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Who are the Prophets? - posted by DEADn (), on: 2017/9/17 16:01

Who are the Prophets today? Are their prophets today? The bible says that God will not do anything except He first reveal it to His Prophets but has there been a Prophet of God since Jesus Ascension? I don't read of anything except for the yo yo's in the past 100 years coming to the forefront in pentecostal/charismatic circles as well as in the cults.

Whenever a natural disaster happens self proclaimed 'prophets' arise and say it is a judgment of God. How do they know this? Are they truly Prophets?

I don't think this is taught in churches these days but then again it is promoted heavily in the pentecostal and charismatic church. The difference there is that those group of people have no discernment at all. There are not rules when it comes to the Holy Spirit. They promote spiritual anarchy which demonstrates that anyone there claiming to be a prophet is automatic false.

What are your thoughts?

Re: Who are the Prophets? - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/9/17 17:44

John the only answer I can give is that I know them when I see/hear them.

I have not come across any "prophets" in my many years in Christendom but I have come across a few who are "prophetic." Not in the sense of foretelling but rather forthtelling and discernment, wisdom and exhortation.

Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2017/9/17 18:08

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Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/9/17 19:20

John Is this cynical post due to an eschatological view or just from some bitterness in you?

I don't see how you could ever learn from posting like this? Throwing rocks at the pentecostal/charismatics...really is that what superior spirituality looks like? What does carnality have over lack of discernment?

You need not answer me, I'm not interested in engaging what will quickly become a flesh-fight since its starting out that way.

Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2017/9/17 19:37

This post is due to me seeing many people who speak as if they are prophets or as if they know what God is doing as it relates to natural disasters. It got me thinking for a while and asking the question are there prophets today? Church history doesn't suggest any leader or any Christian as being a prophet since the resurrection of Jesus. Only in the last 100 years have we begun to see a rise in people claiming to prophesy but being found or following after a different God.

The bible talks about God revealing certain things by His Prophets before they happen in the OT but in the new testament it seems to hint at a change and church history seems to record this change subtly, to me at least.

Amos 3:7

“For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

Heb 1:2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 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;

I throw rocks at charismatics because I was under that umbrella for some 9 years and I saw alot of things. I have an aunt who remains under that umbrella and talks as if Baptist't don't have the Holy Spirit. She subtle says this but I know wh

at she

Anyway, I am not seeing prophets in church history so I am asking myself why are people so gullible to believe the report of someone who says they are speaking 'thus says the Lord'? I get gullible at times because I want to believe certain things but then I consult the scripture and I see something different and have to deal with it.

My post may seem cynical but it is also serious.....are there prophet or are there not prophets of God?

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/9/17 22:31

I know if he were alive today he would deny that he was a prophet (he always called himself a "watchman"), but David Wilkerson. Read The Vision.

Re: - posted by TakeUpTheCross, on: 2017/9/18 0:50

Quote:

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"Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul." (Acts 13:1)

And if you ask, are there any prophets today? Yes! Because God says: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy..."

Whether I've seen a prophet - I don't know. But I am not so sure what exactly is a prophecy. I mean there is a gift of prophecy. But there is also one-time-revelations (if I can call this properly so), where the person receives a word, a revelation but is not an prophet (like Saul). And the word preached (from the pulpit) could be also prophetic for a certain person.

But if anybody more mature can share something, I would be glad.

Re: Who are the Prophets? - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2017/9/18 7:58

Dear brother DEADn, I too have had this plea. A couple years ago a brother here on SI sent me a copy of a book about the history of the Church in Russia. What happened over the centuries is that God used brethren on fire for Him and willing to lay down their lives for the Truth to restore doctrines and realities of the Christian life lost to tradition. What does this mean for today? Well, it means that God is faithful to His word that those who diligently seek Him will find Him.

Re: - posted by yuehan, on: 2017/9/18 8:23

Hey Jeremy221, I'm interested in the book you mentioned. What's the title?

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2017/9/18 8:25

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

"Hear ye Him"

Specifically by the "my Gospel" of Paul who has the words for salvation and life. Gospel? 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

I know no other words or way of prophecy for the Body of Christ His Church. "My Gospel", speaks of all that Jesus wants us to know about Himself and our salvation, whom the Holy Spirit through Paul and Jesus teaching Paul that Christ is i

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n him.

Ro 2:16

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Ro 16:25

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

1Co 9:17

For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

Galatians 1:15-16 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

AS a prophet of man, I choose Paul of the truth of Eph 2: 8&9, Grace through Faith. Paul is my prophet, his prophet and teacher is Jesus Christ Himself and the Holy Spirit.

All that Paul says comes true, that is the test of a Prophet by whom we hear the Words of Jesus Christ Himself, as Prophet, Lord and Savior through our Teacher of This Christ, The Holy Spirit who also lives in me forever, which is a prophecy in itself.

In Christ by Him a son: Phillip

Re: Who are the Prophets? - posted by savannah, on: 2017/9/18 10:47

John,

You ask, "My post may seem cynical but it is also serious.....are there prophet or are there not prophets of God?"

The silence is speaking very loudly.

Thanks for posting on this.

Re: - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2017/9/18 11:02

It's called "The Russians' Secret

What Christians Today Would Survive Persecution?"

by Peter Hoover with Serguei V. Petrov

I got it as a PDF.

EDIT: it's here on SI too.

Re: , on: 2017/9/18 15:09

What Christians Today Would Survive Persecution?"

Let's see. Those persecuted Christians in Eritrea, North Korea, China, Iran, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Egypt, Syria, Iran to name a few. But then Open Doors would probably say there are 50 countries where Christians would survive persecution off their World Watch List. VON and other Ministries would say the number could be as high as 70 or 80 countries where Christians would survive persecution. Namely because these Christians are under persecution.

Simply my thoughts. Actually these are thoughts based on my ministry of praying for the persecuted.

Bro Blaine

Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2017/9/18 17:19

Jeremy221

I found the PDF for this book and loaded it to a USB. I don't know that it answers my OP but I will be reading it regardless.

On the heels of my OP it causes me to wonder something. There is mention of prophets in the book of Acts but it is very low keying. Just something in passing and the prophecy of Joel about the last days was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. Church history doesn't record anything about prophets of God saying anything. All we have knowledge of is the persecution of Christians.....such as in the Russian book, and what they did to survive OR how they were killed but there is no mention of a prophet coming forward to say something in the Name of God as we see in the OT. This has to say that prophets no longer come anymore and that those who think themselves to be prophets are probably false prophets? Otherwise they would have to be those who study the scripture to see history repeating itself from the scriptures. I think David Wilkerson would be in this group.

There is no one out there for the last 2000 years who can what God was really doing in any given generation except for or maybe earnestly contending for the faith such as the reformation? But even in that there was no prophet of God coming forth. Only maybe a watchman.

So the question remains.....who are the Prophets of God in the last 2000? Are there prophets of God in the last 2000 years? My stance is there are none unless I can be convinced there are prophets. I wish I could read about prophets in the church. Sometimes my head screams for someone like Polycarp to say 'Thus says the Lord....'

So this post is more or less me crying out against preachers today who think themselves to be prophets of God and who can tell us why natural disasters happen. Pat Robertson and his son would be examples. Another modern day example of Jim Bakker who just today on tv says all of his prophecies have come to pass.....really Jim? He is like my senile old grandpa.....I like the guy but I don't take his message serious. He talks too much nonsense because he wants money and to be in the spotlight.....he needs to be homeless so he can see his own vanity.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2017/9/18 18:08

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I would agree and you listed a few who were prophets in the list. All from the OT or were Apostles.

btw, I recently saw that Ken Ham said the hurricanes in Texas and here in Florida are due to our sin. I don't think he is claiming to be a prophet but at the same time I ask how does he know this? The Philippines has typhoons all the time. Would the same judgment apply?

Yeah, I suppose this irritates me a bit but it is because of Jude 3 for me as well as calling out those who make judgments to account for themselves of their judgment whether it is of God or of themselves. It makes a big difference because it causes many to believe in them while it causes others to scoff at them and if they are false then both camps fall into deception. At the same time I must be careful not to allow seeds of anger to develop into hatred.....I hate seeing anything relating to the Gospel prostituted with reckless judgment.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2017/9/18 19:11

Is that the same Ken Ham the embarrassed me in the debate with Bill Nye? I guess the jury is still out on who won that debate, or maybe it's who you ask. Personally speaking, that debate should have never taken place, believers should not be debating these worldly science folks, our belief is based on our faith, not science.

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Ken Ham of Answers in Genesis who has the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum in KY. I visited both of those places Dec 2016 in the frigid cold. I loved the cold because it was a major change from Florida weather but the parks were great as well.

Ken Ham embarrassed you in a debate with Bill Nye(who is no science guy)?

Our belief is based on faith which is rooted in evidence.....

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2017/9/18 20:23

John, do you believe Christians should be getting into public debates with folks like, Nye, who is an agnostic? I personally think this can be dangerous to someone that's young in Christ, and also some folks seeking more knowledge of Jesus Christ. In my opinion, I think these type debates can confuse some more than help, maybe not but I just don't know.

Re: - posted by RogerB (), on: 2017/9/18 22:39

Kings don't always speak for God. Neither do the priests. The only voice of God through time has been the prophets. They are the Thus sayeth the Lord.

Re: Biographia Scoticana (Scot's Worthies) by John Howie - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2017/9/19 0:32

I would also suggest looking at the Scot's Worthies, also called the Biographia Scoticana by John Howie which details the early years of the Presbyterian church. You can download it as a PDF or listen to it as an audiobook from SermonAudio. Here's a link to the first section:

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=9702105842>

After the group becomes more institutionalized, the testimony is much more dry history.

Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2017/9/19 12:00

I think sometimes the way we ask a question can lead us to a particular answer. The question, if I understand it correctly, is basically this. If there are modern day prophets, who are they and where are they?

First, the OT prophets. There are perhaps two dozen or so that are recorded in scripture. Noah is among that list. So, we see that in approx. 4000 years we have somewhere near two dozen, or one appearing, on average, every 170 years or so. But we know that the prophets came in clusters. For example, most of the OT prophets were in the period between Saul's kingship and the final dispersion of Israel and Judah into captivity. A very short time span.

Second, the OT prophets had a very specific purpose from God. They were His mouthpieces to the nation of Israel. What they wrote down was intended, by God, to be recorded as the word of God. We still benefit from this today. Nothing they said is totally irrelevant to us today. In fact, much of it is still very applicable and some totally relevant to our time period. But the only reason we know who they were is because God intended for them specifically to write down what they were given by Him.

Third, the majority of the known world did not even know these prophets existed. What they wrote was to a specific people at a specific time.

My point in these three statements is as follows.

In the NT we find certain prophets and teachers gathering and ordaining Paul and Barnabas for apostleship. We have no extant writings from these prophets. We do not see them foretelling the future for the purpose of being recorded and passed to us as scripture. We simply see mention that they were prophets. Another is Agabus who foretold Paul's arrest and captivity. His prophesy is recorded only as a historical fact, not for us, but for Paul in that time.

Prophets did not only foretell future events. Much of what the OT prophets said was about God's feelings toward Israel and what they were doing.

If there were modern day prophets, I would not necessarily expect to know who they were except in a local sense through personal interaction with these men. God sent specific prophets over 4000 years, mainly focused on a brief period of history, to serve to record His message to us in scripture. They are known through their writings. But the canon is complete. Modern prophets would necessarily serve a slightly different function in the body, and would not be known through their writings.

So I think the question begs the answer. But if we asked the question a different way, we might get a different answer. I know a few men who I would call modern day prophets. They always seem to carry the right now word of the Lord. They spend copious amounts of time in His presence, and have a gift of prayer like I have never seen on other man. I have seen them continually say, "This is what God is saying to the body right now..." and they have been proven to be spot on every time. So perhaps the question should be this.

Do any of us know men who carry, consistently and accurately, the right now word of God to the body? Do any of us know men to whom God gives these words regularly and who deliver them boldly?

I know of at least two, and I believe, although they would never proclaim themselves prophets, that these men are indeed

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I don't see the harm in it unless the Christian is not prepared. I wonder did the early church fathers debate with anyone?

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/9/19 19:02

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Re: fleshly waste? - posted by savannah, on: 2017/9/19 21:37

One has said, of this thread...

"I see this is a complete waste of time and a display of flesh."

But...

Jesus asked, Do you love me?

Peter answered, yes!

Jesus said, then feed my sheep!

Fleshly waste is not appetizing. But when Truth comes forth from the ashes of lies, it's very appetizing for the sheep.

Also, all the artificial flavors and colors can kill. So it is a good thing to put the warning labels on the canned processed fruit.

Good thread!

Good eatin!

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/9/19 22:10

Savannah: we have a difference of opinion on what is good eatin.

Could you do us all a favor stop implying a difference of opinion means " I am not real sheep because I don't agree with the flavor or tenor of this thread".

There is nothing spiritual, prophetic, mature or even Christian in those backhanded slaps.

Besides you could pull up a scripture to justify anything said in here and that's usually the case, but being right with your brothers and right in depiction of what is Godly and holy before God is another matter.

I'll leave you to your dinner.

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I was reading an article about Nabeel's death and Montanism was brought up which could be the tag word for those today who speak as if they were Prophets.

Here is a link to them regarding early christian history.

<http://www.earlychristianhistory.info/montanus.html>

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Explain more how you are a prophet and what God is calling you to prophesy.

Re: - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2017/9/21 9:20

Perhaps a moment of investigation will reveal his purpose:

From Ancient Greek ἱερός (hieron), (Nikēlaos), from ἡμέρα (hēmera, "victory") + ἴσθμιος (isthmios, "people")
- from Wiktionary.com

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That is a good question. The word of a prophet or of any other believer for that matter must be in agreement with the explicitly stated word of God. We read in scripture of the judgement of God that is coming on this earth. One little hurricane that hits one region pales in comparison to the judgement that we read is coming. I wonder if anyone can demonstrate through scripture that, under the new covenant, storms and natural disasters are sent by God as judgement? I fully realize that these are signs, creation groaning and travailing. I realize that the frequency and intensity of these things will increase, and are increasing, near the coming of the Lord. But this is not the same as judgement.

Another thing I wonder about and have to consider is why judgement from God would target one area when there are other areas where the amount and level of sin seems so much worse. A hurricane in the gulf of Mexico is totally normal. What would happen if a full fledged hurricane were to strike Amsterdam, Holland for example? Now that would leave no doubt in my mind.

I am just not sold. I believe we are seeing an increase of disasters, but that was prophesied scripturally. But I don't believe

even the hurricane that hit Texas or Florida was the judgement of God. I think it was just one more sign of a world system (weather included) that has been corrupted by sin and is groaning and travailing, awaiting the manifestation of the sons of God.

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Luke 21:

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

(something I noticed here is it says that persecution will arise before these wars and disaster happen? Or am I missing something)

Matthew 24:

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These are just a few references in scripture to natural disasters. It doesn't say whether they, or some of them, become judgments of God but suggest that they will just happen.

We have an earthquake in Mexico. Any 'Prophets of God' talking about it? Major hurricane hits PR which is already bankrupt. Prophets of God come forward and speak your peace.....I say this sarcastically. I really wish there were prophets of God today but I don't think scripture exhorts that in the NT. We exhorted to study to show ourselves approved by rightly dividing the scriptures to test all things and also be taught by preachers and evangelists for the building up of the saints.

Re: - posted by murrco1r (), on: 2017/9/21 11:45

Quote: Explain more how you are a prophet and what God is calling you to prophesy.

For me it started when I was 15, my Mother came in to my bedroom and said God wants you to know something..

"He has chosen you"

In the morning I went down stairs and asked my Mother what does he want me to do "your a prophet"

Moving on 7 years I decided to attend a church meeting; I walked in into the meeting and the visiting preacher got up and declared from this "night a prophet will arise"

The visiting preacher went on to preach but I didn't hear the preacher I heard the Spirit of God speaking to me about my life...

The next day I went to the church and got the tape named The Joshua people - a victorious people.

Has my ministry started nope: it's not my time yet and I wait for the right time - when he says go I will go.

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"He has chosen you"

In the morning I went down stairs and asked my Mother what does he want me to do "your a prophet"

Moving on 7 years I decided to attend a church meeting; I walked in into the meeting and the visiting preacher got up and declared from this "night a prophet will arise"

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Do you believe that is how God works in calling someone to be a prophet? I seen this kind of thing alot in pentecostal circles. If you go to charisma mag you will find articles of people who claim to be prophets with similar stories.

My advice is do not be snared into believing you are a prophet because your mom said you were be by 'thus sayeth God' or a preacher said you would.

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Re: - posted by murrco1r (), on: 2017/9/22 18:56

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I don't have enough history to make a case for this but my idea is that with John whether or not his parents informed me of who he was he would not have gone after that calling unless God did something in his life. Today, if someone says such a thing to someone they begin to run with it saying I am 'such and such' because someone told me God told them I was type of thing. Scripture doesn't record such a thing about that.

I don't know about the case with Elijah.

You said you don't go to church. Can you explain more about that?

What is your personal thinking regarding you being told that you are a prophet or are going to be a prophet? For the most part Prophets of God were not schooled in this. God called them. in the NT prophets are near existent. Would you say you would be the first NT prophet or are their others as well?

Re: Prophets - posted by RogerB (), on: 2017/10/5 13:22

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Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2017/10/5 18:17

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We may not be alive when that happens so the post doesn't really add anything constructive to the thread.

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/10/5 18:42

Art Katz is a new testament prophet with hundreds of sermons available on this website. I'm surprised at the glaring absence of this mans prophetic ministry which seems to be avoided for some reason. Why this post when Art Katz stands so tall among the seasoned ministers on this website?

I consider him to be a prophet. He considered others to be prophets (he should know).

Is there a litmus test for this and I didn't get the memo?

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2017/10/9 16:29

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I don't attend a church now because of the control. What I mean is "Pastors" controlling the people; I saw some of people being utterly destroyed - God hates it..

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As long as Christ remains in heaven; he will continue to give us gifts and those gifts includes prophets.

We don't find true prophets within the false church; the false church would and does shun true prophets; the reason is because true prophets would bring a revelation of God's displeasure and the false church isn't open to that.

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/10/9 19:11

Hi Collin:

I'd like to ask a few questions?

Before I ask, let me clear up any reservations you might have about me.

1. I believe in the perpetuity of the office of the prophet in the New Testament.
2. I believe we see N.T prophets in a variety of administrations and a variety of scope.
3. I am not herein questioning your calling or luring you into debate for attack.

Question 1. How do you distinguish the prophetic calling in the New Testament from the Old? If you have an example, I'd love to hear it.

Question 2. Who do you consider has/is carrying a prophetic mantle (dead or alive) and what do you look for as key markers of prophetic calling (distinguished from a prophetic gift)?

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Thanks for any responses you give. Please (God willing) speak freely, no brevity needed here.

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I don't - prophecy in the New Testament is the same as prophecy in the Old Testament; it is a continuation of the same office and function.

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I am not going to answer the first part of the question only the second part what to look for. Jesus was considered a prophet by many in his day, but more importantly Jesus referred to himself as a prophet. Matt 13:57 and Luke 13:33 - the early Christians rightly took the prophecy of

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Moses Deuteronomy 18: 15,18 and applied it to Christ.

In the Gospels at least four elements make up the work of a prophet.

One - Prophecy foretells the future.

The second - The prophet not only foretells, but forth-tel. He speaks for God.

The third seems to be the possession of supernatural knowledge John 4:19

A fourth is the power to perform miracles and wonders Luke 7:16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."

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For I am the Lord, I do not change - God doesn't change therefore His voice doesn't change. Unfortunately the church has done in this modern age: we have changed God to fit what our own corrupt hearts. When a true prophetic witness from the Lord comes we don't want to hear it.

Christ is a revelation of who God has always been, regardless of testament, covenant, times or seasons. But only those who turn to Him in faith will experience the grace of God demonstrated through Christ.