

## Prophets 15

Jacob sometimes called Jacob and sometimes called Israel. Now there may be cases where it would be appropriate to speak of him as Israel and places where it would be appropriate to use his original name of Jacob but in the great majority of cases it wouldn't make the slightest difference which name was used. I think it's a very important matter, it's a matter to get very clearly in mind. It isn't directly connected with my outline at this point but it is so vital that I am glad to have you raise questions about it at any time. It is very vital that we have it clearly in mind. Mr.---? (Student) Oh, definitely. There were times when David received a revelation from God and these aren't always definitely labeled, "Thus saith the Lord." Undoubtedly there are many times when it is a definite revelation of God to David even without that label but there were other instances in David's life where David talks with Jonathan or where David spoke to Saul or where David orders his men to fight or where David bemoaned Absalom, we have the correct quotation of what David said but I don't think--he certainly was not speaking under any revelation from God but was giving vent to his own human feelings and thoughts and we simply have a correct representation of them given.

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If we have David giving us a psalm I think we can understand that the words of that psalm are an expression of the divine mind to us. I think we always must quote that, when David writes a psalm or when Jeremiah writes some things as a portion of his book, but where we read in an historical section of the book of Jeremiah or of the book of Kings or Samuel that David or Jeremiah made a certain statement, unless that is labeled, "Thus saith the Lord" we wouldn't quote that as a prophet of the Lord. There is a possibility that in that case it is simply a correct presentation of a human idea. Where you have Paul giving us a letter to the Galatians, Paul speaks to them and gives them the truth and we take it from Paul's lips as the truth but when Paul tells us (when Peter, rather - we take it from Peter's lips) but when Paul says he withstood Peter to the face, that he's been standing there and watching those two men argue, we couldn't say they both were speaking under revelation from God because they contradicted each other. One of them was