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Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking to Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.
Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Joshua into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, to the days of David;
Who found favor before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.
But Solomon built him a house. ~ Acts 7:44 to 47

This is a short passage of Scripture taken from the Acts of the Apostles from Stephen’s famous sermon that had him killed. One of the things that is making it extremely difficult for us to teach on the ministry and the functions of the apostle is that there is very little in the New Testament that gives us clear pictures or descriptions of the function of the apostle.

Since the apostles only really came into being and began to function from the Day of Pentecost, the only clear record that we have of the actual operation of the apostles is in the Acts of the Apostles, and the little bit that we see described in some of the epistles. We don’t have a clear systematic layout to say, “This is how you identify an apostle. This is what an apostle does. This is how an apostle is trained.” It is not laid out that clearly for us. In fact, this applies to most of the fivefold ministry.
Full Picture in Old and New

And so if we are going to have an understanding concerning the function and the ministry of the apostle, it is necessary that we go back and start in the Old Testament.

Now the Old Testament, according to Paul, was written as an example or an illustration, as a model for us in the New Testament. In other words the Old Testament had types and shadows, pictures or symbols that give us an indication of what is clearly taught in the New Testament. And so very often to have a clear understanding of principles in the Word, we need to put the Old and New Testaments together, and we need to look at the type and the shadow in the Old and then see how that type or shadow was fulfilled in the New. As we put the two together we get a full picture of what God is trying to teach us in His Word concerning that subject.

The Apostolic Ministry and the Apostolic Office fall into this category. In order to understand them clearly we need to start with types and shadows in the Old Testament and then add to it the teaching that we have in the New Testament. As we put them together the picture starts to become clear. Take out the Old Testament and you have a puzzle with some key pictures missing. You would be amazed what a difference one piece of a puzzle can make.

Just take a person’s nose off and you can’t recognize him. You see a face there. You know there is a face. You can see the head and the ears and maybe even a bit of the mouth, but you cannot recognize the person until you drop that last little piece on, then you say, “Aah, so that’s who it is!”

Now many of those who have sought to teach concerning the Apostolic Ministry have done just that. They have gone through
the entire New Testament and pulled out all the Scriptures relating to the Apostolic Ministry. Why? It is because the word ‘apostle’ is not mentioned in the Old Testament. The term ‘apostle’ is a term that Jesus chose, and the first apostles were the ones who Jesus called the apostles, which were the twelve that He trained and left behind. So if you look up the word ‘apostle’ you are not going to find it in the Old Testament. The only way you can find anything in the Old Testament concerning the teaching of the ministry of the apostle is in types and shadows.

**Several Apostolic Types**

That is where we will begin now, as we move into this series that we are doing now on the Apostolic Types.

You say, “What do you mean by the apostolic types?”

They are different types of apostles.

You say, “But I thought an apostle was an apostle, was an apostle.”

No, an apostle is not. He is one of several kinds of apostle. You put two apostles together and they may not look the same. They will have many similarities, but there are distinctions and there are different categories or kinds of apostle in the Scriptures. That is what I am going to try and show you here, beginning in the Old Covenant.

Why is it necessary to start in the Old Testament? Why can’t we just go to the New Testament and pull out the teaching? Surely there is enough there? I mean we saw what Jesus did with His twelve disciples. We saw what happened after He left and the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, how the apostles went out and got the church together, formed it and spread out into different parts of the earth.
We have the story of how Paul went out and founded his churches. We have the story of John and how he spoke to the churches in Revelation. Surely we have enough indication as to exactly what an apostle should do? Isn’t an apostle just somebody who goes and starts new works?

That is what many people seem to be teaching, but have they left out one very vital and important thing. Just as the early apostles began a new era that had never existed before, so there is coming a new era in these last days in which we live. It is a brand new era that will herald and signpost and lead us to the final plan that God has for the church. Today God is raising up a new breed of apostles.

Now there is a debate that has been going on concerning the fivefold ministry. I am not going to get into it here, but I am just going to mention it in passing. It is this. Did the apostles die out? Did the fivefold ministry really disappear, or has it been there all along? Surely there have been people doing church planting right through the years? Surely even before the turn of the century with the new move and the Pentecostal outpouring, there were already people preaching the gospel and founding new churches? Surely there have been missionaries going forth for years to do the work of God? Were they not apostles? Were they not sent forth?

**Bishops and Apostolic Succession**

Then we go back a little bit further and we have the teaching that says that as the early apostles began to die out they passed their heritage on to others and these men became known as the bishops. They said that Peter was the first bishop of Rome, Rome being the main city and Peter being the main apostle. Naturally the bishop who took over from the bishop, who took over from the bishop in Rome is going to be the top guy in the church, and he is the pope.
It is the teaching of Catholicism and it is a doctrine known as apostolic succession. Today there are men taking for themselves the title of Bishop. What they are actually believing and have been taught is that they are descended from the bishop of a bishop of a bishop who originally was appointed by an apostle, and through apostolic succession the apostolic office was passed down through the bishops. If you are Roman Catholic that might sit pretty well with you. I am staggered though to find out that there are Charismatic and Pentecostal brethren who believe this, when it is so clearly contrary to the Scriptures and to the Word of God.

The apostles could never ever appoint and pass on what God had given them, because Jesus calls the apostle. And even when they stood up prior to Pentecost and Peter came up with this really brilliant idea that they needed to get somebody to replace Judas, even then Peter had to admit, “If we are going to appoint somebody it will have to have been somebody that was close to us, that was a fairly close disciple with Jesus.”

And so what they did is they sat down and figured out in their minds, “I wonder who Jesus would have chosen.”

They put forth two names and said, “We figure one of these two guys probably would have been the one that Jesus would have chosen to take Judas’s place.” They took a vote and Matthias came out with a majority vote, so they appointed him to be the twelfth apostle. Matthias’s claim to fame is that after he was appointed he disappeared. We never hear about him again. Granted, we never hear about the other apostles either, but this famous twelfth apostle was appointed by the other apostles. They were apostles weren’t they? They appointed somebody didn’t they? That is apostolic success. They passed it on didn’t they?
Jesus Chose Paul

Now I am not going to make this a doctrine, but I am going to give you my opinion. Jesus came along and said, “Matthew, I don’t want you. You’re not my choice. I have a new man in mind. I’ve got somebody better in mind than you, Matthias. He’s my special agent. His name is Saul of Tarsus. I’m going to take him and I’m going to make into the greatest apostle to the Gentiles, something which none of you guys were.”

I believe that Paul was the replacement for Judas, who fell. This is not a doctrine. I am not saying that I can give you chapter and verse to prove it. But open your Bible and read, and in most of the places that you open to in the New Testament you will find something written by the apostle Paul.

How do I know that Jesus chose the apostle Paul? Because the Bible tells us that as he was riding along on the way to Damascus he was struck to the ground, and he heard a voice saying, “Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me?”

He said, “Who are you Lord?”

He said, “I am Jesus!”

Jesus called Paul directly, face to face. He said, “I am taking you and I’m sending you to suffer for my name sake, and I’m sending you, not to the Jews that you were so zealous for, Paul. I’m sending you to the Gentiles.”

Jesus appoints the apostles, not man. Not even an apostle has the right or the authority to take his mantle and give it to somebody else unless Jesus says so. Don’t ever forget that. It is important. We need to know it. Apostolic succession is not Scriptural.
Totally New Look

Now the end times church is not going to look like the early church. It is going to be totally different. I believe that the apostles did die out. And yes, I believe the fivefold ministry ceased to function in the Body of Christ until the Lord began, not that long ago, to bring about a restoration of the church. Through many years of my life I heard this word ‘restoration’.

Prior to that you heard the word ‘Reformation’ and the time of Martin Luther when justification by faith was restored. You had the Renewal Movements and you had what was known as the Charismatic Renewal Movement. These words ‘renewal’ and ‘restoration’ were used throughout the last century in referring to the church. What was it speaking about? It was speaking about bringing back that which was lost. Well if it wasn’t lost, how could it be restored?

God is about to do something new. Restoration is complete, did you know that? It has been accomplished. Justification by faith has been restored to the church. The evangelistic ministry has been restored to the church. The pastoral, teaching and prophetic and the apostolic ministries have been restored to the church. Restoration is complete, but there is a new move coming. There is a new move that is different. That new move is the end times move, the manifestation and the revelation of the end times church, and God is bringing forth a new breed of apostles that are different to the twelve apostles that began the early church.

Does this sound like heresy to you? If the church is to enter into what I believe the Scriptures teach, to the Bride being ready for her Bridegroom, it is going to take more than the twelve dead apostles to do it. It is going to take live apostles to do it, and in the day and age in which we live now there are new needs. There are
new circumstances. And there has arisen what has been known as the Present Truth Movement. Sometimes the present truth is a present delusion though, but there is an element of truth there. God is bringing new revelation concerning His plan.

“Do you mean to say He’s changing the plan? Is He doing something different?”

Yes and no. What God is doing is He is going back and bringing together the Old Testament and the New Testament into one final culmination of His ultimate plan for the Body of Christ. And if we are to understand this we must start at the beginning and work our way through and see the patterns and the principles that have been lying there all along in the types and shadows, bringing them through into the New Testament to see the birth of the church, which the Scripture in terms of the Old Covenant calls the Former Rain.

You see, you have to look at the types and shadows. The Bible speaks about the latter rain, and you see the picture throughout. You see the rebuilding of the temple and the restoration of the new house. The Word goes forth that says, “This latter house will be greater than the former house.” You see the principle throughout the Word of birth, death and resurrection of a vision.

**Resurrection of the Vision**

A vision was born at Pentecost, but it died. It went into the Dark Ages and it vanished. Today we are living in resurrection. There is coming a resurrection of God’s vision for His church, and it is a new vision, and the resurrection is always far greater than the original vision. That is why the original vision has to die.
What did Jesus say to His disciples? He said, “The things that I have done you shall do, and greater things than these shall you do, because I go to my Father.”

Would you like to give me a list of all the things that the disciples did that were greater than what Jesus did? Can you think of some? You could say, “Yes, well they won a lot more souls to the Lord.”

Is that what Jesus was referring to? He said, “Greater works than these will you do.” Yes, they did wonderful works. They did marvelous works. They moved in the same power that Jesus did. I would like to suggest that what Jesus prophesied has not been fulfilled yet though. That there is a new dimension and a new era coming in which the Body of Christ is going to rise up. Where not only the apostles are going to rise up in power as they did in the early church where the Scripture says that signs and wonders were done at the hands of the apostles and the rest of the people had to sit and learn. When the apostles died out the power died out with them.

You say, “That’s not true, brother. The Holy Spirit was still here.”

Yes He was. He has been here all along. He was never withdrawn. But people were so used to relying on the apostles to give out the power that when the apostles were gone there was nobody to give out the power. They became absorbed by the World System. And now the church is like Israel in Egypt, in bondage to the World System, enslaved to the Pharaoh of this world, the god of this world. They are slaves under bondage, working under their taskmaster and not living in the liberty and in the power that God intended.
Jesus the Ultimate Apostle

Here enters the first apostolic type. Now before I get to him I want you to look at the perfect type of the apostle in the New Testament. He is known as the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, the Lord Jesus Himself. Jesus came as the original prototype, so I am going to start with the New Testament and then I am going to move back into the Old Testament.

In Deuteronomy 18:15 Moses predicted this concerning Jesus:

The LORD [Yahweh] your God will raise up for you a Prophet just like me from amongst your brothers, and you will listen to him;

Like Moses

Jesus was the fulfillment of Moses’ prophecy. Jesus was another Moses in terms of this Scripture. I can quote you a couple of Scriptures in the New Testament that confirm this. Jesus came in the spirit of Moses. He came in the ministry of Moses, to do what? To do the same thing that Moses did, to come and deliver the people from their bondage.

However they misunderstood Him. They thought He was coming to deliver them from the Romans. They didn’t realize that their bondage was far greater than the bondage to Rome. He came to deliver them from the bondage of their sin, from their bondage to Satan and all they could see was the natural. Why? Because Israel was still living in the types and shadows. They were still living in the physical Promised Land that was promised to them.

When Jesus came to be the deliverer they thought, “Great. He’s going to come and set us free from the tyranny of Rome.”
Jesus came to bring them to the Promised Land. They thought it meant that they were going to get back the land of Israel. That the Lord was going to set them free from Rome, so that they could repossess their land. To them the Promised Land was the physical land of Israel. But what Jesus came to do was to bring them a life of blessing, a life that flowed with milk and honey, not just in the physical but in the spiritual as well. They misunderstood it, but He did come to do it and He did accomplish it.

He came to reveal God to them but they didn’t recognize the Father in Him. Even His own disciples were so blind that they had to say to Him, “Okay Lord, now just show us the Father and we will be happy.”

Jesus stood and shook His head and He said, “Philip, I’m surprised at you. Don’t you get it? The Father is in me. If you have seen me, you’ve seen the Father. Philip I’ve been showing you the Father the whole time I’ve been with you! Are you blind?”

They didn’t get it. They were thinking in natural terms. Jesus was coming to bring them back into fellowship with the Father through Himself, but they were like the Children of Israel as they viewed Moses going up to God and coming back, maybe with his face shining, but they were saying, “Moses, we also want to see God. Show us God.”

**Pointed the Way to God**

Jesus came to show them God in a new and wonderful way. He came to fulfill the same functions as Moses. He came to give them direction and counsel. Do you remember poor old Moses standing there all day while the people gathered and came one at a time to him? I have been there. Everybody wants a time of prayer. Everybody wants personal ministry. Everybody thinks that they
are the most important person in the world, and if you spend five hours with them, well everybody else can wait.

It is kind of like when you stand at the queue in the bank isn’t it. When you get to that front counter you don’t care about anybody else. The guy can take fifteen minutes with you as long as he sorts your problem out.

The people at the back are saying, “I wish he’d get finished. He’s been here all day!”

People can be so selfish and they tried to do Jesus the same way. They just swamped Him wherever He went. Eventually Jesus had to just keep away. He had to stay outside of town because if He didn’t they would just mob Him.

They did the same to Moses. His father-in-law had to speak some sense into him and say, “Moses you’re going to kill yourself this way. You’re going to have to get yourself a bit more organized and structured.”

Jesus came to teach them how to hear from God, not to come and just be there to meet their needs. He was bringing the revelation of God to them. He was bringing an opportunity for them to reach out and touch God again, but they made the same mistake. Jesus was Moses all over again, but with a new spiritual emphasis. Can you see the picture?

**Root and Offspring of David**

Jesus was more than that. In Revelation 22:16 He says this:

> I Jesus have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star.
He was the root and the offspring of David. What was one of the most common titles that Jesus was known by as He walked the earth?

“Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus came as a David. He came to restore the Throne of David, and they thought He was going to kick Herod out and take over. They missed it again! They were thinking in natural terms. He was coming to show them how they could rule and reign in life through His power. He was coming as a new spiritual David. He was coming to be the ante-type, but they were still living in the type and the shadow of the Old Covenant.

David’s job was to rout the enemies. Jesus came to rout the enemies, to give them victory over Satan and his hordes, and they thought the Romans were their enemy and Jesus was going to drive them out.

Can you remember even after His resurrection before He ascended and He sat down, He was now going to explain to His disciples the wonders of what He had accomplished on Calvary?

They turned to Him and said, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the Kingdom to Israel?”

They just didn’t get it did they? He was coming to be the ante-type of David, not just be another King David. He was coming to be something far greater than what David was originally. What did David do for the Israelites? He restored the presence of God. He brought the Ark back and put it in a tent and gave them access so that God’s presence could dwell amongst them.

Jesus brought them the ability to know, walk in and experience God’s power at all times. They saw the power. They recognized it. They didn’t recognize the presence of God though. All they saw...
was the power and came to have their needs met. They didn’t see the real purpose of what Jesus came for.

Can you see how Jesus fulfilled, in a spiritual context, the ministries of both Moses and of David? Jesus is the apostle of our faith. Now we are beginning to see a picture of a type and shadow in the Old Testament, from which the whole apostolic function is derived, in the ministries of Moses and David. We will be getting to that shortly.

Now what is the ultimate work that Jesus is to accomplish, because His job is not done yet, did you know that? I know that on the cross He said, “It is finished,” but His job is not done yet. Jesus is working at this moment. He is on the right hand of the Father interceding for you and I for every time we miss it. He works twenty four hours a day for you and me. Jesus’ job is not done.

**Ultimate Work in Consummation**

The Scriptures tell us that at the time of the consummation, when it is all done and complete, when we have joined Him and come back with Him to this earth to set up His Kingdom, that Jesus’ work will be finished and He will hand it all back to the Father. His work will be done. There will be a literal deliverance from the presence of evil. There will be no more sin in our lives or in this world. There will be a literal Promised Land where we will live with Him in His presence in the New Jerusalem and we will literally rule and reign with Him as our David! Jesus will fulfill and complete the work. He will complete the ante-type of Moses and of David.

What happens in between though? Right now in the church age in which we live God is raising up His apostles to represent Christ in the earth. They are going to prepare the church for His return, for
the second coming and final consummation. They are going to bring the church out of the bondage of Egypt.

It is what I described earlier. The church is in bondage to the Pharaoh of this world. God has called the apostles to bring the church out of Egypt and out of bondage. Moses established God’s pattern for worship and for gathering together in His presence in the Tabernacle. The apostolic function will be to introduce God’s patterns for worship and gathering together and how the church will function in the last days in which we live.

Now here is one that a lot of people just don’t want to believe. The apostles are to bring the church to a place of blessing and prosperity.

You say, “Whose job is that?”

You will see shortly. The apostles will prepare the Bride for the coming of the Bridegroom. All of these functions are contained in and represented by the types and shadows of the apostolic ministry in the Old Covenant, and so far I have only shown you two of them. There are more though. You should know them by now because I shared it right at the beginning.

There are four kinds of apostles. There are Moses-kind of apostles and there are David-kind of apostles and there are two more, which we will get to now. Let’s look at each one of these and see what their role and function will be.

I think I have given you enough indication now that as Jesus came to fulfill the ante-type it is perfectly valid for us to look into the Old Testament Scriptures, to take the type and shadow of these men and see in them patterns and principles that relate to the functioning of the apostolic ministry in the end-times church.
The Moses Category

Let’s begin with Moses. The Moses apostle has these functions and responsibilities.

Firstly, he directs ministry largely at the status quo church.

You say, “Status quo church? Which chapter and verse did you get that from?”

Directed at Status Quo

Les chapter three verse two! It is a term that I made up and which other people also use, and you know what it means. The status quo is what everybody does. It is the ‘in thing’. It is the fashion of this world. The status quo church is the church that is following the patterns of this world, that have become absorbed and controlled by the world, by the status quo and doing what everybody else does. The church is behaving just like the world.

The church has become an organization no different to any worldly organization. The church has become a business, no different to any other business out there. It is has become a club, just like any other social club out there. The church has become absorbed into the World System, and the Moses apostle is called primarily to address that aspect of the church, to deal with it and to break the church free. Why? Because Moses was called to deliver them out of Egypt. They cried to be delivered out of Egypt, until they had to leave behind all the good things. The Moses apostle has a big job on his hands, and we are going to be dealing with a whole series just on how he has to go about it.

Moses is called to bring the church out of bondage to the World System. How is he going to do it? He is going to do it kind of like Moses delivered the Children of Israel from Egypt. Do you think that the Children of Israel just wanted to go, that it was easy for
Moses just to walk in and say, “Okay guys, we’re getting out of here now. God has called me to be your deliverer. Here I am to come and set you people free and to lead you out of Egypt.”

No, the first time Moses tried that by killing an Egyptian the people nearly killed him! Those wonderful people that he wanted to deliver would not listen to a word that he said. Pray that God has not called you to be a Moses type of apostle. Moses went through a terrible time bringing God’s people out of bondage to the Promised Land and he succeeded in getting them as far as the border, then he died.

Moses will not take the people into the Promised Land. If God has called you purely to be a Moses you will not succeed. Yes, you will succeed up to a point. You will lay a foundation and groundwork, but sad to say you will not be the final runner in this race. Your job will take you so far, and it means you are going to have to step back and let somebody else finish it. I will not tell you anything more than that about Moses now.

**New Pattern**

The Moses apostle introduces the church to the correct pattern. God gave Moses the pattern for the tabernacle and He was very fussy about how it should be done, and very exact about how it should be set up. How is the church to be conducted?

You say, “But we already have a pattern for the church. The church is doing very well, thank you very much.”

Yes, but it is living in Egypt. They are doing very well there, living in Egypt. Do you want to carry on living in that same house? Do you want to have the same work hours and the same pay?

You say, “But our pattern is working fine.”
Yes, it is working great – under slavery. There has to be a new pattern. There must be a change in the way things are being done in the church, and God has called Moses to stand up and say, “That is the wrong way, this is the right way. This is the way you have to do it. You must stop doing that, and you must start doing this. You’ve got to cut that out.”

And as always, people will literally love you to death for it.

I can imagine everybody saying, “I hope I’m not called to be a Moses.”

Moses brings God back into the old structures by changing them. He brings about a change in the System. He addresses the status quo and his entire motivation and task is to change the mindsets and the thinking of the people to change to a form that God can work in. So what kind of things must he change? It will probably take about five chapters to tell you that, so I am not going to touch on it here.

Finally Moses will show them the way to the Promised Land. He led the Children of Israel to the Promised Land. What is the Promised Land? The Promised Land is the life of blessing that God has for us. Have you ever heard of the Way of Blessing? It is about as Moses as you get. It is showing the people how to find the Promised Land. It is hidden away. You have to go through a special secret pass in the mountains to get there. Moses has been there. He knows the way. Moses is going to show God’s people how to enter into all that He has for them. Moses is going to give them the principles and teach them everything that they need to know, and then his job is done.
David

What comes next? It is naturally the David type of apostle. What did David do?

Out of the System

David directs his ministry largely to those who have already left the System or the status quo church. They have become fed up with it. They have had enough and said, “We’re out of here.” Or, they received the left boot of fellowship. They have been kicked out. Most of them have the title ‘prophet’.

They claim that they want nothing to do with the System, but usually the truth is the System wants nothing to do with them. Nevertheless they have left. They are a bunch of dropouts. Nobody wants them. They are considered losers. They live in the Cave of Adullam, and that is where David will gather them together and he will bring them outside of the System. He will minister to them and build them up and bring them to the same kind of thing. He will build them up, show them a pattern and indicate to them what God has for them.

David does far more than that though. David brings the church to a place of blessing and prosperity. His whole ultimate goal was to bring the land of Israel into a unity, into a peace and a place of security. I have bad news for you if you are a David though. You have the same problem as Moses. You are not going to finish the job. Somebody else is going to do it.

Removes Traditions

David dispenses with traditions and brings the church into contact with the living God. David says, “I’m just going to go and get the Ark,” and he goes overboard in dispensing with traditions. He is
so sick of tradition that he swings the pendulum and goes to the opposite end and overdoes it the other way.

How do I know this? God gave Moses very clear instructions on how the Ark of the Covenant was to be transferred. It was to be carried by the priests on poles with a curtain covering it. We read how the Ark of the Covenant had been captured by the Philistines and then returned and kept in the house of Obededom.

David said, “We’ve got to bring the Ark back. We have to bring the glory of God back again. We must bring the presence of God back again!”

The traditional way was you send four priests along with a couple of sticks and they carry it. David didn’t like this though. He was modern.

He said, “We’re not going to do it the traditional way. That’s the way the old people did it. We’re doing it the new way now. We’ll get a special brand new ox cart, the latest Mercedes model, and we will put the Ark of the Covenant on ‘the best’, and bring it back in glory.”

You know the story of what happened when they tried to do that. Poor old Uzzah sat there and tried to protect the Ark and God killed him. All he wanted to do was to stop it from falling!

God was saying to David in no uncertain terms, “David, you do it my way!”

David brought the Ark back, but he still didn’t follow tradition. He sort of followed tradition and put the Ark behind tent curtains just like it was in the Tabernacle of Moses. The only difference is that the tent was wide open. It was just a simple little tent right there in his home. A simple place where people could come and he would raise up the singers and musicians to praise and worship God, but they didn’t do that in the Tabernacle of Moses.
New and Fresh Dimension

He introduced a new element. He introduced a new life into worship. A new dimension of coming into the presence of God with far greater glory than there was before. David brought a freshness that was not traditional. He did away with some of the old ways of doing things and brought a new element into the church, and that is what the Davidic apostle is going to do. He is going to bring a new freshness and a new presence of God, a new awareness of God’s presence and glory and power, and he is going to reject the old way of doing things.

He is going to say, “The old pattern is all wrong.”

He doesn’t have much choice in that because if he wants to do it the old way everybody who has been following him will desert him. The only reason they came to him was because they had been rejected by the System and they came to receive something new and fresh. You see, Moses prepares the people in the System for change. David prepares the people outside of the System to get back into a pattern. Each of them are preparing the church of God for the final manifestation of what God will bring His end-times church into.

David sets up a new system that is not bound by the world. But I want you to see Moses and David here, and I want you to realize that each of them are called only to prepare the church for God’s final plan. They will not lead the church into God’s final plan.

You say, “Oh dear, and I was so looking forward to being a David!”

What then remains? Jesus came as Moses and David, but the work of Jesus is not done yet. There is more to come. There are two who followed on from Moses and David. There are two who were discipled by Moses and David and who received the baton as it
was passed on to them, and they are the ones who implemented, put into motion and brought to pass what Moses and David prepared the people for.

And so in the same way the Moses apostle and the David apostle will prepare the church for the final move of God, but those who will lead the church into experiencing that final move will not be Moses and David. They will be Joshua and Solomon, and so here enter the last two apostolic types.

Now we are in brand new ground, and those of you who have followed the teaching of the Apostolic Course so far realize that we are getting into new ground.

You say, “What does a Joshua apostle do?”

Perhaps you finally came to the place where you came to realize whether you were Mosaic or Davidic, and now I have taken it away from you. I am going to give you something better, especially if you are a younger person, especially if you are the new and final generation that will lead the church of God into the final era. Let’s look at it quickly.

**The Joshua Apostle**

Joshua was Moses’ disciple and was discipled by him. The Joshua disciple is zealous for the principles that are introduced by Moses. So zealous was Joshua for Moses that when God told Moses to appoint the seventy elders and that He would put the anointing upon them, two of them failed to turn up. And as they were standing in the camp and the anointing of God came down on the sixty eight that had gone, the power of God came upon those two that remained in the camp, and they began to prophesy.
Joshua turned to Moses and said, “My Lord, shut them up. They can’t do this! That’s out of order. It’s contrary to what you said. Sort them out!”

Joshua was there and was ready to defend Moses. I will show you when we look at Joshua in more detail that he actually was Moses’ bodyguard. His main function was actually to protect Moses.

The Joshua apostle takes over where Moses left off and completes the work. It was not Moses who led the Israelis into the Land of Canaan and gave them the land, but it was Joshua.

The Joshua apostle displaces the System. Joshua went into the land and drove the enemy off in order that the Promised Land could be inhabited and taken over by the people. The Joshua apostle hands over the church to a new generation. Not one of those that left Egypt made it into the Canaan Land except Joshua and Caleb. Joshua handed over the Promised Land to a young and new generation. The church of tomorrow will be led by a new generation and the old will die out and will fade away.

And finally, the Joshua apostle brings rest to the Body of Christ. It says in Joshua 21:44:

> And the LORD [Yahweh] gave them rest all around, according to all that he swore to their fathers: and not a man of all their enemies stood before them; the LORD [Yahweh] delivered all their enemies into their hands.

Joshua gave them the Land. He conquered it and divided it and handed it over to them, and it said that they finally had rest from warfare and from their enemies.

**The Solomon Apostle**

And so, we come to the final apostolic type – the Solomon apostle. Solomon was discipled by his father David. Solomon is zealous of
introducing change, according to David’s pattern. Just as Moses lays out the correct structure for the church, Joshua goes in, smashes the old one in order to introduce the new, so as David has introduced the new concept to those who have left the System, the Solomon apostle takes them in and shows them how to set up and put in place the pattern that David has introduced.

Now here is something that should make you laugh. The Solomon apostle brings an emphasis on love, not war. Joshua was the warrior. With him was big strife, conflict and, “Go kill him! Rout the System! Destroy it! Push it out!”

Solomon waits for David to do all the warfare and get it finished, then he settles down and becomes a gentleman. He enters into the prosperity that David has prepared the people for. And so Solomon brings an emphasis on working smart, not hard. Solomon brings wisdom. He brings the right way of doing things. Poor Joshua has to go and beat them on the head and try and knock some sense into them, knock it out of them and get things right.

Solomon waits for it all to blow over and he says, “Okay guys, we’re going to build from scratch. Now let me show you how to do it the right way.”

He comes with wisdom, with the right pattern and the right principles, and he has no opposition, because he is building on new ground. He doesn’t have to go into the status quo. He builds a new church. He goes back and builds something that replaces the System.

And finally, Solomon brings the power of God to the people. It says in 1 Kings 10 and 11:

And it came to pass, when the priests had come out of the holy [place], that the cloud filled the house of the LORD [Yahweh],
So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD [Yahweh] had filled the house of the LORD [Yahweh].

That is a description of what happened as Solomon completed the building of the Temple. Who made the plans? David did. Who supplied the finance? David did.

You say, “Solomon was such a brilliant guy. He made so much money.”

You could too, if you started out as a millionaire! Solomon just used wisely what was handed over to him on a platter. It was given to him. I can just see that all of you want to be a Solomon.

The Solomon apostle moves in the glory, and when he puts the church in place in accordance with the correct pattern, God’s glory comes down and people cannot stand because the glory cloud of God comes down, and everybody is going to be flat on their face, falling under the power of God.

God is raising up His end-times apostles – the four different types. What are they going to do? They are going to restore the church to God’s correct order and prepare the Bride for the return of the Bridegroom. To do this He is raising up people who will function like Moses, David, Joshua or Solomon. Where do you stand in this plan?