

PROPHETESSES OF THE OLD COVENANT (#2)

Request: I read in Luke 2:36 that Anna was a Jewish prophetess. Could you explain her role as a prophetess?

The Hebrew word for prophetess is (nebiah). The Greek word is (prophetis). These biblical words refer to someone who announces or declares the truth of God's word.

- A prophetess could be someone who foretold of coming events in the plan of God or someone who gave inspired messages of truth.

Prophetesses are mentioned in both the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

Last week we studied 4 of the 6 prophetess of the Old Covenant (OC). We will finish the last 2 before beginning the prophetess of the NC (New Covenant).

- **Noahiah**

Lived in the 5th century BC during the rebuilding of the walls under leadership of Nehemiah. (Neh.2:10, 19-20; 4:1-9; 6:1-4, 14).

- **Anna**

Lived in the 1st century AD and was associated with the birth of Jesus Christ (Luke 2:36-38).

We will study four important factors regarding Prophetess of the New Covenant (NC).
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1. The NC role of prophetess was stated at Pentecost in a prophecy of Joel 2:28-32.

- Last days – messianic age – resurrection-ascension of Jesus Christ (First and Second Coming)
- Pour out My Spirit – Pentecost of 1st century AD (John 7:38-39; 14:16-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7, 13-14)
- Sons and daughters will prophesy (Num.12:6-8)
- Young men will see visions and old men will dream dreams

2. Four daughters of Philip were spiritually gifted prophetesses (Acts 6:5; 8:1-4; 21:8-10; 1 Cor.12:4, 10-11).

3. During the pre-canon period of the Church age, this gift was given and operated by a set of apostolic rules for assembly function (1 Cor.11:4-5; 14:1-4, 12, 19, 22, 29-33, 40).

4. It was prophesied that the gift of prophecy would cease with the completion of the NC canon (1 Cor.13:8-10; James 1:25) (ton teleion).

- **Will cease** (katargeo / f.p.ind) transitive verb / object [the perfect will cause it to cease]
- **But** (de) [contrast] **when** (hotan / indefinite time) **the perfect** (to teleion / nsn / substantive adjective as a noun or subject / the object that will cause the gift to become inoperative) comes (erchomai / a.a.subj / conditional on something)
 - **The perfect** (to teleion) is antithesis to in part (ek meros) the part (propheteuo) [prophesy] is part of the whole (teleion).