

## Works We Support

- **John Shafer**, Foreign Evangelism. (MO, NE, & India)
- **Peter and Pooi Fun Chin**, Four Seas College of Bible & Missions, Singapore
- **“Seek The Old Paths”**, Monthly Newsletter
- **Chuck Northrop**, Bible Institute of Missouri (Instructor)
- **Kent Eakins**, Hermitage, MO
- **Chris O'Brien**, Mexico
- **“Whom Do You Serve?”**, Television Program
- **“Bible Questions With Bible Answers”**, Television Program

### Scripture Readings

**AM: Numbers 14:7-9**      **PM: Ezekiel 18:19-20**

### Upcoming Sermons

#### Sunday AM

August 21: Philip Steele – Rebellion  
August 28: Philip Steele – The Longsuffering Of God  
September 4: Philip Steele – The Prophet After  
Moses

#### Sunday PM

August 21: #588 Philip Steele – Judged By Our  
Deeds  
August 28: #589 Philip Steele – What Will God Do?  
September 4: #590 Philip Steele –

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### To See Our Services Live:

<http://live.webbervillechurchofchrist.org>

Sundays: 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 3 p.m.

### Services:

#### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

## Sunday, August 21, 2016

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## **True Prophecy**

Charles Coats (05/18/1997)

All of us are familiar with the so-called prophecies that seem to abound today. Each year, around the first of the year, periodicals are full of the latest predictions for the upcoming year. Each paper is vying for our dollars offering us more and more startling or more and more certain predictions.

As the turn of the Century approaches, I am certain we will be hit with a whole list of new predictions. Already, many are predicting that the end of the world will take place in the year 2000.

One who is a true prophet is one whose predictions come to pass (cf. Deuteronomy 18:22). True prophecy also involves specifics. It is not enough to say that something will happen somewhere sometime. There must be enough specifics to be able to tell when the prophecy comes to pass.

The difference between the so-called prophecies we read and hear today and those prophecies in the Bible is that the Biblical prophecies came to pass and they were specific enough to know that the event came to pass.

One of the greatest examples of this is found in Isaiah 45. In this passage, God tells the nation of Judah that one will deliver them from captivity. There are some facts that must be known when considering this prophecy: (1) At the time of the prophecy, the nation of Judah would not go into captivity for almost 100 years; (2) The deliverer of the people was called by name, Cyrus; (3) Cyrus was not yet born. He would not even assume the throne of Persia for another 150 years; (4) Cyrus would not free the people of Judah until 536 B.C., about 165 years after the prophecy.

As we see at the end of the book of 2 Chronicles and the first book of Ezra, Cyrus did free the people (2 Chronicles 36:23; Ezra 1:1). Notice again, that the true prophecy of

Isaiah named the person who would free Judah from captivity, and did so, at least 100 years before the person was even born!!!

All of this nonsense today that people call prophecy is nothing more than a way to play on the superstitions of people and to swindle them out of their hard earned money. There are not true prophets today.

However, the Bible is full of true prophets and true prophecies.

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## **Prayer Requests**

- Joe Staggs
- Teresa Heinz
- Lillian's Brother
- Al Haskell (Kidney)
- Michael Golwitzer (Kidney)
- Marty Stearns (Health)
- McClaine Family
- John Shafer & wife Linda
- Tim Drummond
- Bob Stinnett (Heart Condition)

## **Mark Your Calendars**

- August 21 – Men's Meeting, Pot-luck Luncheon
- September 30 – Quarterly Seminar with Michael Pickett