

THE PROPHET GOD RAISED UP

Introduction

- 1) **Deuteronomy 18:9-22** – Not listen to false messengers, but to God’s appointed messengers
- 2) God would raise up a Prophet like Moses for men to hear
- 3) No doubt the people wondered who this Prophet would be!
- 4) This promise takes its place alongside those of a coming Seed (Gen. 22:18), King (Isa. 9:6), Priest (Psa. 110:4), etc.

I) “PROPHET”

- A) Heb. *nabi* – spokesman, speaker
 - 1) One appointed to speak the word of God (Zech. 7:12)
 - a) Note the relationship of Moses and Aaron (Ex. 4:16; 7:1-2)
 - 2) A forthteller that sometimes was a foreteller

II) IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE PROPHET OF DEUTERONOMY 18

- A) ***God will raise him up*** – be divinely sent with a divine mission
- B) ***Like Moses*** – great servant of God, led God’s people out of bondage (cf. 34:10-12)
- C) ***From your brethren*** – Hebrew bloodline of the nation of Israel (cf. 18:1-2)
 - 1) Islamic interpretation of this prophet as Mohammed (who was Arab) is wrong
- D) ***He is to be heard*** – divine message backed up by divine authority

III) THE PROPHET = JESUS

- A) John the Baptist denied being the Prophet (Jn. 1:19-21; but was a prophet [Lk. 1:76; 7:26])
- B) People recognized Jesus in the role of a prophet (Lk. 7:16; Jn. 4:19; Matt. 21:11)
 - 1) Some made the connection of Jesus to the Prophet (Jn. 6:14; 7:40)
 - 2) God identifies Jesus as His Son who is to be heard (Lk. 9:35)
 - 3) Jesus spoke like a prophet (Jn. 7:16-17; 17:8)
- C) Moses is acknowledged as speaking about Jesus (Jn. 1:45; 5:46; Lk. 24:27, 44)
- D) Peter quotes the promise of the Prophet and applies it to Jesus (Acts 3:19-26)
- E) Stephen quotes the same promise noting Moses’ rejection by the people (Acts 7:37-40)

IV) JESUS GREATER THAN MOSES AS THE SON OF GOD

- A) Hebrews 1:1-2 – Jesus as the Prophet – spokesman for God to us in these last days
- B) Hebrews 3:1-6 – Jesus and Moses both faithful, but Jesus greater and over His own house, whose house we are if we remain faithful

Conclusion

The Prophet God raised up to reveal the will of God for the last days is Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. As He was in the beginning – the Word – he continues to be now. No other man, group, movement, or religion is true without conforming to His word. Are you listening to our Prophet and heeding His word?