

# MAJOR CONTRASTS BETWEEN OLD COVENANT & NEW COVENANT PROPHETS

OLD COVENANT PROPHETS	NEW COVENANT PROPHETS
Sent by God. Raised up after the pattern of the Law. (Deut 18:18, Acts 3:22)  John the Immerser was the exception.	<b>Redefined. Sent by and set in place by Christ who was of the order of Melchizedek. Released by declaration from the high place. A completely new order. (Matt 11:11, Eph 4:11, Luke 7:28, Matt 23:34, Heb 3)</b>
Released by God to and on behalf of the Nation of Israel.	<b>Released by Christ for the global church (Eph. 4:11, 1 Cor 12:28)</b>
Primarily prophesied law & judgment. Some were apart of scribal companies. Not focused on local community in the same way we are today. (Example Jer 29:19)	Prophecy is grace based. Part of an over-arching equipping ministry. Prophets partner with all Eph. 4:11 ministry in the congregation. (Mark 11:13, 1 Cor 13, 1 Cor 14:3, Eph. 4)
Prophets of old were under the Law of death, not life. (Roman 8)	Prophets of the New Covenant are born of grace through the shed blood of Jesus, which elevates their calling into a higher, better place. They are prophets of life. (Matt 11:11, Eph 4:11, Luke 7:28, Matt 23:34, Heb 3, Rom 8)
Holy Spirit <b>came upon</b> prophets but did not make habitation with them. (Excellent example is Ezekiel)	Holy Spirit <b>lives in</b> the Prophet. Have made the vessel His temple. (2 Peter 1:20-21, 1 Cor 6:19)
Prophesied DIRECT Word from God. (Jer 1:9, Is 51:16)	<b>Prophets can ALSO prophesy by FAITH, not just direct words from God. (Roman 12:6)</b>
Prophesied the whole counsel of God for the people. NO partial prophecy. (Jer 1:9, and all prophets of the Old Covenant)	Prophecy in part only. No single prophet has all the revelation on any matter. Rather, they share in the prophetic word because of a call to “interdependency” in the congregation. (1 Cor 13:9-12)
Gender inequality existed for prophets of old due to Hebrew culture.	No gender preferences set. Freed of cultural constraints. (Gal. 3:28, Acts 10:28, 34-35)
Prophets were the designated mouthpieces of God’s word for and to all people. They were pronounced and leading voices in their time. Not everyone had the ability to hear the Lord or serve in the way they did in their time. (Deut. 18:18, Jeremiah 1)	All sons have the ability to hear God accurately today for themselves. There is no one prophet leading all people in the earth. Prophets are elevated in their roles into broader functions that now includes functions of equipping. (Rom 12:6, Eph. 4:11)
Prophesied the Coming of Christ, the hope for rescue and the promise of salvation.	Prophesies the finished work of Christ, his resurrection & His NOW will for the unification and building of the Kingdom.
Prophesied from the realm of mysteries revealed directly by God as he chose to share. (Deut. 29:29, Prov 25:2)	Prophesies from the realm of mysteries through the outpouring of the Spirit (1 Cor 2:9-10, Acts 3:7, Acts 2)
Message was based solely on the Law of Moses.	<b>Message based on Christ’s ministry. (Mark 11:13)</b>
Prophesied to share God’s will, and to warn people of His judgement and wrath.	Prophecy in love for encouragement, edification, and comfort. Reminds people to be likeness and image. (1 Cor 14:31, 1 Cor 13)
Given the burden of the message (physically and spiritually) to demonstrate it and stood in the gap for the people sacrificially.	Prophets are burdened by the message, can experience the burden BUT points people to Christ’s suffering & victory, and understands Christ ALONE stands in the gap.
Prophets were lone rangers, often traveled and suffered alone. (See John the Baptist, Isaiah, Habakkuk, etc.)	<b>Prophets are set in the local church, in groups, companies, apostolic teams and are called to serve in unity with the body, not apart from it. (Eph. 4)</b>

Prophets were not accountable to specific groups, just the Lord.	Prophets are accountable to the Lord AND set up to be accountable to leaders, communities to whom they are called to serve. (1 Cor. 14:29, 1 Cor 13:2, Matt 7:15, Gal. 5:22)
Elijah, Samuel & other prophets were standards for prophecy.	<b>Jesus is THE ULTIMATE STANDARD for prophecy. He must become our standard BEFORE people are looked upon. (Mark 1:7)</b>
Prophesied to “literal” nations one-on-one to kings ONLY, confronted key leaders who were oppressors of the Nation of Israel’s freedom to worship God and declared into the congregation.	New Covenant prophets prophesy to churches, church communities, individuals, and individual leaders, but <b>do not carry singular authority or exclusive rights</b> to speak for or on behalf of entire nations alone. There are always other voices raised up in the earth.
Prophecy directed the entire Nation of Israel.	Prophecy primarily directs the local church in its many communities according to their assignment. (Eph. 4)
One prophet could be set over territories, regions. Only certain people had access to the things of God.	NO SINGLE PROPHET is lifted up above another in Christ’s order. He has no respecter of persons. (Rom. 2:11-16)
People depended on prophets to intervene for them.	Breakthrough is not dependent on a prophet’s intervention. It can happen with or without them. (Jn. 14:13-14)
<b>NEW COVENANT PROPHETS ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM PROPHETS OF THE OLD COVENANT IN THEIR SERVICE!</b>	

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