

Prophets 3, continued

(Class discussion) (Exodus 4 and 5 - 7)

When it says that there did not arise a prophet since who was like Moses in Israel it seems to me to suggest that a passage of time has come before the Lord has led some true prophet

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(Assignments, etc.)

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According to ^a ~~the~~ strict definition of the word prophet, we do not have prophets in the present age. (student speaking) Yes, and, of course, in the Roman Catholic Church we have the prophet today. The pope is a prophet and the cardinals are prophets and they also have the different kinds of prophets, but we Protestants do not believe that. We believe that the apostles ended with the apostolic age and that the prophets in the true Scriptural sense ended in the apostolic age. (Student) Yes, I think I heard the same thing that you heard last Sunday and it occurred to me that it was a very excellent sermon except for that one statement, which I do not think was a correct statement. Of course, we are getting there to some extent into the matter of that is, prophets in the sense that seems to be its constant use in the Old Testament is certainly something which does not exist today. Prophets in the sense in which it existed in the Old Testament did exist in the early days of the Christian Church and prophets, in that sense, do not exist today. Now as to whether we are to take the term prophets from the New Testament and use it in a broader sense and find a use of it today is a matter of New Testament interpretation and difference of opinion but the general principle I don't think there could be any difference of opinion, but prophets in the Old Testament sense is something which ceased with the end of the Scripture. In fact even the Roman Catholic Church, I believe, would really hold to that because they hold, rather than the Pope can speak ex and can get interpretations of Christian doctrine that are binding on the church, it is my understanding that they hold that he is interpreting Holy Scripture, or interpreting the predictions of the , rather than giving something which