

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

The Nature of Prophecy

by John F. Walvoord

One important feature of Matthew's Gospel is its emphasis on the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Matthew points back to the O.T. prophets when he describes events in Christ's life (see Matt. 1:22; 2:15, 17, 23; 4:14; 8:17; 12:17; 13:35; 21:4; 26:56; 27:9, 35). **Matthew quotes the O.T. more than any of the other Gospel writers. Often the purpose is to show that Jesus was Israel's Messiah.**

The chief distinction of the biblical prophets was that they "spoke from God" (2 Peter 1:21). Prophecy is not a human invention. The prophets were under the control of the Holy Spirit when they spoke and wrote, so that their words were to be regarded as God's words. Many of the prophecies that Matthew mentions involve the direct fulfillment of a predicted event.

Other prophecies point to historical events that had a parallel in Jesus' experience. For example, Hosea 11:1 makes a historical reference to the Exodus, but Matthew quotes it when he tells how Joseph took Mary and Jesus and fled to Egypt (Matt. 2:14-15). Some of the prophecies that Matthew cites had an initial historical fulfillment in the prophet's time and then a later fulfillment in Christ. In these cases, Matthew emphasizes the messianic significance of the O.T. passage.

We can be confident about the reliability of the prophets quoted in the Gospel of Matthew because the prophets spoke as they "were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). We can be confident about the accuracy of Matthew's account. Like the prophets he cites, Matthew "spoke from God" when he wrote his Gospel.

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4th Monday in Sept. @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

Sermons and bulletins available @
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Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



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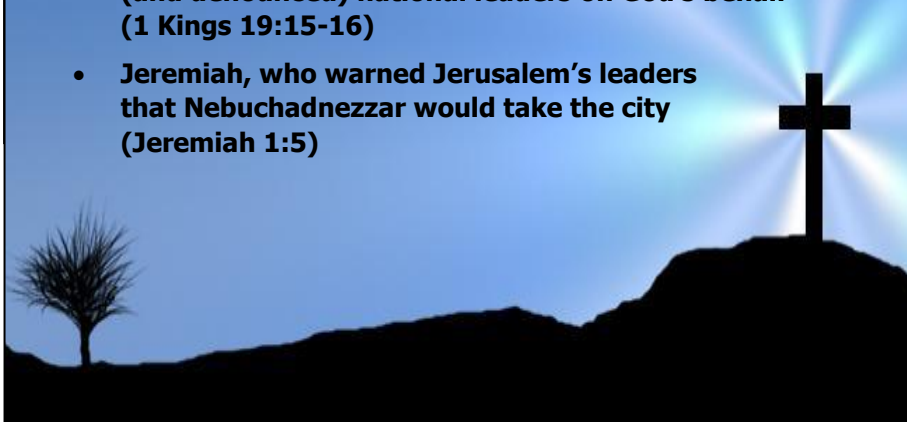
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SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

Prophets are humans who spoke on God's behalf. The Bible names many, but some of the most significant prophets are:

- **Abraham, whom God himself calls a prophet (Genesis 20:7)**
- **Moses, the greatest of the O.T. prophets (Deuteronomy 34:10)**
- **Samuel, who anointed two kings of Israel on God's behalf (1 Samuel 3:19-20)**
- **David, a king whose Psalms were considered prophetic by the Jews (Acts 2:30)**
- **Elijah and Elisha, who worked miracles and anointed (and denounced) national leaders on God's behalf (1 Kings 19:15-16)**
- **Jeremiah, who warned Jerusalem's leaders that Nebuchadnezzar would take the city (Jeremiah 1:5)**



Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Health:	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Masters		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter
J.B. & Wanda Dill	Justin Teague		

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

September Birthdays

Alan Love 1 st	Sandra Taylor 6 th	Marilyn Smith 6 th
Brad Sipe 8 th	Aaron Hoskinds 8 th	Randy Haney 13 th
Ann Lawrence 15 th	Sally Adkisson 19 th	James Phillips 20 th
Landon Taylor 25 th	Halle Jo Cooper 26 th	Christie Haney 26 th
Robert Langston 27 th	Stephanie Gillihan 28 th	

September Anniversaries

Trey & Melissa Lamb 2 nd	Brad & Julie Teague 20 th
Brad & Laura Sipe 22 nd	Wayne & Melanie Crosby 23 rd

1 Corinthians 10:1-4, "For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ."