

Lesson 4: New testament prophets

A. Jesus, the greatest prophet

1. What inspired testimony did the author of the book of Hebrews give about Jesus? Hebrews 1:1-3
2. Read the prophecy of Moses recorded in Deuteronomy 18:15. In what ways was Jesus like the prophet Moses, and in what ways was He different? (1 Peter 2:21-24, John 6:38)
3. How did Jesus describe His mission as a fulfillment of prophecy? Luke 4:18-19 (quoting Isaiah 61:1-2)
4. How complete was the prophetic ministry of Jesus? John 17:4
5. What prophecies of Jesus are very relevant for our lives today? John 14:1-3, John 5:28-29, Acts 1:8, etc.

B. Apostles and New Testament Prophets

1. Are the titles apostle and prophet synonyms? Were all apostles prophets, and were all New Testament prophets apostles?
2. Which apostles were also prophets?
3. Which apostles wrote books of the New Testament? (Matthew, John, Peter, Paul)
4. Give some examples of New Testament prophets who were not one of the twelve apostles. (John the Baptist, Anna, Dr. Luke, Mark, Judas, Silas, 4 daughters of Philip the deacon, etc.)
5. What was the function of apostles and New Testament prophets? Acts 1:8,21-26,15:32, Ephesians 2:19-20, 3:1-5, 4:11-16

C. False prophets in the early Christian church

1. What warning about false prophets did Jesus give in His Sermon on the Mount? Matthew 7:15.
2. What false prophet opposed Paul and Barnabas on the island of Cyprus? Acts 13:4-8
3. How did the Apostle Paul respond to this false prophet? Acts 13:9-12
4. Who was the power at work behind this false prophet? Acts 13:9 (son of the devil), John 8:44
5. What warning did the Apostle Peter give about false prophets? 2 Peter 2:1-3
6. Why did the Apostle Peter offer such a strong condemnation of false prophets in 2 Peter 2:17? (see Luke 17:1-2)

D. False prophets in the last days

1. What prophecy did Jesus give about false prophets in the last days of earth's history? Matthew 24:24
2. What great signs and wonders are false prophets performing today that are out of harmony with the inspired word of God?
3. How can we avoid being deceived by false prophets?