

As B'nai Chayim matures as a **prophetic community of Messianic Jews and Gentiles**, I want to take us through a spring series which will help us to define the vision which we understand that G-d is stirring up in our midst. We have already experienced a certain degree of opposition, and this will not go away, but one of the best ways to deal with static is to make sure the radio stays tuned to the radio signal. I want B'nai Chayim to become a faithful radio receiver and a wise broadcaster of both the **vision** and the **instructions** and **insights** which we receive.

We believe that the Spirit of G-d is active in the world and in our midst. I have already taught the five "c's": (1) **cosmos**, (2) **conscience**, (3) **culture**, (4) **circumstance** and the (5) **Canon**.

As we move through Pesach to Shavuot, one of the positive tensions of this series will be to understand the balance between **prophetic utterance** and the **Scriptures**. We need to understand **the nature of the supernatural in our midst**. **I want to teach you in this series on the Holy Spirit how to recognize the hand of G-d and the voice of G-d**. The Egyptians heard it and the Philistines saw it, and I want our witness to be that the **prophetic voice** is really in our midst: I Cor. 14:24, 25 and that it is exercised with freedom and wisdom (I Cor. 14:26-33 and 14:40).

Sometimes that can be scary because in our **modern post-charismatic world**, the prophetic voice is seen mainly as an **ecstatic episode** with yelling, screaming and shaking with weird predictions. I want to understand from the Scriptures how we can move in the Holy Spirit in a Messianic Jewish context, to the Jew first and also to the Gentiles (Acts 20:20, 21). I have **Three Objectives** for this series: 1. **Understand** from the Scriptures what it means to have an experience and a relationship with the Holy Spirit. 2. **Learn to move** (become active) in the Holy Spirit. 3. **Grow** in the exercise of spiritual discernment. With this in mind, here is a brief rundown of the kinds of things we will be looking at.

(I) Five ways Spirit speaks, beyond what it is already written and beyond the five "C's":

1. Quickens the Word (Luke 24:32).
2. Dreams and visions (Acts 2:17).
3. Still small voice (inner witness: I Kings 19:12; Is. 30:21)
4. Prophetic Utterance (Acts 20:22; 21:4, 11)
5. Angelic Visitation (Acts 12:7-10)

(II) Three categories of experience in relation to the Holy Spirit:

1. **with** (John 16:8);
2. **in** (John 20:22; Rom. 8:11);
3. **upon** (Acts 1:8; 2:17ff).

The First instalment: is to look at some of the prophets of the Torah:

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| (1) <u>Noah</u>: | Gen. 6:3. |
| (2) <u>Abraham</u>: | Gen. 20:7; |
| (3) <u>Isaac</u>: | Gen. 27:28, 29; |
| (4) <u>Jacob</u>: | Gen. 31:24; |
| (5) <u>Joseph</u>: | Gen. 41:38; |
| (6) <u>Miriam</u>: | Exod. 15:20; |
| (7) <u>Moses</u>: | Num. 11:24, 25. |
| (8) <u>The Elders</u>: | Num. 11:24, 25 |

Conclusion: Spirit moves to proclaim the eternal Word to mankind, in all generations (John 3:16-21) with a triple pronged message: (1) Who G-d is, (2) What He wants from mankind (Gen. 18:18, 19) and (3) What His agenda is for the accomplishment of His purposes.