

KANSAS CITY PROPHETS

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The Kansas City Prophets prefer to be called prophetically gifted ministers which more than suggests pride, and God resisteth the proud. (James 4. 16, 1 Peter 5. 5).

The members of the Kansas City Fellowship (KCF) comprise Mike Bickel, a pastor, and Bob Jones, John Paul Jackson, Paul Cain and John Wember.

They came to prominence in a magazine called Charisma around December 1989.

Shortly afterwards, a book appeared in the UK called Some Said It Thundered by David Pytches which was subtitled A Personal Encounter with the Kansas City Prophets.

Until his death, John Wember was the leader of the signs and wonders movement.

All these people are Pentecostal/charismatics and believe that they have gifts of Divine revelation and that, on occasions, God speaks to them in an audible voice and therefore they are prophets in the correct meaning of the Word since they are given new revelations from God. In other words they give contemporary prophecies and utterances, which are, in effect, additions to the Bible.

Paul Cain is influential. His mother became pregnant in her mid-forties and apparently suffered from terminal tuberculosis, a heart condition and cancer when an angel visited her and promised that she would be healed and bear a son who must be called Paul.

Cain claims to have had a visit from the Lord when he was eight and began his healing ministry in his teens. He further claims that he is a prophet because he could tell people their names although he did not know them beforehand.

His mentor was William Braham who had a deviant doctrine on the Trinity within his Pentecostal group and, in the closing years of his life, made bizarre predictions of his vitally important personal role.

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Cain met Wember in California in December 1988 and prophesied,

“The day I arrive there will be an earthquake in your area and another one somewhere in the world when I leave”.

That did happen. But there are earthquakes all the time but Wember took this as confirming his ministry with the Vineyard Fellowship.

(See separate article on [John Wember](#))

Listening to Cain preach is uncomfortable. He rambles, digresses, loses his train of thought flitting from one subject to another and is always vague about Scripture usually misquoting them.

He talks about self contrary to New Testament teaching. He refers to his visions such as the army of children parading down the streets healing everyone and those in hospital wards and preaching in sports arenas and saving billions of people. He says that the dead will be raised due to such ministry; limbs will be restored to amputees; handicapped people will jump from their wheelchairs and crutches will be thrown away. People will go without food and drink for days and will not notice it and all these things are about to happen.

It was a long prophecy reminiscent of David Wilkerson's prophecy of the late 1960s which had many errors and unfulfilled details

1 Corinthians 13 tells us that prophecies shall fail. The word is katargeo which means abolish; that the speaking in tongues will cease; the word is pauo meaning to come to a final end and there will be no new knowledge. A basic doctrine is that the Scriptures are complete and the final authority on all matters of faith and practice. If anyone adds to the Scriptures or takes away from them their name will be taken out of the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 22. 18).

We should recall Jude 3 which speaks of the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. Once for all means that God did not intend it to be added to, subtracted from, modified or changed.

Israel were given similar instructions in Deuteronomy 4.2 and 12.32, "Ye shall not add unto what I command you neither shall ye diminish from it". Consider also Proverbs 30 verses 5 and 6, "Every word of God is tried... and thou shalt not add unto His Words, lest He reprove thee and thou shalt be found (to be) a liar".

Paul told Timothy to guard the truth and to see that no other doctrine be taught (1 Timothy 1. 3).

The Bible is sufficient in itself for all matters of faith, doctrine and practice. So why do these Pentecostal/charismatics add to it and distort it?

We are warned in the Scriptures that the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine but will heap to themselves teachers who will turn them away from the truth to fables. The word for fables is muthos which means fiction.

That time is here and not only in Kansas!

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