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PROPHETS AND PRIESTS VERSUS KINGS
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1. PROPHETS - ACTS 13:1, 21:4,8-9, 2:17-18, AMOS 3:7

Prophets are God's representatives on earth. A Prophet is a person called by God to be His representative on earth - Hosea 1:2, Joel 1:1.

When a Prophet speaks for God, it is as if God is speaking - Ezek. 2:7, Jer. 1:9. A Prophet is also a special witness for Christ; testifying of His divinity and teaching the Gospel of the Kingdom.

A Prophet teaches truth and interprets the word of God = Deut. 18:18.

He calls the unrighteous to repentance. He receives revelation and direction from the Lord for the benefit of all. He may see into the future and foretell coming events so that the world may be warned.

A Prophet may come from various stations in life. He may be young or old, highly educated or unschooled. He may be a farmer, a lawyer or a teacher - Jer. 1:1-9.

Ancient prophets wore tunics and carried staffs. Modern prophets wear suits and carry briefcases. What then identifies true prophets?

A Prophet is chosen by God and called through proper authority of the priesthood.

True prophets are known for their good character, high level of consecration and commitment to the word of God.

Prophets are major pillars in building the Church. They are part of the instruments used in laying a solid foundation. Eph. 2:20.

True prophets never spoke on their own authority or shared their personal opinions but rather delivered the message God Himself gave them - Exod. 4:12, II Peter 1:20-21.

2. PRIESTS - I PETER 2:9-10, EXOD. 19:6

Our roles as Priests which include both male and female is a premier theme throughout the scripture. Few things we ought to know about the Priesthood are that:

- This office is for every believer called into the ministry of the priesthood but not all are called into the prophetic ministry.
- Priests had a job description, but the essence of their work was that they were invited into God's house to enjoy His hospitality. They did not just casually wander into the Lord's inner room - the Holy of Holies, the throne room itself. The Lord always cleanses and dresses His Priests during fellowship with Him in the sanctifying power of the blood. This makes them move about with confidence, getting nearer to God in worship and service.
- As we rummage through the New Testament looking for our priestly identity, it seems largely absent, except for Apostle Peter's comment that says we are a royal priesthood - I Peter 2:5, 9. The epistles chose the word "Saint" to refer to "Priest" Saints are holy ones, and holy ones belong to God. They are close to Him and He does not give them up. A typical example in the New Testament is the greetings to all the saints - Rom. 16:15.
- The New Testament image for you and the Church is that you are a "living stone, part of a spiritual house" I Peter 2:4-5, Eph. 2:19-22. That house is none other than the Holy of Holies itself. We are now the place in which heaven and earth meet. God walks among us through His Spirit who dwells in us.
- The Scripture begins and ends with priestly images. Our story as priests aims for the time when Christ will unite all things in Himself - Eph. 1:10. The heavenly Holy of Holies will descend and infuse our spiritual house and earth itself, in a way that all the earth will be His Holy of Holies - Rev. 21:15-17. Awe and intimacy which are presently ours in Christ will be ours even more.
- We must NOW live out the priesthood of all believers. Meanwhile, as we wait for the full descent of heaven to earth, we live as God's priests - the body of Christ. As ordinary people of flesh and blood having the spirit of God, we still have to carry out the work in our local church structures and organizations; doing the work of the ministry. Everybody is busy but we have to realize that our mission is to be close to

the Lord, inviting others to come closer to Him and also speak words of blessings in the Name of Jesus.

3. KINGS - REV. 1:6

God has made us kings to reign on earth. It is unfortunate that many believers are unaware of their Kingdom role on earth. Throughout history, believers who understood their roles as kings have always been the source of civilization.

The kingship in us is the force that gives us the power to bring systems to order. So, for every believer to be successful on earth, he/she must operate with the spirit of Christ which has in it the three spiritual energies of prophecy, priesthood and kingship.

By prophesy, we speak the word to reform, restore and rebuild people and places. By priesthood, we establish a strong fellowship with the Father and by kingship, we bring transformation into the society. We bring justice, equity and freedom to the oppressed. We cause systems to work and bring about national transformation.

This is the time for us to manifest the three dimensional energies of the Spirit, in order to add value to the world we live in.