

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Fulfilled – “I will raise up for them a prophet...and I will put my words in his mouth”
John 6:14, John 7:40, Acts 3:18-22, and Deuteronomy 18:14-22

1. Read John 6:14 and 7:40. What prophet are the people talking about?
 - a. Some random one. Weren't there a lot of prophets?
 - b. Who cares, they never listened to the prophets anyway.
 - c. The one...they had been waiting for one, in particular, for a long time.

2. Read Acts 3:18-22. Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, talked about Jesus by calling him the Messiah, whom they had awaited, and applying to him the words of Moses in verses 22. What does all this mean, according to this text?
 - a. Jesus is the Messiah who fulfills the prophetic messages, which foretold that the Messiah must suffer (verse 18).
 - b. Since this is so, we should repent. Repentance will “wipe out” our sins and give us “times of refreshing” (verse 19).
 - c. Our repentance seems to lead to the coming of the Messiah (verse 20), although we might need to discuss what that means, if he has already come...
 - d. He has gone to Heaven until the time comes for restoration, as foretold by the prophets.
 - e. All of this seems somehow connected to the prophet that Moses talked about.

3. Read Deuteronomy 18:14-22. This text was written to give Israel guidance in preparation for life in the promised land. What does it tell us first, according to verse 14? _____

Do you think that this is still true for us today? _____
What does God promise them in verse 15? _____

4. Why, according to verse 16, is this significant (see also Deuteronomy 5:22-29)?
 - a. This was God's answer to their prayer. They were afraid and asked for Him not to speak to them directly.
 - b. The people of Israel did not want to talk to God directly. They believed that they would be killed by the power and presence of God. They asked for Him to reveal Himself in a different way. From that time on, God spoke to Israel through Moses, but Moses would not go with them into the promised land.
 - c. God has Moses tell the people that the Lord “will raise up for you a prophet like me...” Someone who speaks face-to-face with God and brings the word of God to His people as a first-person account, not like the average person...

5. What are we told in verse 19? _____
How will we know if the prophet is real? _____
How do we know that this prophecy is Messianic and not just talking about all prophets?

6. What does this mean for us, when it comes to obedience to what God has told us (particularly from the mouth of Jesus)?
 - a. We still don't like the thought of coming to the presence of God, but Jesus brought us God's word in a new way.
 - b. Jesus did away with all the obedience stuff, because...well, you know, grace.
 - c. Jesus is the prophet who calls us to repentance, and we will held accountable for following the Word of God that he delivers.