I Prophet

I Corinthians 12-14 The sign gifts v 10 read carefully

I Corinthians 13:8-10 Ending of the sign gifts

Our Church beliefs - We believe that with the completion of the New Testament, the sign gifts ceased and are not for our day. This includes the use of tongues, healing, and prophecy as practiced by the modern day Charismatic movement. I Cor. 13:8-10; Rev. 22:18, 19

Revelation 22:18-19 A warning about adding or taking away from the word of God

II Peter 1:3 God has empowered us by the gifts of the Spirit with everything that we need to live for Him.

Prophecy - the gift to declare a message from God.

The role of a prophet Deuteronomy 18:18-19 Jesus is that prophet

I Cor 14:3 A prophet is told what to speak

Prophecy - to speak on behalf of

God is not silent but a speaking God

We are to test prophets Matthew 7:15-20 & I Thessalonians. 5:19-21

A Spirit filled prophet speaks with boldness Acts 4:31

Biblical term Parrhesia – all speech

False prophecy PRETENDS – vague and generalized

Authentic prophecy 1) revelation 2) clear interpretation 3)application

Ephesians 4:11-16 God gave some to be a prophet a forth teller of the word of God

Romans 12:3-8 Prophecy is a spiritual gift

II Shunamite Prophecy II Kings 4:8-37

1 Revelation LORD has decreed a famine

2 Clearly interpreted The famine will last seven years

3 Application Go away with your family and stay for a while wherever you can

John 10:3-4 My Sheep hear my voice

It may cost an individual the loss of comfort to follow God. Matthew 8:20

She returns and appeals to the King

Gehazi tells the story of the Shunamite woman II Kings 4:8-37

Let your life be a testimony to the truth I John 1:2-3

This is the woman - There are no coincidences with God

Job 42:2 "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose *of Yours* can be withheld from You. Restored with interest - The result was that she had everything she had lost restored with interest

II Corinthians 9:6-7 Sow Generously

Matthew 25:28 God rewards more than we earned

Psalm 50:10-11 God owns this world

III Damascus – Benhadad - Prophecy in Syria

Sick, Inquire of the LORD. - the king sent Hazael the question "will I recover?"

Contrast to II Kings 1:1-3 King of Israel goes to Baal-Zebub

"Is there not a God in Israel to inquire of?"

He wanted reality

James 5:15 The prayer of faith has power to heal sick and help the sinner find forgiveness

You can't buy God's favor Acts 8:18-23 Simon the sorcerer

Not even 40 camel loads

Prophecy – He will recover

But he will really die

The gaze & Weeping - what will happen to Israel with the new king Hazael

Problem with Prophecy Revelation 22:18-19

Half truths and added lies Hazael murdered BenHadad

II Peter 8:19-21 No Private interpretation

3 Types of chastening

1) Internal chastening - God speaks to us by His Word and Spirit

James 1:22 Listen and Obey the word

John 14:23 If you love Christ obey Him

John 16:7-8 The Spirit convicts of sin

2) External chastening - take the form of hardships trials persecutions financial loss accident sickness or rejection

Heb 12:5-6 My son do not make light of the LORD's discipline

3) Terminal chastening – one may die prematurely

Acts 5 and I Cor 5:4-5

IV Jehu Prophecy in Israel

9:1-14 & I Kings 19:15-18

Terminal chastening - occurs when God says enough!

Personal - Jehu King is he that will strike Ahab's family

He will avenge prophets and Servants for Jezebel's crimes

All Sin caries with it a mandatory death penalty - Romans 6:23

Naboth's vineyard I Kings 21:20-29

Cut off the males

God offers mercy

This Prophet is Crazy

But Jehu is king

Joram killed 9:23-26

Jezebel Death 9:30-37 God's judgment is always right always just

Yet you will never understand the necessity or the true significance of the cross of Jesus unless you see it in terms of divine retribution against human sin – Greg Haslam

Jesus carried the physical psychic and spiritual consequences of our sin

Sin is punished in one of two places

1 the cross of Jesus Col 2:13-14

2 The lake of fire forever Rev 20:13-15

Millions have come

Still room for one!

By God's grace millions have already decided to elect for Jesus to stand as a substitute for them

Heb 9:22 The shedding of blood cleanses