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## Memoirs of a Prophet

If God were going to send us a prophet today, what sort of man would he be? A rough hewn, mountain man like Elijah? Perhaps a smooth, educated orator like Isaiah? Or maybe a man like Jeremiah, who agonized over his prophecies.

If God has sent a prophet today, he is well disguised. More likely, God would say, "I have already sent you prophets. Listen to them." Our natural response would be, "Yes, Lord, but they spoke to their own generation. What about ours?"

It is true that the Old Testament prophets spoke to their own generation, but they also *wrote those prophecies down*. Why did they do that? They did that because history repeats itself. History repeats itself because human nature doesn't change and God doesn't change. His response to a sinning nation is no different today than it was when Jeremiah wrote. Another prophet, Isaiah, told us how it works: "Present your case, says the LORD. Set forth your arguments, says Jacob's King. Bring in your idols to tell us what is going to happen. *Tell us what the former*

*things were*, so that we may consider them and know their final outcome. Or declare to us the things to come, tell us what the future holds, so we may know that you are gods" (Isaiah 41:21-23).

"Consider the former things so we can understand the latter things." God is telling us that a *real* prophet will tell us the past so we can understand the future. Another man, not generally considered a prophet, put it differently. Speaking of the things that happened to Israel of old, Paul said: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and *they are written for our admonition*, upon whom the ends of the world are come" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

So it would make sense if God were to say, "I have already sent you prophets. Listen to them." Out of this comes the concept of *type* and *antitype* in religious conversation about prophecy. The word "type" comes from the Greek for "model." The antitype is the later model. It means that what has happened in the past will happen again with variations. And oddly enough, you see this pattern

developed again and again in the Old Testament prophets as they apply their prophecies not only to their own days, *but to the last days as well*. So here we sit, in what may be the most dangerous time in our history, and there is not a single real prophet to be found. We have to read the prophets if we are to have any hope of understanding.

I can't help comparing this to Jesus' parable of Lazarus and the rich man. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers of the dangers of hell. Abraham replies, "They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them." The rich man replies, "Nay, father Abraham:

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but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.”

Abraham replies, “If they hear not Moses and the *prophets*, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” Maybe that is what God is telling us. Why should I send you a prophet? You have Moses and the prophets, and more than that, you have my Son. Hear them.

With that in mind, I have extended my radio series on *Real Prophets* to include the Prophet Jeremiah. We released the first *Real Prophets* series in album form some time ago, but I felt I needed to go further. I am now several programs deep into the Jeremiah series, but it will be some time before they reach the air. For that reason, we have decided to release the first Jeremiah album early to our friends. You will find a flyer enclosed that offers that album as well as other items we have available.

Reading the prophets is not an easy task for several reasons. For one thing, they come out of a culture and a literary tradition that is foreign to us. The English translators have done their best, but they still leave us with a lot of questions. One thing that I have found helpful is to recognize the literary form that a prophet is using. It has long been recognized that prophecy is cast in poetic form and is rich with poetic images. One prophet said he couldn't even prophesy without a minstrel to play for him (2 Kings 3:15).

When it comes to Jeremiah,

there is poetry, but there is more. The book of Jeremiah is the *memoirs of a prophet*. It includes his personal story, his dialogue with God, and the events that shaped his time. The reader needs to pay careful attention to the breaks in the dialogue. And God told Jeremiah repeatedly, “And shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?” What made my blood run cold was the realization that we are a nation just like that.

With this newsletter, we have enclosed an order form so you can obtain the new album *Real Prophets II—Jeremiah*, which includes Jeremiah chapters 1-15. Also, you can order, *free of charge*, a single cassette tape with the two newest programs. We wish we could give all of them away free, but finances just don't make that possible. The free cassette contains *Real Prophets 25* and *Real Prophets 26* and deals with Jeremiah chapter 16 and 17. All these programs will eventually be heard on the radio, but it will be some months before they are played. We wanted to make them available to you now, because our world could be very different by the time these programs are actually aired. To get the *free* cassette, just check the box on the enclosed card and send it back to us. To get the album, see the enclosed flyer for the price and ordering instructions.

Keep in touch, and keep your eye on what's happening in the light of the Bible.

Always watching,

**Ronald L. Dart**

## **Coming in June!**

### **A New Internet Bible Class - ~ Old Testament Survey ~ Taught by Ronald Dart and a team of instructors**

The objectives of this online Bible class will include reading the entire Old Testament in one year, learning the most basic background material of each book, putting together a chronology of Old Testament History, and discussing the most often asked questions from each book. Twice a week you will be given specific reading assignments in the Old Testament books as well as some Internet resources. Then, beginning on the day the assignment is due, an interactive discussion will begin on the CEM website (but will be available only to registered students of the class).

Watch the CEM website in April for registration instructions. In the meantime, you can register your intention to enroll in the class by sending an e-mail to [ronalddart@cemnetwork.com](mailto:ronalddart@cemnetwork.com). All you need is the most basic Internet access and a browser like Internet Explorer. Enrollment may be limited, so let us hear from you early. This will be one of the most fulfilling Bible learning experiences of your life.

## Lest We Forget!

Visitors are left with one clear sound bite as they leave the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. – lest we forget! The Jews and the nation of Israel today, are descendants of a man called Judah in the Bible. Judah was one of Jacob’s 12 sons. Joseph was another son of Jacob who had twin boys – Ephraim and Manasseh. And the curious thing about Manasseh’s name is that it means “forgetting” (Genesis 41:31). What about this lad, Manasseh? Are we like him?

On February 26, 1993, terrorists bombed the New York World Trade Center the first time. Six people were killed and many were injured. But this evil incident was treated as a crime rather than an act of war. So we quickly forgot about it. And our enemies became emboldened.

On September 11, 2001, two American Airline planes, filled with terrorized passengers, became deadly bombs as they plunged into the World Trade Center. We’ve called 9/11 “the day that America changed.” Changed maybe. But how vividly do we remember the

full impact it had on our nation? What lessons did we learn? Did we learn to not forget?

A recent article in The Washington Post tells us that “Evans and 14 other anti-war protesters from around the world have decided to hunker down in a conference room at the Baghdad South Power Plant with the hope that, if the Bush administration launches a war aimed at toppling Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, their presence will dissuade the U.S. from bombing the facility.

“The activists are among more than 200 foreigners, including some from the United States, who have arrived here recently with encouragement from Saddam’s government to serve as ‘human shields’ to protect power plants, water treatment facilities, hospitals and other installations critical to the civilian population.

“Those who have volunteered to put their bodies on the line range from wide-eyed college students to limping retirees, Norwegians to South Africans, atheists to head scarf-wearing Muslims, all of whom said they

passionately oppose a U.S. military invasion of Iraq.

“Many traveled aboard two double-decker buses from London that lumbered through continental Europe, Turkey and Syria before pulling up to their staging area here, a small Baghdad hotel bubbling with the guitar-strumming bonhomie of a hippie commune and the energy of a political campaign headquarters.”

Have these anti-war protesters forgotten the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993? Have they forgotten 9/11? Have they forgotten how Neville Chamberlain tried to appease Adolf Hitler in the period immediately preceding World War II without results?

What should we remember as war looms? “Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons, and thy sons’ sons” (Deuteronomy 4:9).

*Allie Dart*

### Calendar Of Events

#### **April 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> - Fort Walton Beach/Destin, Florida**

#### **Passover, First Day of Unleavened Bread & Sabbath Services**

Ronald Dart will be in the Fort Walton Beach/Destin, Florida area to begin the Spring Festival season this year. He will observe the Passover service at the Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Ave., in Destin on April 15th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. He will then be at the Radisson Fort Walton Beach Resort, 1110 Santa Rosa Blvd., in Fort Walton Beach, to hold services for the First Day of Unleavened Bread on Thursday, April 17th at 2:00 in the afternoon. He will be back at the Radisson Fort Walton Beach Resort to conduct Sabbath services on April 19th, again at 2:00 in the afternoon. If you would like more information, or directions, please contact Gary or Shirley George in Destin, Florida at (850) 837-0485 or Larry Watkins at the CEM offices, 1-888-BIBLE-44.

## Daily Radio

The *Born to Win* broadcast can be heard daily on these stations:

- Birmingham, Alabama**  
11:15 a.m. daily - WDJC 850 AM
- Huntsville, Alabama**  
3:30 p.m. daily - WBXR 1140 AM
- Mobile, Alabama**  
9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. daily  
WMOB 1360 AM
- Montgomery, Alabama**  
8:30 a.m. daily - WAPZ 1250 AM
- Little Rock, Arkansas**  
5:30 p.m. & 5:15 a.m. daily  
KAAY 1090 AM
- San Francisco, California**  
1:00 p.m. daily - KCBC 770 AM
- Denver, Colorado**  
5:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. daily  
KLT 670 AM
- Deland, Florida**  
6:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. daily  
KLT 670 AM
- Pensacola, Florida**  
7:00 a.m. daily - WASG 550 AM  
7:00 a.m. daily - WZNO 1230 AM
- Atlanta, Georgia**  
10:30 a.m. daily - WGKA 1190 AM
- Augusta, Georgia**  
5:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m. daily  
WFAM 1050 AM
- Morrow, Georgia**  
7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. daily  
WSSA 1570 AM
- Kansas City, Kansas**  
4:00 p.m. daily - KCNW 1380 AM
- London, Kentucky**  
12:00 noon daily - WGWM 980 AM
- Richmond, Kentucky**  
12:30 p.m. daily - WCBR 1110 AM
- Gretna, Louisiana**  
4:30 a.m. daily - WLNO 1060 AM
- Denton, Maryland**  
8:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. daily  
WKDI 840 AM
- Jackson, Mississippi**  
7:00 a.m. daily - WTWZ 1120 AM
- Omaha, Nebraska**  
3:30 p.m. daily - KLNG 1560 AM
- Buffalo, New York**  
4:30 a.m. daily - WDCX 99.5 FM
- Asheville, North Carolina**  
4:00 p.m. daily - WSKY 1230 AM
- Portland, Oregon**  
12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. daily  
KKPZ 1330 AM
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**  
4:30 p.m. daily - WWNL 1080 AM
- Anderson, South Carolina**  
9:00 a.m. daily - WRIX 1020 AM

## CEM Internships Available

CEM is prepared to offer three to six month internships to qualified applicants. Work will involve the entire gamut of tasks performed in the office from making tapes, to stuffing envelopes, to data entry, to letter answering, to research for CEM publications and broadcasts. Since wages will be low, applicants should be financially able to handle their own transportation to and from Tyler and to maintain themselves while here.

Serious enquiries should be accompanied by a resume and addressed to CEM, attention Ronald Dart.

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- Charleston, South Carolina**  
7:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. daily  
WZJY 1480 AM
- Greenville, South Carolina**  
4:30 p.m. daily - WELP 1360 AM
- Chattanooga, Tennessee**  
5:00 p.m. daily - WLMR 1450 AM
- Knoxville, Tennessee**  
5:00 p.m. daily - WITA 1490 AM
- Dallas, Texas**  
10:30 a.m. daily - KSKY 660 AM
- The following stations  
broadcast daily at 2:30 p.m.**
- Moses Lake, Washington**  
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- Pasco, Washington**  
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- Spokane, Washington**  
KSPO 106.5 FM
- Wenatchee, Washington**  
KTBI 810 AM
- Yakima, Washington**  
KYAK 930 AM



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