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forthtelling about the **present**
as well as
foretelling about the **future.**

“My people have committed two sins: they have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

“A lion has come out of this lair; a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to lay waste your land. Your towns will lie in ruins without inhabitant.”

“Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the holy one of Israel and turned their backs on him.”

“Comfort, comfort my people, says
your God. Speak tenderly to
Jerusalem and proclaim to her that
her hard service has been
completed, that her sin has been
paid for.”

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will **prophecy** ... even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my spirit in those days, and they will **prophecy.**”

“All these are the work of one and the same (Holy) Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.”

“For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God.”

“Anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says”.

“If anyone speaks in a tongue, two – or at the most three – should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and God”

“I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.”

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“For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.”

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“But in the church I would rather
speak five intelligible words to
instruct others than ten thousand
words in a tongue”

“The word of the Lord came to me.”

“So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me ‘O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?’ declares the Lord.”

“Do not put out the Spirit’s fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold onto the good. Avoid every kind of evil.”

Does the prophecy conform with
Scripture?

Does it glorify Christ?

Is it helpful to the church?

Is it consistent with other prophecies the
church has received?

Is the person who prophesies walking
closely with the Lord? and

Does the prophecy spring from love?

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy ... but have not love, I am nothing.”

“Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.”

