Yeshua Is the Prophet

We should strive to love, follow, fear, keep, listen, serve, and cling to God all our lives.

A. Introduction

B. The Exposition of Deuteronomy 18:15-22—Prophet’s Qualifications

1. He must be called by God—Deuteronomy 18:15a (Isaiah 6:8; Exodus 4:12–13)

2. He must be an Israelite—Deuteronomy 18:15b

3. He must be taken seriously by the audience—Deuteronomy 18:15c

4. The Promise of prophets was given to Israel alone—Deuteronomy 18:16–17
5. A prophet, is someone who receives and transmits direct revelation from God—Deuteronomy 18:18 (Acts 13:1)

6. All Israel was held accountable and expected to obey the Word of God—Deuteronomy 18:19

7. The prophet must speak only God’s word—Deuteronomy 18:20a (2 Samuel 7:1–5)

8. He must always speak in the Lord’s name—Deuteronomy 18:20b

9. The penalty for a false prophet—Deuteronomy 18:20c
10. The test of a prophet: He must certify himself by testable, verifiable prophecies or miracles and teaching—Deuteronomy 18:21

a. Test #1—Scrutinize carefully the prophet’s sign or wonder—Deuteronomy 18:22.

b. Test #2—Examine the prophet’s teaching—Deuteronomy 13:1-3a

c. Purpose for allowing false prophets—Deuteronomy 13:3b-4

d. Penalty for a false prophet—Deuteronomy 13:5

C. Was Israel expecting the Prophet “Like unto Moses” of Deut. 18—John 1:19-25, 6:14, 7:40

E. Is Yeshua the “prophet like Moses” of Deuteronomy 18 (Hebrews 3:1-6)?

2. An Israelite – Matthew 1
4. Authority of a Prophet – Matthew 7:28-29
5. His words must be obeyed – Matthew 17:5
7. Speaks in the Lord’s Name – John 5:43

E. Application: Does the Test of a Prophet apply to us today?

1. Why?—II Peter 2:1; I John 4:1

2. Testing prophets today: Yes—Matthew 7:15, 18:15-17


4. Future return of prophets—Malachi 4:5; Revelation 11:3