

# WORDS OF GOD OR MEN?

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"If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord." {1 Corinthians 14:37}

How many times have you entered into a Bible discussion concerning the inspiration of the scriptures, and someone will say, "**It's just a book written by some men in the first century. Forty men who have given us their opinions.**" How can we show this conclusion to be false?

"I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him 'And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. 'But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'" {Deuteronomy 18:18-20} Who does Moses have reference to? "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him." {John 1:11} How did Moses know centuries before the fact?

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." {Isaiah 7:14} Who does Isaiah have in mind? "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit." {Matthew 1:18} How did Isaiah know seven hundred years before the event?

"For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy to see corruption." {Psalms 16:10} Who does David have reference to? "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." {Matthew 28:6} How did David know Jesus would overcome the grave?

"Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me." {Psalms 41:9} Who does David have in mind? " ... I have sinned by betraying innocent blood. " ... " {Matthew 27:4} How did he know Judas would betray Christ?

"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. "{Malachi 3:1} Who is this messenger Malachi speaks of?" In the days of John the Baptist preaching... For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, ... " Matthew 3:1-3} How did Malachi know John was this "messenger"?

Honesty would compel us to admit these men had some "**inside information.**" Who gave it to them? Could it be just luck? "For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." {2 Peter 1:21}

Today, we have many so-called prophets among us. Just last year, Mr. Harold Camping predicted the end of the world on May 21. When that date came and went he readjusted his time frame to October 21st. Yes, he was wrong again. Men for centuries have been predicting the end of the world and the coming of Christ—all have been wrong.

Sadly, this is also true concerning Bible prophecies. The majority of religions would have you believe that Bible “prophecies” are driven by the “current events” happening around the world. Yet, if this were true it would not be the prophecies of God but of men! Why do people give these folks the time of day? No creditability whatsoever—but still men will listen to them! I'm convinced that God supplied the information by the Holy Spirit to those men of long ago. Men today have no such “inside information.” What do you think? \*\*\*