

REVELATION  
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SPIRIT  
OF  
PROPHECY

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Revelation 19:10

Job 4:12-19

## LAW OF IDENTITY: ETYMOLOGY OF PROPHECY

- Greek {προφητεία, pro/phēteia;}: To speak before or *in front of*...
  - One who speaks for God or one through whom God speaks
  - Mythology: One who *interprets* will of god(s); i.e., Hermes {Hermeneutics}
- Hebrew Prophet {נְבִיא, nâbî}: Roots in Sumer-Akkadia
  - Abraham came from Sumer {Ur} to become *father of the Hebrews* (Ge 11:27-12:9)
  - Biblical description of prophet's role: God → Moses → Aaron → Pharaoh (Ex 7:1-2)
- God would raise up a **new** prophet after the manner of Moses: Jesus (De 18:15-19)
  - One who would reveal God to Man by direct *gnosis* via Logos {Word(s)} (Jn 1:1-18; He 1:1-4)

## SPIRIT OF CONFUSION: REVEALING WHOSE WILL

- Hebrew Prophecy {נְבוּאָה, nebû'â}: Revealing God by speaking/writing
- Nabu/Nebo-Babylonian god of writing:
  - Nabu, god of writing, revealed will of Marduk, his father {Mimic Father-Son relationship}
  - Scribes-Priests revealed *will of kings* {Govt} and *gods* {Faith}: Limited to few into medieval age
  - Babylonian throne names oft associated with Nabu for legitimacy: Nebuchadnezzar
  - Became later cultures' *gods*: Hermes (Gk) and Mercury {Trickster} (Lat)
- Perennial Question: Whom do **you** believe-choose? (1Ki 18:20-21)
  - There are only two positions {Law of Excluded Middle}: God or god, *of this world* (2Co 4:3-4)

## SPIRIT OF CONFUSION: EASY TO *CROSS THE LINE*

- John worshipped wrongly {Warning to *First Fruits (Church) Dispensation*} (Ro 11:13-25)
  - John worshipped the *messenger* who revealed Marriage Feast of the Lamb
  - Sin so easily confuses us, pulling us away from Christ {Pentecostalism-Spirit} (He 12:1-2)
  - Sternly commanded: *Worship God!*
- Witness/Testimony of Jesus
  - States the fundamental purpose of Jesus {Son of Man}
  - Summarizes role of Intercessor between God and Man (1Ti 2:5)
  - Presents His most important title just prior to His Return

# SPIRIT OF PROPHECY: WHAT IS TRUTH? (JN 18:38)

- Prophecy confused in Modern Minds
  - Often perceived simply as foretelling future – Infrequently given as *sign* to validate message
  - World's prophecies often cryptic, designed to deceive {Lies} (1Ki 22:13-28; 2Th 2:3-12)
- Prophecy's True Purpose – Revelation {Jesus **is** Truth (Embodied)}
  - Truth revealed according to level of understanding {Layered} (Is 28:9-13; 1Co 13:9-11; He 5:12-14)
  - Fullness of time {At prepared moment-Purpose of Law}: Christ came (Ga 4:4-7)
  - Jesus, image of Father, dimly perceived by earlier peoples (1Pe 1:10-12)
  - Clearly revealed by normal hermeneutical exegetical study of His Word {Spirit} (1Co 2:14; He 1:1-2)

# JESUS SPIRIT OF PROPHECY: WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU?

- Every purpose has a goal. What is Christ's goal?
  - Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life {to the Father}; i.e., Salvation (Jn 14:6-7)
  - Jesus not The Gate Keeper keeping you from The Way; He calls you to come (Mt 11:28-30)
  - Satan/Babel-Babylon/Flesh are the gate keepers *hiding* The Way, The Truth (Is 14:16-20; 2Th 2:13-12)
- Which gate *calls to you*? (Mt 7:7-8; 2Pe 3:11)
  - Wide gate feels natural, right, to the Lost; we all begin here (Mt 7:13; Ro 3:10-18, 23; 1Co 1:18-29)
  - Narrow gate hard to find, hard to walk, impossible to stay on without Christ-Spirit (Mt 7:14; He 13:12-15)
- Angel emphasizes Jesus is *Spirit {Essence} of Prophecy-Truth* prior to His coming. Do you want: The Lie {Babel} or The Truth {Heavenly Jerusalem}? (Mt 7:21-27)