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How can I hear God speak? (PART 2)



Part 1 Headline:

God speaks _____ through what he said in the _____.

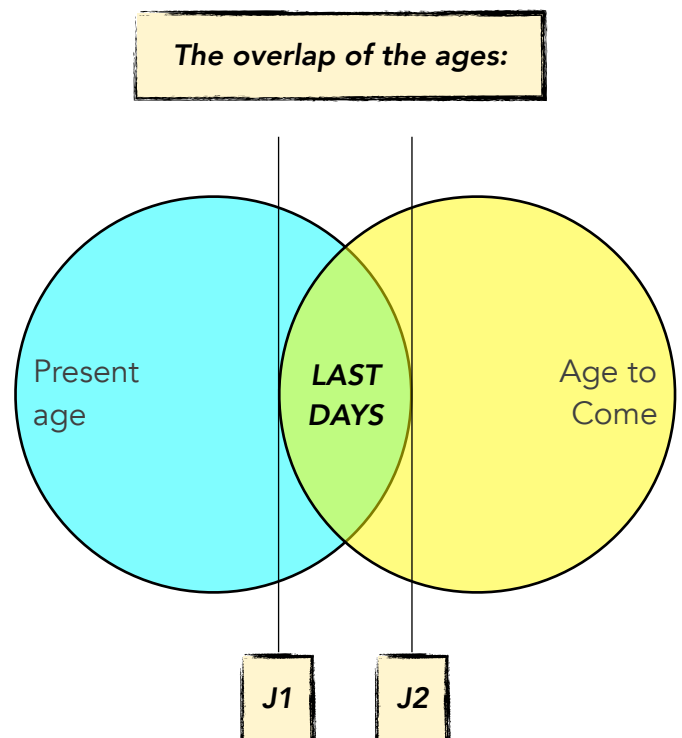
So... let's read our Bibles! (Heb.4:12; 2 Tim.3:16)

Does God speak in other ways today too?

I thought we should no longer expect miraculous revelatory gifts

(Focus on Bible... 2 Tim.4:2 etc)

But - had to slightly suppress texts like:
Acts 2:17
1 Corinthians 13:8-13



The key issue: the authority of prophecy

(Deuteronomy 18:11-20; Numbers 11:24-30; Ephesians 2:20; 3:4-6; 4:11-13; 1 Cor.14:37-38)

_____ Prophecy (Capital "P")

_____ prophecy (small "p")

(Compare Apostle ["A"] vs. apostle ["a"])

The purpose of New Testament prophecy

(1 John 4:1-3; 2 John 7-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7; 14:4-26; Hebrews 2:4; Revelation 19:10)

A tentative definition of prophecy today:

*Prophecy is a particular gift from God to speak truth about the gospel in love,
to build up the church, sometimes with miraculous specificity.*

How should the church handle prophecy?

The church can easily overreact in two ways:

1. *Hyper-charismatic*

2. *Sub-charismatic*

"Weigh carefully what is said"

(1 Corinthians 14:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-20)

- Remember that the Bible is _____
- Let's really _____ to the Bible
- AND, let's eagerly _____ to build each other up with the word, including prophecy