

Review of Prophetic Ministry (Deut. 18:9-22):

- Prophetic Insight is the Ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Primarily Concerns the Will of God for His People
- Foretelling is Primarily for Divine Verification
- “Prophets” Represent God in an Intimate Way
- Direct Representation Requires Absolute Accountability

Review of Prophetic Ministry (2 Pet. 1:16-21):

- Prophecy is a Word from God
- Real Prophecy is as Authoritative as Scripture
- Means By Which Scripture is “God Breathed”
 - o Held to the Same Standard
- Cannot Deviate or Contradict Scripture

General Prophetic Pattern of Communication:

- God Identifies Himself (Provides a Title)
- Shares a Related Part of Israel’s Past/Culture
- Offers Instruction Regarding Present
- Provides a Warning or Forecast of the Future
- Foreshadowing of the Messianic Kingdom

Prophetic Writings:

- Poetic and Full of Symbolic Imagery
- Figures of Speech (Simile, Metaphor, Pun, Personification)
- Are Not Written with Linear Time in Mind (Patterns)
- Wording is Precise

Symbolic Language:

Rule of Expository Constancy:

Prophetic Images which are Defined in Scripture Tend to Maintain That Meaning Throughout.

Rule of 1st Mention:

To Better Understand an Image/Doctrine, Revisit & Study the Passage in Which it First Appears.

Examples of Prophetic Symbols:

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| Numbers | (7 – Holy/Complete) |
| Colors | (White – Purity) |
| Materials | (Silver – Blood) |
| Animals | (Lion – Royalty) |
| Rituals/Festivals | (Ancient Wedding – 2 nd Coming) |

Looking for Prophetic Meaning (Hos. 11:1-12):

- What is the Meaning for Hosea's Immediate Audience?
- What is God's Will for that Audience?
- What Figures of Speech Does Hosea Use?
- What Does God Say to Israel's Immediate Future?
- What Does God Imply for Israel's Far Future?
- Where Do You See Christ (Either 1st or 2nd Coming)?

The Gospel According to the Old Testament:

The Seed of the Woman	Gen. 3:14-15
The Scepter Will Not Depart from Judah	Gen. 49:10
Heir of King David	2 Sam. 7:12-13
Virgin Birth	Isaiah 7:14
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2
Refugee in Egypt	Hosea 11:1
Home in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-6
Ministry Preceded by a Forerunner	Mal. 3:1; Is. 40:3
Ministerial Mandate	Isaiah 61:1-2
Call to Repentance	Isaiah 30:15
Preach in Parables (fall on Deaf Ears)	Ps. 78:2-4; Is. 6:9-10
Perform Miracles	Isaiah. 35:5-6
Visitation of the Messiah to Jerusalem	Dan. 9:24-27
Triumphal Entry	Zech. 9:9-10
Rejected by the Religious Authorities	Psalm 118:22
Plot to be Murdered	Psalm 31:13
Betrayed by One of His Own	Ps. 41:9; Zech. 11:12-13
Trial & Torture	Is. 50; 6; 53:7; Dan 9:26
Disciples Would Scatter	Psalm. 31:11
Faithful Sacrifice	Isaiah 50:6-7
Crucifixion	Psalm 22
Execution with Criminals	Dan. 9:26
Substitutionary Atonement	Isaiah 53:3-12
Resurrection	Ps. 16:10; 110:1; Is. 25:7-8; 53:5-12
Deliverer of the Gentiles	Isaiah 49:6
Christ of Both the Gospels & Revelation	Isaiah 9:6-7
God Defeats the Nations	Psalm 110:1
Ruler of the Earth	Daniel 7:13-14

For Discussion:

- Share Reading and Journal Highlights.

Consider Along with the Bible:

- What was Your Previous Understanding of Prophecy?
- What Prophecies of the Messiah Strengthen Your Faith?