

**THE INCOMPARABLE PROPHET**  
**Deut. 18:15 - 19**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. O.T. Revelation At Sinai:
- B. Clarification Concerning Leadership:
  - 1. Moses and Aaron
  - 2. Joshua and Judges
  - 3. Prophet = "Ones who spoke for God, God's voice to the people"
  - 4. Priests = Ones who speaks and serves for the people before God
  - 5. Kings = Civil heads of human government with hereditary succession
  - 6. Succession of individuals whose service was interrupted by death
- C. Prophet Information:

**I. NEW TESTAMENT STATEMENTS CONCERNING "THAT PROPHET":**

- A. Witnesses of Jesus' Contemporaries:
  - 1. John the Baptist – John 1:21, 25
  - 2. Philip and Nathaniel – John 1:44 – 51
  - 3. Samaritan woman – John 4:6 – 26
  - 4. 5,000 men fed – John 6:1 – 14
  - 5. Jesus at Feast of Tabernacles – John 7:37 – 40
  - 6. Blind man who received sight – John 9:17
- B. Jesus' Own Testimony: Matt. 13:57
- C. Writings of Others:
  - 1. Josephus – Wars of the Jews
  - 2. Eusebius – "... the Father's only supreme Prophet of Prophets"

**II. THE O.T. GREAT PROPHECY OF MESSIAH THE PROPHET:**

- A. The Warning Against False Prophets: (Deut. 13:1 – 5) – COUNTERFEITS
- B. The Pattern After Moses:
  - 1. Characteristics of a Prophet
    - a. A superseeing and superhearing power – Ezek. 3:10
    - b. They saw words – Isa. 2:1
    - c. It was a burning fire within – Jer. 20:9; Ezek. 3:1 – 7
    - d. The personal element was not sacrificed – Jer. 15:16; 20:7; Ezek. 3:3
  - 2. Promise for the FUTURE (Deut. 18:15 – 19)
    - a. Divinely called – 18:15a
    - b. Humanly connected 18:15b
    - c. Authoritatively commissioned – 18:15e
    - d. Repetition – 18:18
    - e. Warning – 18:19
  - 3. Tests of the TRUE PROPHET
    - a. Not give revelation which is contrary to what God has already revealed – Isa. 8:20
    - b. Not give conflicting information – Jas. 1:17
    - c. Not give any false predictions – 100% accuracy – Deut. 18:22
    - d. Not teach people to follow a false god – Deut. 13:1 – 3
    - e. Not need to alter or revise his predictions

C. Proofs of Jesus As God's Prophet:

1. In incidental acknowledgments – Lk. 7:16; Mt. 21:11, 46
2. In appreciation by disciples – Lk. 24:19
3. In affirmation by Jesus Himself – Lk. 4:24; 13:33
4. In approval by the Father – Heb. 1:1 – 2

D. Particulars of Jesus' Predictions:

1. Jesus predicted His own death – Matt. 20:17- 19
2. Jesus predicted the destruction of Jerusalem – Lk. 19:41 – 44
3. Jesus predicted Peter's denial – Lk. 22:31 – 34
4. Jesus predicted His death by crucifixion – Mt. 20:12
5. Jesus predicted His burial – Mt. 20:12
6. Jesus predicted His disciples would be offended and scattered – Mk. 14:27
7. Jesus predicted that He would rise from the dead – Mk. 10:34
8. Jesus predicted Jerusalem to be under Gentile domination and to be desolate – Mt. 23:37 – 38
9. Jesus predicted His ascension to heaven 9 separate times – John 14:1 – 6

III. QUALIFICATIONS TO BE THE GREAT PROPHET:

A. He Is The Son of God:

1. Possessed of all divine perfections
2. Able to know and unfold the Divine Decree – I Cor. 2:9 – 10; Matt. 11:23; Col. 2:3

B. He Is The God-Man:

1. Possessing a time human nature – Heb. 2:16
2. Qualified totally – Deut. 29:29; 2 Tim. 3:15

C. He Is Empowered By The Spirit:

1. Given the Spirit by the Father – Jn. 3:34
2. Empowered for role as MESSIAH, which embraces Prophet, Priest and King – Acts 10:38

CONCLUSION:

A. Recapitulation:

1. N.T. statements about "THAT PROPHET"
2. The Great Prophecy of Messiah, The Prophet
3. Qualifications of Jesus to be the Messianic Prophet

B. Divine Attestation:

1. Predicted authority – Deut. 18:18 – 19
2. Claimed authority – John 8:24
3. Heavenly attestation
  - a. Baptism – Mt. 3:17
  - b. Transfiguration – Mt. 17:5
  - c. Anticipating the cross – Jn. 12:27 – 28
4. Earthly acclaim of the people – Mt. 21:10 – 11
5. QUESTION