

Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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Ezra 5:1-2

“Then the prophet Haggai, and Zechariah prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel... then rose Zerabbabel and Jeshua and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God also helping them.” Ezra 5:1-2

The prophetic ministry is critical to the Ending Days life of the Church. The immediacy of the Spirit’s word to the congregation infuse the corporate worship times with a fresh and living expectancy that carries us a long deeper into the current of the River of the Spirit. The knowing of God’s presence in our midst – through the release of the gifts of the Spirit – causes faith to rise for higher corporate worship and dramatic answers to prayer. “Despise not prophesying.” (1 Thessalonians 5:20).

Every member of the Body of Christ operating in their gifts, talents, and callings is necessary for a healthy church fellowship. “And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you.” Nor can the hand say to the feet, “I have no need of you.” (1 Corinthians 12:21). The prophetic gift operating in the midst of the church, in conjunction with the other giftings adds a dimension of the supernatural that is essential to a healthy church. “... he that prophesies edifies – or builds up – the church.” (1 Corinthians 14:4)

Haggai and Zechariah were both the genuine articles! So often prophetic people believe they are somehow above the daily routine of service. Watch out for prophets “so called” who are only desirous of a place to elevate themselves before the people – a platform to speak and from which they can control people and church policies! Look for those prophets who are servants, not only prophesying to the Church, but labouring along side the Church. “...but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your servant.” (Matthew 20:26).