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## *Dedication*

God is raising up a global prophetic movement, who are preparing the Bride of Christ for His soon return to planet earth. We are bringing new wine to new wineskins into every sphere of life and we are recapturing every mountain of influence.

I dedicate this book to all of you who hunger and thirst for more of God's presence every day and who yearn for an ongoing worldwide revival.

May you experience His love and power in an increasing measure and may all your senses be activated to know His voice and His will all the time.

May you be part of the next generation living in the supernatural, proclaiming God's love and transforming nations through an authentic, prophetic lifestyle.

## *Endorsements*

*“This Spirit-filled, easy to understand book about the Prophetic Gift, is indeed a gift basket full of exciting information about the Gift of Prophecy to explore within every page. It opens up this Gift in such a way that there can be no doubt by the reader that this book has been written under guidance of the Holy Spirit.”*

**Dr Christa van den Berg** – Director Counselling.

*This is truly a remarkable, inspiring and comprehensive workbook about the prophetic for this season of the explosive harvest of souls worldwide! The clear lay-out of the prophetic function to the Body of Christ and God’s end-time purpose for the world, stirs an appetizing hunger for His Presence to release and manifest the love of God in a way the world has never seen or experienced! May this book draw you to a deeper intimacy with the One who gave the prophetic as a gift to the church!*

**Mark Loretz** – Senior Pastor, Life & Business Coach at Motiv-8.

*“How to Prophecy” is a must read for the end time church. The Body of Christ more than ever needs the prophetic to encourage and edify its members in the face of challenging times to come. The move of the Holy Spirit through the prophetic allows us to hear God’s heart for His children as we swiftly hurtle toward that day of His Son’s return. This book provides an excellent introduction and base for learning and sharpening of the prophetic ability, whether you are new to this gift or a seasoned prophet. It is time for the Church to walk in the fullness of what He has gifted us by walking in the prophetic under His guidance.*

**Dr Elmari Marais** – Author & Business Executive.

*If you are one of those who refuse to settle for less than all that God has planned for His Bride; one of those who yearns to partner and serve with Holy Spirit – then this book will inspire you to recklessly surrender all of yourself to be used by Him in communing a Divine dialogue of passionate deliberations, timeless inspirations, creative thoughts and powerful plans to His beloved.*

**Dr Helette Louw** – ChristCreations Ministries.

*It is the time for the Body of Christ that we will engage and partner with Abba Father in what He is saying and doing in order for us to release His purposes over people, situations and Nations. In this book on "How to Prophecy" the believer will find the practical tools and be able to apply them in an effort to release heaven on earth. I strongly recommend you reading and applying it.*

**Johanna Carstens** – Pastor and Dean PowerTeam.

*This prophetic book reminds me of the soon second coming of Christ Jesus. The 5-fold ministries have to equip the bride of Christ to be ready and to do the work of the ministry – and this book is doing exactly that. It is an excellent tool God has given to Francois to sharpen our spiritual senses and to open up the supernatural in the prophetic ministry.*

**Jonathan Duniya Peters** – Pastor and Media Director.

*The prophetic, signs, wonders and miracles are very relevant in this day and age. I give praise to the Lord for a man like Francois Engelbrecht whom He has equipped to impart his wisdom and gift to the church.*

**Mark Killian** – Pastor and Founder: New Life Apostolic House

*The work reflects mature insight into the prophetic. It also provides fresh revelation and different perspectives on the prophetic that will stimulate your learning.*

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*What an excellent resource! I highly recommend this book. It is refreshing and unlike any other approach to this subject. Francois has had many years of experience in training and equipping prophetic people, and draws from these in his writing. "How to prophecy" will be of great and significant value to those wishing to understand more of the times we face, and of the uncharted waters which lie ahead of us. This book should have a wide readership and it will help many who are on the journey of discovering their destiny in God.*

**Zoe van der Merwe** – Prophet and Founder of Zoe Life Ministries.

*Prophecy is a powerful tool in the hand of the believer. It is life-giving and it transforms character. Once a word is spoken by God, it echoes through the realms of eternity, making its way into the earthly realm, arresting the spirit of man to speak forth the oracles of God. Those*

*words spoken by God will not return empty and void, but will accomplish what it is purposed for. Are you ready to move beyond the borders of limitation, fear, lack of knowledge and restraint? Are you ready to step over from the known into the unknown, encountering God? Then this book is for you!*

**Susan van Niekerk** – Pastor and Church Planter.

*Coming from a very conservative background, I initially found this book a stretch, but as I worked through Dr Francois' teaching, I began to experience hearing God's voice in new, more distinct ways; and found myself speaking His words to others with greater freedom and effect.*

*I highly recommend "How to Prophecy!" to anyone who really desires to have the Holy Spirit work through them in greater measure. Dr Francois is an excellent teacher and coach; his gentle style is easy to understand, inspirational, and intensely practical.*

*You will not read this book only once, but many times, and each time you go back, you will find new gems and new applications. Whether you are new to the prophetic gifting, or seasoned in it, this book will open your mind to new possibilities and new adventures – so let the journey begin!*

**René Kirsten** – Author and Business Woman.

*This book will unlock the revelation of heaven and bring prophetic understanding to your life. There is such a great degree of prophetic knowledge that God wants to reveal in this season. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that we understand the prophetic times and seasons, in order for us to understand God's prophetic perspective for where the body of Christ is at this time. "HOW TO PROPHECY" will help you to accurately align your understanding with what heaven is saying, in the NOW.*

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- ☛ ***To prophesy you have to step into open heavens. You have to go beyond the veil and enter the world of the supernatural. That is why prophetic people are firstly people of God's presence.***

***We as Christians should all be air conditioners - we should change the atmosphere wherever we go. This is especially true when there are wicked forces influencing the atmosphere.***

***We had to go through five or six gates on the gravel road before we could get on to the main road. All of us counted out loud as we passed through each gate. After the count of three, we were suddenly on the main road. I was astonished and then my daughter said: "Dad, we were transported by God – I experienced it while it was happening." ☛***

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## Foreword

**O**pening your mind to knowledge leads to *understanding* and *wisdom*.

Dr Francois Engelbrecht's book offers a fresh look at prophecy. While really thorough, it is an easy read and provides many helpful insights to be used in prophecy.

I have known Dr Francois for about 18 years and what I have always loved about him, is his heart for people. He desires to raise leaders and give them an opportunity to discover their God given gift, put it into practise and grow in their calling.

Calling yourself a prophet carries a big responsibility. People will respect your words and so what you say should not be taken lightly. On the other hand, prophecy can give so much encouragement and can change a person's life by shining a light on their destiny.

In 2 Peter 1:19-21 (*Amplified Bible*), Peter says "We have the prophetic word made firmer still. You will do well to pay close attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day breaks through the gloom and the morning star rises in your hearts.

First you must understand that this, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of any personal or private interpretation.

For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it, but men spoke from God who were moved by the Holy Spirit."

It is so important to understand what Paul meant when he wrote that all men can prophesy. He was telling us to encourage each other and share with each other words of wisdom. This falls into the category of prophecy.

The person with a gift of prophecy will speak things into being and change the atmosphere. God will cause things to line up.

A prophet can speak over a person's life even when at the time it might not be fully understood. Years later when it comes into

being, the person that gave the word might even be forgotten, which is the way it should be so that God gets the glory.

We are living in a time of fear and doubt. A prophetic word spoken correctly and in season will provide a much needed light to a person's path, bringing both hope and encouragement.

As you read and study this book, I challenge you to equip yourself to be the voice that God intended you to be.

**Prophet Jean Keys.**  
*Durbanville, South Africa.*

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### **INTRODUCTION**

*The best book is not the one that informs merely,  
but one that stirs the reader up to inform himself.*

**AW Tozer**

**W**hat we experience in the world around us determines to a great extent who we are and what we do. Our inherited DNA, combined with what we experience from conception until the age of about 7 years, has an enormous influence on who we will become in adult life. And the majority of our experiences come through our senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch.

Like this physical realm in which we live each day, there is an unseen spiritual realm in which God, His angels, and the demonic forces operate. Many people believe that this spiritual realm exists, but they never experience anything of that realm in their lives. In this book you will be able to experience more of this amazing realm of the Spirit.

Since the time of creation, God wanted fellowship with the humans He created. Before sin came into the world, Adam and Eve walked and communicated with God every day. One of the purposes of Jesus' coming to earth was to restore this communication between God and man. This is why the curtain of the most holy place was torn when Jesus died on the cross. He made it possible for us to have continual access to God. **Hebrews 4:16** invites us to come boldly to the throne of God any time we want. This book wants to train you how to clearly hear from God and how to activate what you hear, see, and perceive in the form of prophetic words.

There is an exciting "world" out there that is waiting to be explored. **Genesis 1:1** says: **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.** Did you see that? Not one heaven, but heavens to be explored. The spiritual realm is actually just as real as the physical realm in which we live, and God gave us spiritual senses so that we can experience spiritual sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell. These are the five spiritual senses that need to be recognized and trained. Do you desire to step into open heavens? This book wants to guide you into this exciting journey!

I pray that you will believe and embrace that the prophetic gift is also for you personally. Desire more of it (**1 Corinthians 14**). Dream about giving other people powerful, accurate prophetic encouragement. Say

to yourself: I was created for this! I was made to prophesy!

But how do we access this spiritual world? Just like a human baby we need the right spiritual DNA received through salvation in Jesus Christ. We also need the best environment to develop optimally as a spiritual being. We need an environment filled with the Word of God and with His Holy Spirit to guide us to become mature spiritual beings.

God the Holy Spirit wants to open up the revelatory realm to us in order to help us access it. He wants to reveal to us in the spirit what we cannot experience with our physical senses. The prophetic forms part of this revelatory realm that God wants to open up for every one of His children. Just like exercising our physical body in a gymnasium, we constantly need to exercise our spiritual senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch so that we can use them effectively. **Hebrews 5:14** says: **But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, even those who because of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

Let us explore together what prophecy is, from a Biblical point of view. What does the Bible say about the function of the prophetic gift, about discernment, about false prophets, and the role a prophetic word should play in our lives?

Are you ready to taste and experience more of this wonderful world of the prophetic in your own life? ***This is not just another book on the prophetic. There are questions, exercises, and activations throughout this book to assist you in flexing your own prophetic muscles even more.*** May these simple tools unlock hidden treasures and secret mysteries that might have eluded our perception until now. If you are not using this book as a prophetic course with a group of other people, I want to encourage you to invite a few close friends to join you for the exercises and activations.

All of us want to be like the sons of Issachar in **1 Chronicles 12:32** who had understanding of the times they lived in and knew what Israel ought to do. We would also like to be like the noble Bereans in **Acts 17:11** who received the Word of God with openness and searched the Scriptures daily. Even when Scripture strongly convicts us of a certain viewpoint, we should always be open to a course of correction and the progressive revelation by the Spirit of truth.

Grab your Bible, a notepad, and a friend and be ready for the prophetic adventure of a lifetime!

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# Chapter 1

## WHAT IS PROPHECY?

***The purpose of the prophetic and of hearing God's voice is not only to find out what God wants to do but to reconnect people with who God is.*** – Bob Hazlett.

**M**ore than a quarter of the Bible is prophecy – warnings, promises, and predictions. That is more than 8000 of the 31000 verses in the Bible.

Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, gives a simple definition of prophecy: ***But he who prophesies speaks to men for building up, and exhortation, and comfort.***  
***1 Corinthians 14:3.***

Prophesying is speaking in order to strengthen, encourage, and comfort others – it is speaking Divine encouragement. It is to receive from God and speak it to men. And all of us can prophecy – this book wants to show you how.

The goal of prophecy is to connect people to the empowering nature of God so that they can become like Him and display His marvelous nature to all on earth! (Shawn Bolz) His eternal plan is for us to see what He sees, which enables us to love like He loves. Prophecy is about relationship: relationship with God and a love relationship with those people over whom you

are prophesying. Revelation empowers you to see everyone around you as winners, as worthy. Most people are unaware of the greatness that God has put inside of them. True prophetic ministry looks for the gold in the midst of the dirt in people's lives. This can only be done from a place and a heart of love. Prophecy is to see people at the end of the race with a trophy in the hand and a gold medal around the neck.

To prophesy you have to step into open heavens. You have to go beyond the veil and enter the world of the supernatural. That is why prophetic people are firstly people of God's presence. Without His presence, we are more likely to speak from our mind than from His heart. We have to know Him in order to sound like Him. And when we know God's heart, we will also know His love. True prophecy is to speak God's heart because we are compelled by His love for that person. **And if I have prophetic powers (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose) ... but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing.** (1 Corinthians 13:2) *Amplified.*

One of the foundations for the prophetic is God's love for His people. When I seek to love people and to serve them, it becomes so much easier to hear God's heart for them.

Prophecy is a gift of the Holy Spirit. It does not belong to people. Anyone can be used in the gift of prophecy provided he is a born-again believer, filled with the Holy Spirit, and open to move in the supernatural.

Although all Spirit-filled Christians can prophesy, it does not make everyone who prophesies a prophet. Prophetic anointing contains various levels and stages, beginning with the basics of prophecy: encouragement, edification, and comfort.

Did you ever have a secret that was so exciting that you just had to share it? Like when you have a special gift to give to a loved one? God has lots of exciting gifts to give us and He loves to share His secrets with us. In **Amos 3:7** we read: **Surely the Lord God will do nothing without revealing His secret to His**

## **servants the prophets.**

God wants to reveal His secrets to those who have the right heart. They must be people whom God can trust with his words and they must be willing to serve others. He wants to reveal His secrets to His us as His servants. If we want to be leaders in Gods Kingdom, we must have a servant attitude. Servants clean up the messes; they don't create or expose them. That is why prophecy does not primarily point out problems, rather it points to the potential in a person or situation. It finds the treasure in a sinner's life.

Many times when God shows us the challenge in a person or in a situation, He does it so that we can call out the gold – the opposite that is not necessarily seen by the person. When we call out the positive, it has creative power to bring about the positive, and it brings hope into the person's life. This is the beauty of prophecy.

Prophecy is God communicating His will by word (sometimes by action) through chosen people, and all of us are a part of that chosen generation (**1 Peter 2:9**). Shawn Bolz was only 6 years old when he was sitting on his mother's lap while they were praying for a lady with severe back pain. His mother turned to him and asked if the Lord was showing him something regarding this lady. He actually heard something and he asked: "Is you're back hurting because of a car accident?" "Yes!" She was shocked that he was participating and got a word of knowledge from the Lord. "God wants to make your back the way it was before the accident" he said. With that he got off his mother's lap, put both of his hands on this woman and prayed for her with his parents. Together they watched this woman become completely restored.

Prophecy includes whatever God wants to communicate about the past, present, or future. In this sense the whole Bible can be seen as a prophetic Book, because it is the word of God supernaturally given to His chosen people to write it down for all people to see, hear, and understand God's will and plan.

**2 Timothy 3:16–17 says: All Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfected, thoroughly furnished to every good work.**

**2 Peter 1:21 For prophecy was not born at any time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke being borne along by the Holy Spirit.**

This does not mean that when we speak forth the Word of God it is prophecy. To speak out the *Logos* word of God (the written word of God in the Bible) will rather fit in under the categories of preaching or teaching of the Word.

True prophecy will always confirm the Word and will never contradict the Bible. This is why it is vital for all prophetic people to eat and drink the Word of God (the Bible) daily, so that they will be guided by His Spirit and filled with His written Word. Then God will enlighten the *Logos* (written) Word with *Rhema* Word – a prophetic word for the current season which is in agreement with the *Logos* Word of God.

Prophecy is very powerful. In the beginning God created through words. He spoke (the Hebrew word is *bara*) and the universe was formed. God created man in His image and when we speak a prophetic word we received from God, it has the same creative power, because it is still a word from God spoken through us.

Confirmation is a vital part of Biblical prophecy. When you hear the voice of God as a part of your daily walk with Him, and somebody gives you a prophetic word, most often it will be a confirmation of what God has already told you. It can also be a confirmation of a prophecy you have already received. God speaks with clarity and never contradicts himself. This is why it is good to look for confirmation when you are not a hundred percent sure if you heard correctly.

A few years ago God clearly spoke to me about a change in season and that we are going to move to another suburb. On a

Wednesday we visited some of our prophetic friends in a nearby town and they confirmed the word without knowing anything of what God told us. The next day I was at a breakfast meeting 60 kilometers from there and a prophetic lady, who did not know me, spoke the same words as the person the previous day. Two confirmations in two days! Within a few months the move happened.

***If a child should ask you: What is prophecy? What would you say?***

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***What is the main purpose of prophecy?***

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## **WHAT IS A PROPHET?**

All Christians should flow in prophecy. But **Ephesians 4:11-16** tells us that some are called to be Prophets in the 5-fold ministry of God. One of the main functions of 5-fold ministers is to equip and empower believers to become mature in Christ.

To be a prophet of God there must be a specific calling from God (**Jeremiah 1:5**) and the recognition of that calling from mature leaders in the Kingdom of God. When a person is a prophet, they themselves are a gift to the body of Christ.

Most of the time it also requires considerable training, experience, and development over many years, to develop into a mature prophet – depending on the training, discipling, and mentoring received. There may be exceptions to this rule according to the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon somebody's life.

**In Deuteronomy 18:18 we read: I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brothers, one like you, and will put My words in His mouth. And He shall speak to them all that I shall command Him.**

Prophets in the Bible were listeners. Priests were talkers – they spoke to the people and took the requests of the people to God. Prophets first listened to God and then took His words to the people.

**Isaiah 6:8 says: And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me!**

**Jeremiah 1:9-10 And the Lord put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, Behold, I have put My Words in your mouth. Behold! I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.**

Prophets have a passion to see people reach their purpose and destiny in life. We love to see people move into the future that God intends for them. An Apostle is passionate about transformation. A Pastor is passionate for community. An Evangelist is passionate about souls being saved. A Teacher is passionate for maturity. A Prophet is passionate about destiny and to see people reach it. What are you passionate about? The moment you find your passion, it will lead you to identity and it can release great authority in your life.

I get excited to hear how people's lives were changed because of a prophetic word. Years ago I spoke into the life of one of my spiritual sons in Kenya. I called forth the Apostolic gold that was in this Pastor's life and added other things to it. Today he is an emerging leader in the church in Kenya who oversees congregations he planted. His ministry is growing and he loves every minute of it.

Prophets in the Bible came from diverse backgrounds. The only thing they had in common was the fact that God handpicked

them. There was a man that married a prostitute, Hosea (**Hosea 1:2**); a woman, Deborah (**Judges 4:4**); a farmer, Amos (**Amos 7:14**); a boy, Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 1:6**); and many more.

From Genesis to Revelation there are roughly 40 prophets over a span of 2000 years. Though the Bible doesn't name more than 40 prophets, it tells about groups of prophets that showed up at different times in Israel's history.

**1 Samuel 10:5** And it will happen to you when you come there to the city, even you shall meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a harp and a tambourine and a flute and a lyre before them. And they shall prophesy.

Did you ever wonder why some prophets are more effective and more accurate than others? I believe one of the reasons is passion. If you love something, you will do it more often and if you do it more often, you will become good at it. Malcolm Gladwell says that 10,000 hours of practice is required to achieve the level of mastery that is associated to be a world-class expert in anything. And **Hebrews 5:14** says: **But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses and mental faculties are trained by practice to discriminate and distinguish between what is morally good and noble, and what is evil.**

*What is the difference between the gift of prophecy and being a prophet?*

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## **FORETELLING OR FORTH-TELLING**

Sometimes people want to confine prophecy to the future, but that is not true. The prophet is a forth-teller as well as a foreteller.

Foretelling is not the same as fortune-telling, palm-reading, star-



gazing, crystal-gazing, or zodiac sign reading. According to the Scriptures, foretelling is to *tell ahead of time*, the things that are on the mind of God concerning a person, people, places, or events. According to **Isaiah 46:10** God always knows the end from the beginning and He wants to share those secrets with His children.

The Bible is the only Book in history that is filled with foretelling (prophecies about the future); all of which have been accurately fulfilled. Prophecies about children to be born, land to be inherited, famine that will take place, the birth of Jesus, etc. were all fulfilled. There is only a small percentage of Biblical prophecy for the end times that is still to be fulfilled in time to come.

Forth-telling on the other hand, means to speak forth, to tell what is on the mind of God. It declares events in the mind of God regarding a person, people, places, or events. It can be facts about the present or taking facts like the written Word of God as a launching pad to proclaim God's heart for the present situation. By speaking forth God's mind the future is caused. An example of forth-telling is found in **Ezekiel 37**. When God instructed the prophet Ezekiel to prophecy to the dead bones, they became an exceedingly great army. Ezekiel did not just *tell* the future he *caused* the future to happen.

Recently at a prophetic conference, a young lady from Taiwan who knows nothing about my life was prophesying over me and part of what she said was something like this: You have a heart for a certain group of people for whom others don't necessarily have a heart. This is God's plan for your life. I see you training missionaries and that is exactly what God wants you to do. The fact that she confirmed that what I am doing is God's plan for this period in my life, is a kind of forth-telling and I was in tears because it touched a nerve that only God knows about.

## **SEER AND SPOKESMAN**

The word "prophet" in its various forms is used over 300 times in the Old Testament and 100 times in the New Testament. A prophet is a divinely chosen spokesman for God who, having

received the message from God, proclaims it to the people in oral, visual, or written form.

In **1 Samuel 9:9** the prophet in Israel was called *ro'eh* or *ra'ah* which means the one who perceives that which does not lie in the realm of natural sight or hearing – the seer. It focuses on the experience by means of which the prophet was made to 'see' the message. Another word for the same category is *hozeh* – one who sees supernaturally. (**2 Samuel 24:11**) The seer emphasizes visions and the revelatory gifts, and often gets information ahead of time and tells it later.

The seer prophet not only sees; he also discerns, perceives, and envisions. The word *ra'ah* is also used in **Gen 1:4** when God saw the light. He not only looked at the light, but He also discerned, envisioned, and perceived it for what it was.

When I look at the engine of my car, I see metal, liquid and wires. When a mechanic looks at it, he sees how every part of that engine should function and how it works together. That is to *ra'ah*.

Later, the Hebrew seer was more commonly called *nabi* (pronounced *naw-bee*) which means to call or announce (**1 Samuel 9:9**). The essential idea of the word *nabi* is that of an authorized spokesman.

When we look at the word *nabi* in the Old Testament, we can highlight at least three Scriptures that will help us understand the meaning of *nabi* better.

- In **Exodus 7:1** God appoints Aaron as *nabi* to Moses – his authorized spokesman – to speak on behalf of a superior.
- In **Numbers 12:6** *nabi* means somebody to whom God speaks in dreams and visions so that they may speak it to the people.
- **Deuteronomy 18:18** says: I will raise them up a

**Prophet (*nabi*) from among their brothers, one like you, and will put My words in His mouth. And He shall speak to them all that I shall command Him.**

This is the first place where we see the *office of the prophet* being born.

Both the seer prophet and the nabi prophet receive the message directly from God and one is not more important than the other. They are only different ways of receiving from God. Both seer and nabi must be willing to be an instrument in God's hands to communicate God's 'now' word to His people.

**The Old Testament prophets of God acted in the following three areas:**

- **Firstly, the prophets interpreted the Mosaic Law** to the people of God. They had to admonish, reprove, denounce sin, threaten with judgment (**Jonah 3:4**), call to repentance, and bring the forgiveness of God to His people. This task of the prophets took more of their time than any other area of their work.
- **Secondly, prophets foretold the coming judgment, deliverance, and all the events relating to the coming of Jesus Christ to this world.** The prediction given by a true prophet would be visibly fulfilled. If the words of a prophet did not come true, he would be seen as a false prophet. (**Deuteronomy 18:20-22**).
- **Thirdly, prophets were watchmen over the people of Israel.** Ezekiel stood as a watchman on the walls of the city to sound the trumpet against any religious apostasy. (**Ezekiel 3:17**).

***Would you say that you are flowing more in the seer prophetic or in the hearing prophetic realm, or both? Why do you say that?***

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## HOW PROPHECY IS RECEIVED

A variety of words in the Bible describe something about **how the prophetic may come to a person**:

1. **Nataph**: In Hebrew it means “to let drop like rain”. It comes little by little and is accumulated in our buckets over a period of time.
2. **Massa**: It is also a Hebrew word that is used to refer to “the hand of the Lord”. When God’s hand comes upon us, it imparts something to us and when His hand lifts, the impartation remains.
3. **Nabi**: This Hebrew word means “to bubble up, boil forth, to pour forth words under Divine inspiration.”
4. **Propheteia**: This Greek word means “to speak forth the mind and council of God.”

All of these words indicate that prophecy is something supernatural that comes from God in different ways to different people. The bottom line remains the same: The prophets are God’s mouthpiece, speaking His message to His people.

## PROPHETIC PROCESS

***The prophetic is meant to be a Divine dialogue with the Holy Spirit.*** – Dan McCollam.

Every prophetic word is comprised of at least three different components: revelation, interpretation, and application. Although each of these as a separate ingredient may be a prophetic word in itself, all three blend together to form a prophetic word.

1. **Revelation:** Revelation is information that we receive from God without us having any prior understanding of it. It is knowledge or information we could not have known unless God revealed it to us. This revelation can come to us in a variety of forms and on different levels.

Revelation can come as a dream, a vision, an impression, or a knowing; it is something that you see, hear, or receive from God. Many times you cannot understand it without an interpretation. Are you ready for more prophetic revelation from God than ever before?

2. **Interpretation:** This is the understanding that God gives regarding the message we received. It is the answer God gives to the question: What is God Saying? Or: What does this mean?

Inexperienced people of God, who receive a prophetic message from God, must be careful not to give interpretations they think are applicable. They then move in the flesh and not in the Spirit. Many true prophetic messages from God fall on the ground and hurt people because prophetic people did not listen to God alone for interpretation.

All of us, but especially prophetic people, should at all times follow the example of Jesus Christ our Lord who did nothing that He did not see the Father do and spoke nothing that He did not hear from the Father.

**John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing of Himself but what He sees the Father do. For whatever things He does these also the Son does likewise.**

**John 12:50 Therefore whatever I speak, even as the Father said to Me, so I speak.**

A prophetic person does not blurt out every message he/she receives from God. Sometimes we have to wait for God's

timing to deliver the message. If a prophetic word is given at the wrong time, it may lose the impact God intended it to have. Other times God will just show you something so that you can pray for that person instead of delivering the prophetic message.

- 3. Application:** This is the understanding of how we implement or utilize the revelation and interpretation we received. It is the “What do we do with this?” part of the prophecy. Many times we do not have to apply what we received, because it is left to the person receiving the word from God to hear from Him what he or she is supposed to do with it.

In the beginning of my prophetic journey I attended a prophetic conference. We had to prophesy over somebody next to us. A lady from a coastal area in South Africa stood next to me. All I heard the Lord say was: “Tell her that I love her dearly.” I thought: Lord, that is not a prophetic word – anybody can tell a person that You love her. The next moment the Lord showed me a picture of a long silver fish. Immediately I thought: God wants her to be a fisher of men. But I stayed obedient and just told her what I heard and what I saw. She immediately burst into tears as God touched her through His prophetic word.

When I asked her about it she said, “My dad loved me dearly. When I was a small girl he would sometimes take me with him on a boat to go fishing. We loved being together in that way.

One day we caught a long silver fish and afterwards they took a photo of me and my dad holding the silver fish. Soon after that he passed away. It was heartbreaking for me to lose someone who loved me so much. When you told me that God loved me dearly and you gave me the word about the long silver fish, I immediately knew God really meant it when He said He loved me. He reminded me of the love my dad had for me”.

I was so astounded about what just took place that I never ever want to interpret more than what God shows me or tells me.

***Where do you think is the biggest challenge in the three phases of the prophetic process? Revelation; Interpretation; or Application? Why do you say so?***

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***What can you do to make sure that you deliver in an accurate way, what God has told you?***

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***Ask God for a prophetic word, picture, or vision for somebody. When you receive it, write down what is revelation, what is interpretation, and what is application in that word for the person.***

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## **TEN BENIFITS OF PROPHECY**

We should tirelessly encourage prophecy in our churches and disciple people to flow in it. It is too powerful a gift to ignore or treat poorly. It can accomplish a number of marvelous purposes:

### **1. Prophecy restores dignity and self-respect.**

Wounds, getting hurt and emotional trauma, are part of our everyday life – both before and after salvation. However, we serve a God who is committed to our physical, emotional, and mental healing. He sees us very differently than we see ourselves: **The precious sons of Zion are weighed against pure gold. (Lamentations 4:2).**

When the angel of the Lord visited Gideon in **Judges 6**, he called out the hidden treasure in Gideon: “**The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!**” As humans we would think of him as a coward down there in the winepress, but God looked beyond his circumstances and started renewing his self-image. That scared young man pulled down a village stronghold and turned the people back to God, the very next day. Prophecy declares the beauty in us as God sees it and prophesy releases destiny.

In **Revelations 19** John saw the Bride of Christ in absolute perfection, ready for the wedding day; fully prepared and ready to marry Jesus. Prophecy is to help people see that they are already part of the Bride and totally worthy of it, because Jesus already paid the price for them.

Shawn was on his way to his favorite coffee shop when he saw a woman outside the shop. She was in tatters. She was crying in a whisper: “Please, I’m hungry ... please help me ... anything ... I just need food.” Everybody just walked by. In the minds of the people, she belonged there, because she had been on the streets for such a long time. She was crumpled in a ball on the ground, weeping.

Shawn walked past her and into the shop. He bought two coffees and two breakfast sandwiches and brought hands full of food to her. He said to her: “I am Shawn. What’s your name?” and handed her the bag and the coffee. She looked at him and stood up. “For me?” She took the bags and hugged Shawn – it was a real hug. He saw *her* as a person! And then he heard 4 words from the Holy Spirit and he said to her: “You are not invisible.” She broke down, because that was exactly how she felt. She cried for a while and Shawn again hugged her deeply. She looked into his eyes and said: “Thank you, no one has been kind to me for about a year!”

Since that day this woman and Shawn have had deep conversations on the street – conversations initiated by her. She is getting closer to knowing Jesus. And it started



when somebody gave her more than a word and showed her more of her eternal value.

**Are you willing to focus on the positive and prophetically call out gold in people?**

## **2. Prophecy edifies, encourages and comforts the church**

In **1 Corinthians 14:3** the Apostle Paul wrote: **But he who prophesies speaks to men for building up, and exhortation, and comfort.** According to this standard, prophecy should not leave people feeling confused, degraded, or condemned. It should not make people feel inferior or intimidated. The word edification means: building up, strengthening, or improving. Prophecy should strengthen the relationship between God and His people.

People need and appreciate encouragement, even if they are not having a bad day. Who says you can't make a good day better!

***Are you willing to be an instrument in God's hands to edify, encourage and comfort people?***

## **3. Prophecy can bring correction and warning**

In Biblical times, God often used His prophets to bring words of correction and warning. Some think this was only done in the Old Testament, but it is not true. Jesus rebuked the Scribes and Pharisees and He warned Israel to return to God. Peter warned Simon in **Acts 8:20-22**. **But Peter said to him, May your silver perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.**

In **Revelations 2 and 3**, the letters written to the seven churches are full of prophetic warnings.

The way a correction or warning is presented is of fundamental importance. Prophets must bring good news, even if that news is to repent. We must overflow with love and compassion for people every time we speak a prophetic word to someone. They must have a positive experience even when it is a strong word of correction or warning.

Most of the times when God shows me something that is happening in a person's life, I will ask God what I must say. And most of the time God will show me the opposite of the negative to prophesy. He shows me the good already in them and I just have to call it out.

If God e.g. shows me strife in someone's marriage relationship, I will not speak that out publically and embarrass them in front of others. I will ask God, and rather say something like: *God has such a special plan for your marriage. He wants you to experience more love, happiness, and fulfillment than you ever can imagine! Just make more time to communicate and enjoy one another. God wants to use your marriage relationship to be an example of what it means to be happily married.* They will immediately perceive that God has revealed to me what is really happening in their marriage, but also know that God wants to turn the situation around for the better.

***Are you willing to bring words of correction in such a loving way that people will rejoice in what they hear from God?***

#### **4. Prophecy can provide direction and enhance vision**

Where there is no vision people perish (**Proverbs 29:18**). God may use someone to speak a prophetic word that will bring direction, purpose, and vision to another person or to a group. Prophecy, at a time like this, may bring dynamic

insight into situations not made clear in Scripture. Scripture provides principles and an overall picture, but not always the method. The Bible gives strategy but the prophetic can add revealed tactics from God.

In **2 Chronicles 20** we see a powerful example of the power of prophecy. When an overwhelming crowd of enemies came against Israel, they did what the Word taught them to do – they gathered together to seek the face of the Lord. Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel and he prophesied the heart of God for that moment: **2 Chronicles 20:15-17** **And he said, Listen, all Judah, and you people of Jerusalem, and King Jehoshaphat! So says the Lord to you, Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude. For the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz. And you shall find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. You shall not fight in this battle.**

**Set yourselves and stand, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear nor be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord will be with you.**

Everything happened just like the prophet said. When the worship band of Israel began to play, their enemies turned against each other and started killing one another. It took Israel three days to collect the gold, silver, and spoil from the dead bodies of the enemy.

***Dare to ask God for prophetic direction, vision and strategy. And be bold enough to speak a prophetic word about it when God reveals it.***

##### **5. Prophecy opens up the teaching of the Word and confirms preaching.**

In **1 Corinthians 13:2** Paul writes: **And though I have**

**prophecies, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge ...**

Mysteries in the Bible are secrets, hidden and concealed by God for a certain time, until God reveals it. God may give you a flash of prophetic revelation while reading the Bible. We have to pray for prophetic revelation every day to better understand what God says in the Bible. The prayer of Paul for the congregation of Ephesus is: **that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (Ephesians 1:17).**

When these revelations are opened up to us by the Holy Spirit, we should be like the noble Bereans who **“received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.” (Acts 17:11)** There is no breakthrough without follow through. Prophetic insight should drive us to the Bible with a hunger for more revelatory knowledge from God’s precious Word.

Prophecy can confirm the preaching of the Word, both before and after the preaching. A word or a song during worship may tie in perfectly with the sermon. A testimony after the preaching may confirm what God has said through the preaching.

***Are you open for the prophetic to flow in your worship services and to confirm the Word?***

## **6. Prophecy can release the church into new practices**

God can give us prophetic insight into a new area on which He wants us to focus. This happened in **Acts 10** when Peter led Cornelius and his whole Gentile household to Christ. Peter – although reborn – was in an age-old tradition where the Jews did not allow Gentiles to become part of the household of God. Three times the Lord had to

show him a prophetic vision on the rooftop to prepare him for the new direction in his calling.

Only when in obedience, he crossed the threshold of the gentile home of Cornelius, and saw the Holy Spirit bringing the lost into the Kingdom of God, did he fully understand the prophetic revelation of the visions. **Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Truly I see that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he who fears Him and works righteousness is accepted with Him.**

Prophecy can open us up to new experiences of God. God can lead a church into a new direction of saving the lost, or prophecy can bring a new way of growing His church through house churches, etc. We just have to be open to hear His voice and to be obedient; He will do the rest of His marvelous work supernaturally through His Spirit.

Years ago God took me out of a very traditional setting and prophetically gave me a blueprint of a ministry as a prophetic movement. This took us into a whole new direction: Powerhouse International is a ministry of ministries with a strong emphasis on the supernatural, healing, and the prophetic, undergirded by a strong passion for the presence of God. An integral part of this Kingdom movement are the Powerhouses that meet on a weekly basis. This builds our family as living stones of the Master Builder, empowering every saint to walk in the fullness and power of the Holy Spirit, and gives room to exercise the prophetic gift.

***Let us open our hearts to God for new prophetic insights He might want to give us regarding our future.***

## **7. Prophecy provides insight into counseling situations**

A large part of the church still has a crippled mindset

instead of a warrior mindset. This can be changed by introducing the prophetic to the counseling. The prophetic can transform endless counseling sessions focusing on broken-heartedness, into break-through sessions where people experience the new freedom in Christ.

The prophetic can get to the heart of the problem in an astonishing way. When the Pharisees and the Sadducees came to Jesus, He immediately addressed the root: **Matthew 3:10 And now also, the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire.**

Prophecy can save a lot of time in counseling sessions. A prophetic word at the right time can save months of work to get to the root of the problem. A prophetic word at the right time can strip people from lies and deception so that they can no longer hide. The enemy will be exposed and brought into the light. A word of wisdom flowing out of this prophetic revealing of the root brings quick and accelerated breakthroughs from God.

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, when I sit with Your precious people, will you please give me words of knowledge, prophetic insight, and words of wisdom that will bring accelerated breakthroughs into their situations? In Jesus' name we ask and receive this. Amen.*

## 8. Prophecy can provide evangelistic breakthroughs

Paul wrote in **1 Corinthians 14:24-25** **But if all prophecy, and some unbeliever or one not instructed comes, he is convicted by all, he is judged by all. And so the secrets of his heart become revealed. And so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.** Is this not something that every church should aspire to?

Prophetic evangelism is a new and growing phenomenon in

the church today. Some of the members of our ministry reach out into the malls and in underprivileged areas on a regular basis. They do treasure hunting by following the prophetic voice of God for specific people at that time. They hear a prophetic word about somebody, find that person, and start sharing the message of Christ in love. It is amazing to see how God can touch unbelievers and turn them around through an accurate prophetic word. Prophecy can uncover past issues and address present situations in a supernatural way. Many times healing and salvation will take place because of the supernatural words of knowledge given by God to the team for that person.

***Are you willing to walk under open heavens, receive prophetic words for people around you, and bring them into the Kingdom of God when they are touched by God through your words?***

## **9. Prophecy provides an agenda for prayer**

Prayer, in its purest form, is to find out what God wants to do and then ask Him in prayer to do it. **Matt 7:7 Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.**

We should have a lifestyle of walking in God's presence every moment of every day and listening to His voice. When we prophetically hear God's voice in prayer, we will know how to pray effectively because we will ask according to God's will.

Many years ago a well-known prophet, who did not know me at all, prophesied something like this over me: "If you seek God's face in your prayer closet, you will walk with God in a way many other people only dream of." Until this day those words inspire me to really seek God's face and experience the more that was prophesied.

***Prayer:*** *Father, please help me to always hear your voice prophetically in prayer, so that your perfect will can be done in my life.*

## 10. Prophecy is vital in spiritual warfare

We need prophetic insight from God to know how to fight the enemy. In **1 Timothy 1:18** Paul writes to his spiritual son, Timothy: **This charge I commit to you, my son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before about you, in order that you might war a good warfare by them.**

Joshua listened to a prophetic word from God - how and when to fight the enemy – and then he responded to the prophetic word in faith: **Joshua 6:1-5 And Jericho was completely shut up because of the sons of Israel. None went out and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho into your hand, and its king, and the mighty men of war. And you shall go around the city, all the men of war. Go around the city once. So you shall do for six days. And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of ram's horns in front of the ark.**

**And the seventh day you shall go around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall be when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout. And the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up, each man straight before him.**

What a victory because Joshua followed the prophetic word of God!

***The heavens are open above you. Just listen to God's strategy and be victorious because you followed His prophetic instructions.***

***What would you say are the three most important benefits of prophecy for you? Why do you say that?***



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## PROPHECY GLORIFIES GOD

When the true prophet speaks, it will never be about the person that brings the message. God will always get the glory.

Prophetic people, when under pressure, may sometimes try to make something happen. That is not from God! If you try to 'fake it until you make it', it will not have any lasting effect. If it is about the prophet, it may be spectacular with lots of hype and showmanship rhetoric, but then we only encounter man instead of engaging with the living God. With God, the supernatural is sometimes evident only after He has moved, as when He parted the Red Sea (**Exodus 14:21**). If you can decrease, God will increase in you.

A very special prophetic lady once ministered to a small group of us. She was so humble and full of love and compassion and you could feel the *kabod* (the heaviness of the anointing of God) continuously while she ministered. God was powerfully moving through her, touching our lives. Afterwards, there was only the peace of God that surpasses all understanding, while lives were changed and mysteries cleared up. All of us were edified and lifted up in the Spirit.

The question is: Can God really trust you to do with a prophetic message exactly as the Spirit of God shows you? I believe the more God can trust you to do and say only as He directs, the

more prophetic insights He will give you.

**Amos 3:7 For the Lord God will do nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.**

The purpose of both the speaking prophet and the seer prophet is to reveal the glorious wonders of Jesus Christ, God's purpose in a generation, God's purpose in eternity, and the wonderful presence of God.

All of us may desire to prophesy. **1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity and desire spiritual things, but rather that you may prophecy.**

All of us may pray for our eyes to be opened to see in the spiritual realm. **Ephesians 1:17-18 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what is the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints...**

In **2 Kings 6:17** the prophet Elisha prayed: **And Elisha prayed and said, I pray You, Lord, open his eyes so that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**

God wants to move in a powerful prophetic way through your life. ***Are you ready for more of His glory to shine through you?*** There is so much more for those who are willing to be instruments in His hands.

## **REFLECTIONS & ACTIVATIONS:**

### ***CALLING OUT GOLD***

***If God shows you something with which a person is struggling, how will you call out the gold in that person?***

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### WAITING ON GOD

**Prayer:** *Father, thank you for the gift of prophecy. Will you please impart more of the seer prophetic and the hearing prophetic into my life? I open up my heart and I am waiting on You to receive more than I had before... And I promise You the glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

**Wait upon the Lord for at least the following 10 minutes. Listen with your spirit to what God is saying. Don't read the Bible now or pray now – that you can do again after these 10 minutes. While you are waiting on God, write down what He is saying in answer to your prayer...**

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