

School of Prophecy

Level One

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The “Personal Prophetic” Mandate

“The Lord does not want you to be just a prophetic man going here and there, sharing a prophetic word. He wants you to lay a **prophetic foundation**. He wants you to lay out a **whole program** whereby you go into a church and lay a prophetic foundation within the very framework and infrastructure of my people.” (personal prophecy spoken over Dennis Cramer, Oct. 1996)

The “Amos” Mandate

Amos said, “I do not come from a family of prophets neither am I a professionally trained prophet with a scholarly background... I have no formal prophetic training or education of any kind. **Still, the Lord has commanded me to prophesy!**” (Amos 7:14,15)

The “Equippers” Mandate

“And He gave some to be **prophets**—for the **equipping** of the saints” (Eph. 4:12). The Greek word for equipping implies:

- ❖ **A recovered wholeness**, as when a broken limb is set and mends.
- ❖ **A discovered function**, as when a physical member is properly operating.

The task of the gifted leader is to cultivate the individual and corporate ministries of those he leads. As the “equipper” his job is to help each member find his function in God, experience wholeness in his ministry, and to help each member find his place of service to God.

The “Communicators” Mandate

“Educators take something simple and make it complicated. A good communicator takes something complicated and makes it simple.”

The “Jesus” Mandate

“Go and **teach** all nations... **teaching them all the things** I have taught you” (Matthew 28:19,20).

What is the School of Prophecy?

Dennis Cramer Ministries presents a three-day mobile prophetic school—a practical, workable, prophetic curriculum for the church of the 21st century!

This dynamic inter-active “hands on” and “how to” prophetic workshop provides a solid biblical foundation. This comprehensive program can be built within the infrastructure of your local church.

This premiere training course is designed to release the gift of prophecy in your life and to propel you to a higher level of prophetic participation and proficiency! A maximum learning experience is promised for all who attend!

About Dennis Cramer

Called by God as an itinerant prophet, Dennis Cramer speaks nationally and internationally to various churches and conferences. Combining this unique prophetic gifting with a practical teaching style that equips the church, Dennis has authored five popular books. Gifted with the ability to hear from God, this servant has blessed thousands with his down-to-earth, yet extremely accurate style of prophetic ministry.

Welcome!

- ❖ A very warm welcome to each student!
- ❖ Please wear your name tags—each day!
- ❖ Make sure you have your copy of the written curriculum—each day!
- ❖ Take good notes—you’ll be glad you did!

Rules

- ❖ You must have fun!
- ❖ You must learn a lot!
- ❖ You must ask lots of questions*!

*Please restrict your questions to the general theme of prophecy and specifically to the topic being discussed at the moment.

Questions and Answers

Q What is a prophetic curriculum?

A A curriculum is a comprehensive course of study on a particular subject. Therefore, a prophetic curriculum is a course of study on the subject of prophecy. This particular curriculum will emphasize *information, impartation, and activation* of the gift of prophecy in the corporate life of a church or the individual life of a believer.

Q Why should a church pursue a prophetic curriculum?

A A prophetic curriculum will provide a church with a biblically sound grid serving as a practical, workable, prophetic framework and a theological point of reference. This wealth of valuable information and proven practices should be continually referenced until the biblical information and prophetic practices are a part of the life of that particular church.

Q What is the basic format of this particular curriculum?

A This format consists of a series of biblical teachings (an encyclopedia of practical prophetic topics) providing necessary background information while emphasizing practical application. It encourages questions and answers, offers practical suggestions on how to operate effectively in prophecy (based on years of prophetic experience by the instructor), and provides plenty of actual “hands on” practice for the participants.

Q What can the student expect this prophetic curriculum to do for him in his quest to better serve the Lord Jesus Christ?

A This curriculum will teach, train, and supernaturally equip the student to better operate as a prophetic believer. Because of the emphasis on impartation in this curriculum, an actual spiritual deposit will take place in the student! He will experience a marked increase in his ability to hear accurately from God and speak accurately for God!

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Plus Much, Much More!

Personal Endorsements

“I received more in the three-day school of prophecy than in three years of Bible seminary.” —*Seminary graduate*

“I am a 1985 school of theology graduate and have spent the last 16 years as a pastor... I have to admit I learned more in one weekend regarding prophecy than in three years at my former university.” —*School of Theology graduate*

“I learned more about prophecy through this school in three short days than in twenty-six years as a member of my denomination.” —*Denominational member*

“I personally believe the school of prophecy will have a positive impact on those who attended. Already I have seen good fruit in my full-time ministerial students.” —*Bible School President*

“This was our third school by Denny and by far the best.” —*Pastor*

“I highly recommend this school... the teaching is comprehensive... emphasizing character and integrity in ministry, and an actual impartation took place in the lives of the students.” —*Pastor*

“Wow, are you in for a treat! The school of prophecy is rich! It’s a school where the learning is actually fun. Sit back, buckle up, and enjoy the ride!” —*Pastor*

“The entire church has been brought up to another level in their prophetic gifting.” —*Pastor*

“Our church will never be the same... lives were clearly impacted. I would definitely recommend the school of prophecy and would welcome a repeat of the school here at our church.” —*Pastor*

“Great content, great presentation, great answers!” —*Student*

“Practical, down-to-earth, clear, simple, the best!” —*Student*

“Denny’s school was truly inspirational, revelational, and transformational!” —*Pastor*

New Testament Prophets

Part I

A Biblical Overview of the Ministry of the
Prophet as Recorded in the New Testament

“And He Himself gave some to be... *prophets*” —Eph. 4:11

“And God has set some in the church as *prophets*” —I Cor.12:28

“A *prophet* came from Jerusalem... named Agabus” —Acts 11:27-28

“Now in...Antioch there were certain *prophets*” —Acts 13:1

“Let two or three *prophets* speak” —I Cor.14:29

“The New Testament books of Acts, Romans, I and II Corinthians, Ephesians, I Thessalonians, I and II Timothy, and Revelation all make clear, irrefutable references to the indisputable governmental role and invaluable prophetic contribution of the New Testament prophets.” —Dennis Cramer

Prophets: Both Books

The entire Bible, both Old and New Testaments alike, offers a rich understanding of the ministry of the prophet. Although much of the prophet's importance in the Church can still be gleaned from the Old Testament model, the New Testament is equally relevant to us today concerning this invaluable ministry. In fact, it may be *more* relevant since we as believers, are living in this same New Testament or "covenant" today.

It is the focus of this material to specifically investigate the New Testament's description of this important supernatural ministry to the Church of Jesus Christ—the ministry of the prophet—a ministry for the 21st century!

☞ To relegate the invaluable ministry of the prophet to merely an Old Testament context would be like telling half a story, or, in this case, like reading only half of the book! To do so would remove their relevance and application in the life of the New Testament Church of today. The prophets are finally coming into their own, and the Church must learn who they are, what they do, and, most importantly, how to properly receive them that we might "receive their reward." ☞—Denny Cramer

Prophets: The Old (False) Image

To many, the stereotypical prophet is some solitary larger-than-life figure, living on an isolated mountaintop with a long scraggly beard (preferably gray) eating locust and honey. He is a totally inaccessible, overly mysterious, hyper-spiritual individual, who can barely communicate on a normal human level. He is an old, ornery, dangerous individual who might call down fire upon you if he's having a "bad hair day!"

This same individual walks around with a heavenly "buzz" hearing the audible voice of God routinely, seeing angels daily, and having numerous open visions of heaven. He's an explosive, volatile man, just looking to expose you, embarrass you, and indict you before the whole church. He is critical of everybody and everything—a highly negative, argumentative, and angry person—a man with a real attitude!

We are expected to excuse his many obvious eccentric characteristics because he claims to be "an anointed prophet of God." No wonder the New Testament Church has generally rejected the ministry of the prophet.

If this is an accurate biblical description of a prophet (which it is not!), we would certainly want to keep our distance from such a destructive and clearly non-Christian personality!

Prophets: The New (True) Image!

New Testament prophets are just ordinary people with extra-ordinary gifts. They are mere servants—men and women who just want to be about their Father's business. They are committed, devoted, loyal followers of God's will for their lives (Lk. 2:49).

Like all Christians, they have their “ups and downs” their “good days” and their “not so good days.” One day they can be God’s champions, the next day, they (like Elijah) may act like fleeing cowards. They can behave victoriously in some situations, demonstrating great faith and power. In other circumstances, however, they experience great discouragement and even defeat.

They are not perfect, just human. They walk, talk, eat, drink, and sleep like everyone else—experiencing the same daily routine as other Christians. Again, they are just ordinary people with extra-ordinary gifts.

Pastors may occasionally preach imperfect sermons, evangelists may occasionally give imperfect appeals, teachers may occasionally teach imperfect lessons, and prophets may occasionally give imperfect prophecies. If literal perfection—the total absence of any flesh or error—is the test by which we judge any ministry, be it apostolic, prophetic, evangelistic, pastoral, or teaching, would any ministry qualify? I think not! Prophets are not perfect—they are just prophets!

☞ The “ministry” of the prophet differs greatly from the operation of the gift of prophecy. The ministry of the prophet entails a Christ-appointed ministry of a person. The “gift” of prophecy entails a Holy Spirit distributed gift through a person. Simply stated, he does not merely contain a gift. ***The prophet is the gift.*** ☞—Denny Cramer

The Prophets Must Be Received

The question remains: How do we as “present truth believers” (2 Pe.1:12) practically embrace and ultimately benefit from the prophets? This “five-fold” or “ascension gift” ministry (Eph. 4:10-12) is absolutely essential for the maturing and ultimate perfection of the Body of Christ here on earth during this current so-called Church age. The New Testament clearly instructs believers today to, “receive a prophet because he is a prophet and receive the prophet’s reward” (Matt.10:41).

Unfortunately, rejection rather than acceptance and appreciation toward this fundamental ministry has been the historical response. Ironically, the very New Testament Church to whom these gifted prophetic men and women were sent has been the primary source of their persecution.

Without enthusiastically embracing the ministry of the prophet, the Church will miss a critical spiritual “deposit” of Jesus Christ and become permanently stunted in her spiritual growth. The Church must allow prophets to come into full biblical restoration—along with the apostle, evangelist, pastor, and teacher—in order to truly mature and ultimately triumph as the glorious Bride she was destined to be (Eph. 5:23). We need the prophets! We need all of the “five-fold” ministers! The Bride of Christ, His Church, must be made ready!

God’s end time plan is clear. The Bible says,

“His intention is the perfecting and full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ’s body (the Church), [that it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith... and in (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ’s own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him” (Eph. 4:12,13 Amp.).

According to the Bible, the prophets must and will play a vital role in this perfecting process of the beautiful Bride. They did so in the book of Acts and throughout the entire New Testament, and they need to do so today!

We need the New Testament prophets! Why? They skillfully introduce the future into the now!

☞ Today, in the Church, a much needed transition is taking place—a transition from tolerate to celebrate. An obvious new acceptance and a growing excitement about genuine prophets is presently under way. The long overdue healing has begun—fear has turned into favor! Finally, the true and lasting value of the prophets is once again a very real part of the current philosophy and spirituality of the New Testament Church. ☞

—Denny Cramer

New Testament Prophets: Let’s Explore Together!

The Amplified Bible describes prophets as “inspired interpreters of the will and purposes of God—inspired preachers and expounders.” Although that is true, prophets are more than mere interpreters, preachers, and expounders of the will and purposes of God.

Prophets are also communicators of the will of God! Their message must be more than just educational or interpretive—it must be transformational! Their message must be not only inspired interpretation, it must also be direct inspired revelation!

In some detail, let us now explore what the Bible actually teaches—along with relevant comments by the author—about this often misunderstood and unappreciated New Testament ministry.