

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Prophets of God. Today's topic: **PROPHETIC AUTHORITY AND RELEVANCE.**

**1) The Prophet Moses and his prophetic authority**

- a. Exodus 3:1-10 What lessons can we learn from the call of Moses to be a prophet of God?
- b. Exodus 4:1-9 What supernatural signs did the LORD provide to assure Moses that he was sent with prophetic authority from God?
- c. How did the LORD respond to Moses when he tried to make excuses about accepting the call to be a prophet of God? Exodus 4:10-17
- d. How did the LORD fulfill His promise given to the prophet Moses? Hosea 12:13
- e. What excuses do we make for not doing the things God asks us to do?
- f. What lesson can we learn from the response of Mary when she was visited by the angel Gabriel? Luke 1:34-38

**2) Jesus and His prophetic authority**

- a. Read the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount and the reaction of the crowd. Matthew 7:24-29
- b. How was the authority of Jesus different from the authority of Scribes and Pharisees? John 17:1-2
- c. Share some examples from the ministry of Jesus of times when He spoke with authority.
  - i. Mark 1:21-27 – casting out a demon
  - ii. Luke 8:22-25 – calming the storm
  - iii. John 11:38-44 – raising Lazarus from the dead
  - iv. Other examples?

- d. What bold claim did Jesus make after His resurrection from the dead? Matthew 28:18
- e. What is possible when followers of Jesus take their stand under His authority? Matthew 10:1,7-8, John 14:12-14, Acts 3:1-8, etc.

**3) The prophetic authority of the Bible as a whole**

- a. What lessons can we learn from the Apostle Paul's inspired testimony recorded in 2 Timothy 3:15-17?
- b. There were times when the writings of the prophets of God were neglected. What happened in the days of King Josiah when the Sacred Scriptures were rediscovered? 2 Kings 22:1-13, 23:1-3,25
- c. Share other times when the writings of the prophets of God were neglected. (Dark Ages, our day, etc.)
- d. What commitment did the Psalmist make as he meditated on the Sacred Scriptures? Psalm 119:16
- e. What blessings are promised for those who hear and accept the authority of the Word of God? Revelation 1:1-3, Psalm 119:105, 32:8, etc.
- f. What blessings have you received as you have accepted the authority of the writings of the prophets and applied the truths you are learning?

