



## Lesson 2: Prophets and Prophecy in the Old Testament

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Refer to Chapter 2 in the notes on Prophets and Prophecy in the Old Testament

1. List below some of the different functions of prophets in the Old Testament.

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2. What are some principles of the prophetic role and function that remain the same in both Testaments?

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3. Hebrew 1: 1-3: *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

What does this verse tell us about how God speaks to us differently than in the Old Testament?

4. How does the prophet's job description and role change in the New Covenant?  
Ephesians 4: 12
  
5. In the Old Testament prophets often 'stood alone' before God. Elijah 17:1. How is this different in the New Testament? Acts 15: 32; Acts 13:1; 1 Cor 14:29.
  
6. In the Old Testament prophets were expected to speak the perfect, inspired word of God because they were delivering god's perfect instruction. How is the different in the New Covenant? I Cor 14:29; 1 Thess 5:20-22?
  
7. Read through the notes on page 7 about some of the Mosaic Covenant mind sets. Do you recognise any of the Old Testament mind sets that may apply to you?
  
8. Have you ever been tempted to use prophecy to manipulate a person or situation or to impress someone to gain their attention?

9. Have you ever been on the receiving end of this? Ask God to speak to you about this now, and write down your thoughts here:

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10. Comment on this prophecy:

When prophesying to a person, you 'see' a picture of them with black lips and give the word as follows:

I see you with black lips and God says you need to watch your tongue and watch what you say. You have been speaking behind the backs of your friends and slandering them. You have a lying spirit which spreads poison. God says if you don't repent, there is judgement coming and you may not get a second chance.

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11. Assignment

Scenario: A person you know is out of line with the Word. They are walking in unforgiveness but are unwilling to change. When you speak to them, they say they cannot forgive the person who has wronged them.

How can you communicate the heart of God to them?