

Can you find **Deuteronomy 18** in your Bible? The Old Testament book of Deuteronomy is full of **Moses'** last words to the children of Israel. Before Moses died, he told the people that Someone very special was coming, Someone sent from God:

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers." (Deuteronomy 18:15-18)

A prophet? You've heard that word before, but what IS a "prophet"? Listen carefully to God: "And I will put \_\_\_\_\_\_ words in \_\_\_\_\_\_ mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him." (Deuteronomy 18:18-19)

Someone very special was going to come, and EVERYONE would need to listen to him because he was sent from God. Many centuries later, a great crowd came from the city of Jerusalem to hear **John the Baptist** preach in the wilderness. They wanted to know, "Who **are** you?" Was he the Christ? No. "Are you Elijah?" No. But notice what the people asked him in John I:21: "Are you the \_\_\_\_\_?" The children of Israel still believed—hundreds and hundreds of

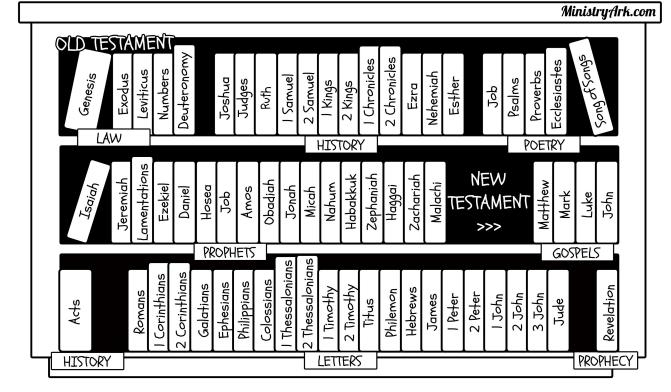
years after Deuteronomy 18—that God was going to send Someone they were supposed to listen to. But that someone wasn't John the Baptist. John was just "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'" (John 1:23). So WHO was "the Prophet"?

In Acts 3:17-26, Peter proclaimed that what God had foretold "by the mouth of **all** the prophets" has been fulfilled. **JESUS** is the long-awaited Prophet we all are supposed to listen to and obey.

## **FOUNDATION STONES**

Jesus said in Luke 24:44, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the **Prophets** and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Where are **"the Prophets"** in the big book we call the Bible?





Can you find **Deuteronomy 18** in your Bible again? Let's carefully reread Deuteronomy 18:18-19 where God tells us what a "prophet" is. What's the difference between a "prophet" and a preacher or teacher today?

**Jesus** was "the Prophet" God promised would come "like Moses"... which means... what should everybody do when they hear Jesus' words? Can you find **Matthew 17:5**? What did God say about what **EVERYBODY** needs to do with Jesus' words?