



FIRST WEDNESDAY: Does Prophecy Still Matter

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²¹ Again a message came to me from the LORD: ²² "Son of man, you've heard that proverb they quote in Israel: 'Time passes, and prophecies come to nothing.' ²³ Tell the people, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will put an end to this proverb, and you will soon stop quoting it.' Now give them this new proverb to replace the old one: 'The time has come for every prophecy to be fulfilled!' ²⁴ "There will be no more false visions and flattering predictions in Israel. ²⁵ For I am the LORD! If I say it, it will happen. There will be no more delays, you rebels of Israel. I will fulfill my threat of destruction in your own lifetime. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!" ²⁶ Then this message came to me from the LORD: ²⁷ "Son of man, the people of Israel are saying, 'He's talking about the distant future. His visions won't come true for a long, long time.' ²⁸ Therefore, tell them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: No more delay! I will now do everything I have threatened. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!'"

Ezekiel 12:21-28 NLT

¹ Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy. ² For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. ³ But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. ⁴ A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church. ⁵ I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you could all prophesy. For prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened.

1 Corinthians 14:1-5 NLT

God Still Speaks to His People

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1 Corinthians 14:1 NLT

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1 Corinthians 14:3-4 NLT

How Do We Know a Prophecy Is from God? We Test It

²⁰ Do not scoff at prophecies, ²¹ but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.

1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 NLT

Prophecy Is an Active Gift of the Holy Spirit Today

⁸ Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! ⁹ Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! ¹⁰ But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. ¹² Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

1 Corinthians 13:8-12 NLT

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