

# GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## Ignorance Of The Church Manifested

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**H**ave you ever listened in on a discussion, agreeing with one side only to hear one you agree with make ignorant statements leaving you all alone? Recently this was my experience as I read an article in the Houston Chronicle entitled “*I’m sick of pastors with big mouths*”. I am in agreement with the author, Rick Herrick, calling out the loud mouths such as Pat Robertson who made a January 2, 2007 prophetic prediction of major cities in America being destroyed by a terrorist attack by the end of 2007.

Yes, Mr. Herrick, Robertson needs to be held accountable and even labeled as a “false prophet” as measured by the Word of God Mr. Robertson claims to preach. “*When a prophet speaketh in the name of Jehovah, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which Jehovah hath not spoken: the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him*” (Deut. 18:22).

Then, Mr. Herrick strives to humble the loud mouths saying, “*the idea that a human being can speak publicly for God is*

*fraught with historical problems.*” He then proceeds to point out the errors spoken by Isaiah, Jeremiah and even Jesus Christ.

Mr. Herrick offers Isaiah’s prophecy concerning Egypt, Assyria and Judah as a wrong prediction (Isaiah 19:16-25). The first part of the prophecy speaks of judgment coming upon Egypt which they would experience when defeated by a stronger Assyria in Isaiah’s eighth century. Then the prophecy speaks of Egypt, Assyria and Israel (Judah) joining together in common worship of Jehovah. We know that they were together in worshipping the one God in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and ushered in the beginning of the church (Acts 2: 9-10). Isaiah’s prophecy was fulfilled just as predicted.

Jeremiah’s glorious prediction of Jerusalem where Israel and Judah would no longer be split and nations would join them around the throne in Jerusalem, no longer remembering the ark of covenant is another example. Judah would go into captivity into Babylon—the north as Jeremiah prophesies, but will join all other

nations in Jerusalem united in the name of Jehovah. This prediction became a reality beginning in Jerusalem, with all nations entering into the newly established kingdom one at a time (Acts 2, Jer.31, Heb. 12). A united Israel (Jew) along with all nations (Gentiles) would unite in the church beginning in Jerusalem (Eph. 2:19-22).

Jesus’ prediction that the kingdom of God would come in the generation before whom he spoke is another example. (Luke 9:27) Mr. Herrick says the event did not happen. Was Jesus as of now some 2000 years off target? No, the kingdom was established with power in Acts 2. People began then to be translated into it as they received the forgiveness of sins (Col.1:13-14). It is a spiritual kingdom, Mr. Herrick—the church! (John 18:36, Heb. 12:22-23, 28).

If Isaiah, Jeremiah and Jesus predicted events which never came true, they have not just misspoken, but they are false prophets not to be revered. Mr. Herrick, in being ignorant of the place Jesus and His church share in prophecy, falsely uses God’s prophets and His Son as reasons to quiet pastors. I am left alone.