

FIFTY SONS OF THE PROPHETS

A. The Testimony Of JESUS CHRIST Is The Spirit Of Prophecy; Revelation 19:10

1. Prophetic individuals, male and female, are seen in both Old and New Testaments:
 - a. They are messengers and watchmen; Ezek. 3:17; Hab. 2:1-3; Galatians 1:11-12; Rev. 1:19
 - b. They warn, call for repentance, and give revelation; Luke 3:4-9; Matt. 5:17-18
 - c. They define God's will, predict the future, and edify the Body; Acts 13:1-3; 15:32; 21:8-11
2. Elijah, Elisha, John the Baptist and the "sons of the prophets" have a similar anointing; 2 Kings 2:5, 7-8, 15-18. Prophetic voices are established in the truth; 1 Kings 22:8-28; 2 Pet. 1:12
3. Sons of the prophets are disciples who discern, follow and participate in prophetic activity.
4. They draw a distinction between the real Jesus and the false one; 1 Kings 18:21; 2 Cor. 11:4
5. "For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted...desire earnestly to prophesy"; 1 Cor. 14:31, 39 ("prophesy": "to foretell; to speak under inspiration")

B. The Concept Of The Number "50" Is Significant In Scripture

1. It is symbolic of Pentecost, the 50th day, and the fulfillment of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; Lev. 23:15-16; Acts 2:1-21
2. It represents the spirit-led, faithful people of God:
 - a. The court of the Tabernacle was 50 cubits wide; Exod. 27:18 (they are His dwelling place)
 - b. The width of the Ark was 50 cubits wide; Gen. 6:15 (they are in the Ark, in Christ)
3. It points to the Kingdom Principle of Jubilee, the 50th year; Lev. 25:8-55; Is. 14:1-3
 - a. Deliverers will reign with Christ during the earth's Jubilee; Luke 4:17-19; Rev. 20:1-10
 - b. His "sons" carry the same message and anointing, bringing deliverance to: the beggars, the broken-hearted, the bound, the blind and the bruised; Isaiah 35:10; 61:1-11; Romans 8:21-23
4. 100 prophets of the Lord were hidden by 50's "in caves"; 1 Kings 18:4
 - a. They are hidden in a secret place, separated from the compromise and idolatry of religious and political Babylon (Jezebel and Ahab); 1 Kings 21:20-26; 2 Kings 2:7; 2 Cor. 6:15-18
 - b. They are sustained by others who fear the Lord; 1 Kings 17:9-16; 18:12-13; 2 Kings 4:8-11
5. Those whom Jesus and the apostles fed sat down in groups of 50; Luke 9:14
 - a. They follow Jesus to a desert place out of the cities, and are fed supernaturally; Mark 6:35-44
 - b. They meet in "small groups" (congregations) apart from the temple crowds; Luke 12:32

C. Sons Of The Prophets Are Taught By Instruction And By The Example Of Others

"All your sons will be TAUGHT BY THE LORD..." Isaiah 54:13; John 6:45

1. The Mantle - divine credentials fall upon God's people to give power and authority; Acts 2:43
 - a. The mantle of authority "divides" (parts) the Jordan; 2 Kings 2:14-15 and the Sea; Exod. 14:21. This "endowment" will cause a separation; Matthew 10:34-36; 25:32-33
 - b. The mantle increases the oil; 2 Kings 4:1-7; 1 John 2:20, 27. It is symbolic of the anointing of the Holy Spirit; 1 John 2:20, 27. A continual supply makes the virgins "ready"; Matt. 25:4
 - c. The mantle "multiplies the bread"; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ex. 16:22, 29-34; Matt. 14:15-21
2. Transformation Of The Water - the miraculous change of a spiritual condition; Rev. 17:15
 - a. A remedy for the bitter water is a new cruse (vessel) with "salt" in it: salt (a preservative), is cast into the water; it will make the barren land fruitful; Num. 18:19; 2 Kings 2:19-22; Matt. 5:13
 - b. Bitter water becomes sweet when a "branch" is cast into the water; Ex. 15:22-25; John 15:5-6
 - c. Water in the vessels is changed into wine; the substance of earth is changed into the substance of that which is fit for the Marriage Feast; John 2:1-11

3. The Fear Of The Lord - teaches the reverence and awe of God and respect for His servants
 - a. The fear of the Lord is seen when John the Baptist (the forerunner) comes forth; Luke 1:63-66; 3:3-15, and is revealed when the Holy Spirit moves miraculously; Acts 2:43; 5:1-11; 19:17
 - b. The fear of the Lord and His judgment will come upon those who ridicule God's messengers and those who "mock" the reality of the "harpazo" (Rapture); 2 Kings 2:23-25; 2 Chron. 36:16. God will vindicate His messengers and the "fools" will meet the "bears"; Proverbs 17:12.
4. The Power Of God - the power of God's Word prevails over death; 1 Cor. 15:54
 - a. God's Word is the supernatural food which neutralizes the "poison" (death) in the pot; it is the "corn" (grain) that feeds the sons of the prophets; 2 Kings 4:38-41; John 6:31-35
 - b. The poison from a deadly snake could not kill Paul, who brought the gospel message to the unsaved on the island of Malta; Acts 28:1-10; Mark 16:18
5. God's Laws Of Supremacy - God's eternal laws reign over, and are superior to natural laws
 - a. An axe head fell into the water; the wood (cross) retrieves the axe and it floats; 2 Kings 6:1-7
 - b. God's law allows "supernatural transport"; 1 Kings 18:12; John 6:19-21; Acts 8:39-40

D. Facts Concerning The Sons Of The Prophets

1. They Are In The WILDERNESS

- a. They flee from the multitudes, from the persecution of Ahab (govt. oppression) and Jezebel (false religion, spiritual seduction); they go "outside the camp" to the mount of God; 1 Kings 18:8; Matthew 10:23; John 6:15; Hebrews 13:13
- b. They find a "table in the wilderness", a supernatural supply of bread and water; Ps. 78:19

2. They WATCH

- a. They observe and discern; they are spiritually alert; 2 Kings 2:7, 15; Mark 13:35-37
- b. They "foretell", prophesy of that which is coming; 2 Kings 2:3, 5; Is. 42:9; Luke 10:24

3. They WAIT Upon The Lord

- a. They minister to the Lord and hear the "still, small voice"; 1 Kings 19:11-13; Acts 13:2-3
- b. They serve the Lord, waiting upon Him for direction and for the promise of His return; Acts 1:9-11; 1Thess. 4:15-18. They look for the blessed hope, the appearing of the Lord; Titus 2:13

4. They are WITNESSES Of What They Have Seen And Heard

- a. They are part of a faithful remnant, declaring God's salvation, demonstrating the nature of Jesus Christ through their conduct; 1 Kings 19:18; Genesis 41:38-40; Matt. 5:16; Acts 1:8
- b. They "testify" to what they have seen and heard; John 21:24; 1 John 4:14; Rev. 1:9-20

5. They WRESTLE

- a. They "stir up the camp" and confront the false prophets; 1 Kings 18:17-40; Acts 16:20
- b. There is a spiritual battle between them and the influence of Babylon; Rev. 17:6; 18:24

6. They WORSHIP

- a. They help to "set the stones" of the altar in order because God's altar needs repair. It has been broken down by tradition and compromise; the "altar" must be "baptized" with Water, the Spirit and Fire; 1 Kings 18:30-39; 1 Thess. 5:23 (the Cross must be central: a return to Calvary)
- b. They "kill their cow" and "burn their plow", forsaking all to follow Him; 1 Kings 19:19-21

7. They WORK While It Is Yet Day

- a. There is an urgency to answer the call; 1 Kings 19:20; Gen. 24:56-61; Matthew 4:22
- b. They are aware of an open door, a time period in which they must work; the day comes when they will be "taken up"; 2 Kings 2:1-15. Elisha's final prophecy was given to King Joash; he was given an "open window", an opportunity; don't miss the window! 2 Kings 13:14-19; Rev. 3:8

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