

**Title:** Why prophecy?  
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**What comes to mind when hearing the word prophecy?**

- Old Testament things/books?
- Telling the future?
- Gift of the Spirit?
- Something of the old days?

**Is there still a need for prophecy in these days?**

- Is it not only an Old Testament thing?
- Is it only a New Testament thing?
- Is it even possible in these days?
- Are there prophets still around today?

**Let us look at what scripture says about prophecy and begin at the beginning.**

**genesis 1: 1 – 2 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**numbers 11: 27 – 29**

<sup>27</sup> A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”<sup>28</sup> Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” <sup>29</sup> But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

**joel 2: 28 – 29**

<sup>28</sup> “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on **all people**. Your sons and daughters will **prophesy**, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

**acts 2:1 – 4**

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> **All** of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the **Spirit** enabled them.

**acts 10: 44 – 46**

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on **Gentiles**. <sup>46</sup> For they **heard** them speaking in tongues and praising God.

**1 corinthians 14:1 – 5**

<sup>1</sup> Follow the way of love and eagerly desire **gifts of the Spirit**, especially **prophecy**...<sup>5</sup> I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you **prophesy**. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.

**revelation**

The whole book of Revelation is called a prophecy.

## **Is it part of God's desire that we should prophecy?**

YES! IT IS!

## **It's all about our God, Jesus!**

### **revelation 19:10**

<sup>10</sup> "... worship God! For the testimony of **Jesus** is the spirit of prophecy."

## **In essence**

- prophecy is speaking the Word of God
- A prophet speaks the Word of God

### **ezekiel 38**

"Thus says the Lord..."

## **Purpose of prophecy**

- Revelation of Jesus Christ – Revelation 1:10-20
- Unity in faith – Ephesians 4:12-13
- Correction/ conviction – 1 Corinthians 14:24-25
- Edification, exhortation, comfort – 1 Corinthians 14:3-4
- Direction – Acts 16:9
- Preparation – Acts 11:27-30
- Separation – Acts 13:1-3
- Impartation – 1 Timothy 4:14
- Prediction – Acts 11:27-30; Revelation 5-22

## **If we are to prophesy, how?**

Like in the old days.

## **How in our culture?**

Like in the old days.

## **What does it mean to have a prophetic culture in church?**

It means we prophesy.