> If anyone thinks they are a prophet or otherwise gifted by the Spirit, let them acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command. <sup>38</sup> But if anyone ignores this, they will themselves be ignored. <sup>39</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. <sup>40</sup> But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

(I get it, prophesying can be messy. Satan in particular hates it and therefore attacks them as soon as they are spoken. Don't let Satan cause you to be ignored by God.)

### **Revelation 16:13**

<sup>13</sup> Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

(So again, there is a false prophet but, no true prophets? I'm so confused, not.)

### **2 Peter 1:13-21**

<sup>13</sup> I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, <sup>14</sup> because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. <sup>15</sup> And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (**That's Paul now prophesying right?**) <sup>17</sup> He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, 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. <sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

(Does God not do that anymore? I sure hope He does.)

### **Luke 2:36-38**

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.<sup>[a]</sup> She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

(Again, post death, resurrection and ascension.)

## Matthew 5:17-19

### The Fulfillment of the Law

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

(Wow, the Prophets are right up there with the Law in terms of importance and eternity.)

## Matthew 7

### Judging Others

<sup>7</sup> “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup> For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

<sup>3</sup> “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

<sup>6</sup> “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

### The Narrow and Wide Gates

<sup>13</sup> “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and **only a few** find it.

### True and False Prophets

<sup>15</sup> **Watch out for false prophets.** They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Likewise, **every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.** <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

### True and False Disciples

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

## Matthew 22:35-40

<sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

(Who would then dare judge anyone let alone a prophet of God? And again, the Prophets are right up there with the Law in terms of importance and eternity.)

**And we continue to kill the prophets to this day:**

**Matthew 23:37**

<sup>37</sup> “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

(Remember, rejecting, saying or writing bad things about them is the equivalent of stoning or killing them. Test them, don’t kill them.)

**Matthew 24:24**

<sup>24</sup> For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

(Hint, you’ve been deceived by false prophets if you don’t believe in His anointed ones and God’s message through them.)

**Nothing ever changes:**

**Luke 11:49**

<sup>49</sup> Because of this, God in his wisdom said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.’

(Hmm, more post Christ prophets.)

**Acts 13:1**

<sup>1</sup> Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

(And yet more post Christ prophets.)

**1 Corinthians 12:25-31**

<sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of

helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues<sup>[a]</sup>? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

(Wait what? There are no such things as modern prophets yet they're supposed to be 2<sup>nd</sup> in the church hierarchy, ahead of pastors? Wait, pastors aren't even listed there? How did that happen? Aren't they the ones that tell us of the inerrancy of scripture? Hmm. For the record, God's Word is inerrant, not what we have as scripture. At a minimum we have the error of omission by those who left out critical books like Enoch, The Gospel of Nicodemus, books of Jesus' childhood, books written by Jesus himself and then all the translation differences between the 100s of translations.)

### **1 Corinthians 14:30-34**

<sup>30</sup> And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first, speaker should stop. <sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. <sup>32</sup> The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. <sup>33</sup> For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.

(Oh, I get it, prophets are so messy, and it's just easier to kick them out or pretend they don't exist than to have them in the church. Makes sense, not. Isn't that what the Pharisees did to the Synagogue? Jesus hated them for it. He came in part to expose them and take them down. Uh oh non 5 fold prophetic churches.)

### **Ephesians 3:2-5**

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

### **Ephesians 4:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> This is why it<sup>[a]</sup> says:

"When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people."<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>9</sup> (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions<sup>[c]</sup>? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

(Wait, Christ gave the prophets to participate in our equipping yet, the church has ignored, persecuted, stoned and killed them? What's up with that? Seems like when Christ gives us a gift we should

appreciate it. He did say if we asked him for a fish he wouldn't give us a stone. And I think Paul just claimed to be a Prophet up there. ☺)

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

(The destiny of those who ignore the prophets.)

**Another verse incorrectly used to claim no modern prophets:**

**Hebrews 1:1-5**

**God's Final Word: His Son**

**1** In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup>The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup>So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

**And the verse modern prophet nay Sayers ignore half of:** (it says test not discount or ignore existence.)

**1 John 4:1 On Denying the Incarnation**

**4** Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

(And this is another area where fools (those Satan infests with a religious spirit (ones of judgment, deception, confusion and condemnation)) get derailed. They don't know how to test prophecy so they just decide there are no more prophets. Problem solved. Wrong. You test a prophet by looking at their track record and their fruit. They rarely have one God encounter and one prophecy. The difficulty is that not all prophecies are about the here and now and could take years, decades, even centuries or millennia to be fulfilled. Take Daniel, Isaiah, Jeramiah, John in Revelations, etc. as examples where even today, not all of their prophecies have been fulfilled. Should we then toss them all like their contemporaries did? So, modern prophets need to learn to journal and share their prophecies with a small trusted circle of others so that their prophecies can be time tested. If they prove accurate in shorter term prophecies, months or years we can better then trust their longer term prophecies, decades, centuries or millennia.)

**Revelation 18 Lament Over Fallen Babylon**

**18** After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. <sup>2</sup>With a mighty voice he shouted:

“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!”<sup>[a]</sup>  
She has become a dwelling for demons  
and a haunt for every impure spirit,  
a haunt for every unclean bird,  
a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.

<sup>3</sup> For all the nations have drunk  
the maddening wine of her adulteries.  
The kings of the earth committed adultery with her,  
and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.”

### **Warning to Escape Babylon’s Judgment**

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

“Come out of her, my people,”<sup>[b]</sup>  
so that you will not share in her sins,  
so that you will not receive any of her plagues;

<sup>5</sup> for her sins are piled up to heaven,  
and God has remembered her crimes.

<sup>6</sup> Give back to her as she has given;  
pay her back double for what she has done.  
Pour her a double portion from her own cup.

<sup>7</sup> Give her as much torment and grief  
as the glory and luxury she gave herself.

In her heart she boasts,  
‘I sit enthroned as queen.

I am not a widow;<sup>[c]</sup>  
I will never mourn.’

<sup>8</sup> Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her:  
death, mourning and famine.

She will be consumed by fire,  
for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

### **Threefold Woe Over Babylon’s Fall**

<sup>9</sup> “When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. <sup>10</sup> Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,  
you mighty city of Babylon!  
In one hour your doom has come!”

<sup>11</sup> “The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore— <sup>12</sup> cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; <sup>13</sup> cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves.

<sup>14</sup> “They will say, ‘The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.’ <sup>15</sup> The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn <sup>16</sup> and cry out:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,  
dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet,  
and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!  
<sup>17</sup> In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!”

“Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. <sup>18</sup> When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, ‘Was there ever a city like this great city?’ <sup>19</sup> They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,  
where all who had ships on the sea  
became rich through her wealth!  
In one hour she has been brought to ruin!”

<sup>20</sup> “Rejoice over her, you heavens!  
Rejoice, you people of God!  
**Rejoice, apostles and prophets!**  
For God has judged her  
with the judgment she imposed on you.”

### **The Finality of Babylon’s Doom**

<sup>21</sup> Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said:

“With such violence  
the great city of Babylon will be thrown down,  
never to be found again.

<sup>22</sup> The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters,  
will never be heard in you again.

No worker of any trade  
will ever be found in you again.

The sound of a millstone  
will never be heard in you again.

<sup>23</sup> The light of a lamp  
will never shine in you again.

The voice of bridegroom and bride  
will never be heard in you again.

Your merchants were the world’s important people.  
By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

<sup>24</sup> In her was found the blood of prophets and of God’s holy people,  
of all who have been slaughtered on the earth.”

(Interesting, why are we being warned about Babylon in this Revelation prophecy if Babylon is no more and this is a future revelation? It’s because Babylon is actually representative of a group of satanic systems both in Revelation and Daniel. (Government, economy, military, social, medical, education, etc., even the “state church” (as opposed to Christ’s true Bride.)) This prophecy is actually being fulfilled

right now as is Daniel's similar prophecies again because, history cycles and God is so vastly smarter than us, he can create prophecies through his Prophets to cover multiple occurrences in history. It's so amazing to watch. I'd so love to show you this. We are living in one of the best times in history right now because of all this. So incredibly exciting.)