

### What Is the One New Thing You Learned or Idea to Which You Were Exposed?

I have learned and revisited many topics from the readings of Dr. Constable and Dr. Oswalt referencing the Book of Isaiah. However, since the question poses ‘what is the one new thing’ that was learned or ‘idea to which’ I was exposed, the answer would be the teaching on the variations of the prophets (Constable, pg.5). Prophets were categorized by the messages they delivered. I only knew of their distinctions based upon the length of their books being either a major or minor prophet.

Prophets appear to have arisen when the priests became corrupt thus forfeiting their responsibilities as spiritual and moral leaders for the people chosen by GOD, the Israelites. I appreciated the chart titled “Priests and Prophets in Israel” (pg. 4). While examining this chart, I was reminded of the consequences from ‘inheriting a position’ (as in the church) and being called by GOD to a position. Priests ‘inherited their ministry’ while prophets ‘were called by GOD to their ministry’ (pg. 4). Some of the priests named in the Bible who forfeited their positions were the sons of Aaron (Nadab and Abihu noted in Leviticus 10:1-2) along with the sons of Eli (Hophni and Phinehas, 1 Samuel 4:6-11). All four of these priests were consumed by GOD because they had their own agenda thus disobeying HIM.

Another chart displayed on page 5 titled “Kinds of Prophets” has broadened my study on prophecy. This chart classifies five different types of prophets: ‘Solitary Prophets (e.g. Abraham, Moses, Elijah), Worship Prophets (e.g. Miriam, the 70 Israelite elders, Saul, David), Court Prophets (e.g. Nathan, Gad), Preaching Prophets (e.g. Ahijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah) and Writing Prophets (e.g. Moses, David, Isaiah, Hosea). I only thought of Miriam as a prophet (yes, a worship leader but not in the sense as a worship leader being the prophet (Exodus 15:20).

Of course now, I am in a position to pay attention to the details in all Scripture. I never questioned why Miriam was named a prophet or read any of her messages that either foretold or were forthcoming. I was guilty of generalizing prophets as either major or minor based upon the length of their books instead of the foundations of their messages. This is crucial in understanding the historical contexts and contents of Scriptures.

I am still curious as to how those who proclaim being the prophets of today would categorize themselves. When the scales fall from your eyes, it is amazing of what one can see. I believe many are called but few are chosen. Therefore, many who proclaim to be prophets in today's time, just like in Biblical times, are not all called by GOD (Matthew 7:15). Based upon my understanding and viewing this week's videos, 92% of prophecies have been fulfilled, leaving 5% of the New Testament Ages, 2% MESSIANIC and 1% eschatological which has not been fulfilled but stated in the Book of Revelation. The bottom line is to not only know the Word of GOD but the GOD of the Word whereas HE will reveal to us what is HIS truth...

“Call to ME and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”

~Jeremiah 33:3, NIV~