

## What is the Christ: A Supreme Prophet 1-19-14

In our study of the meaning of the title Christ, we have seen that:

The Christ is to be the Greatest **King**; foreshadowed by David

The Christ is to be the Greatest **High Priest**; foreshadowed by Melchizedek

Now we will see the third form of the Christ: The Christ is to be the Greatest **Prophet**, and He is foreshadowed by Moses.

What is a Prophet? In Hebrew it meant to speak with God's Words; in Greek, it referred to one who fore-tells. Essentially, a Prophet is one who speaks for God. There are many prophets in the Bible; the first could be called either Enoch & Abraham (Enoch identified as a prophet in Jude 14, while Abraham is the first person in the Old Testament called a prophet, in Genesis 20:7). In Scriptures the prophetic identity begins with Samuel. In Acts there were Prophets: Ananias, Agabus, Philip's daughters.

One of the meanings of "Christ" as an anointed one is Prophet. *"And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place."* (1 Kings 19:16b). The Christ/Messiah Himself was prophesied to prophesy (Isaiah 61:1). Later, when Jesus spoke the Day of Vengeance in Luke 21, the Apostles *knew* it meant Jesus was the Messiah.

So far we see Christ Jesus as the King of Kings and the Highest High Priest. We know he would be a prophet; what would make Him Supreme Prophet? Perhaps the answer is found in John 1:1 (*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*) You may know that "The Word" – is the Greek word *Logos*. It was a philosophical term used by many philosophers before the time John wrote this. For example, to Aristotle it was the logical accurate argument for any knowable thing<sup>1</sup>. Later, the Stoics defined it as a universal divine animating idea<sup>2</sup>. We might say that *Logos* is the Divine Idea Communicated. Some translators even desired to translate *Logos* as *Verb*<sup>3</sup>, a word in action. If *Logos* is the *Divine Idea*, then the Supreme Prophet would embody this.

Messiah was prophesied to be a form of Moses, who was the greatest prophet (Deuteronomy 34:10) Moses said in Deuteronomy 18:15-19: *The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear*". In the New Testament, the Apostles preached the fulfillment of this prophecy in Jesus (Acts 3:22-24). Jesus is the Last Prophet from God (Hebrews 1:1-2). After Jesus, Prophets came of Christ and His authority. Today, LOGOS is manifested in the Bible.

Jesus IS the Christ Prophet. He is the embodiment of the Message of God. John 12:48 *"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day"* We know that there will be no other prophets, since LOGOS has come once for all (Jude 3).

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<sup>1</sup> Paul Anthony Rahe, Republics Ancient and Modern: The Ancient Régime in Classical Greece, Page 21. University of North Carolina Press

<sup>2</sup> Tripolitis, A., Religions of the Hellenistic-Roman Age, pages 37–38. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

<sup>3</sup> David L. Jeffrey . A Dictionary of Biblical Tradition in English Literature. Page 460. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.