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Value of The O.T.
Prophets To Our Faith

1 Peter. 1:10-12

Our Living Hope

- We are but “pilgrims” (vs. 1), implying there is a destination - a goal - a **HOMELAND!** —
Heb 11:13-16
- This **HOMELAND** is spoken of as a **LIVING HOPE** which Peter points to as a means of encouraging us to **ENDURE** —
1:6-9, 13, 13; 5:9-11

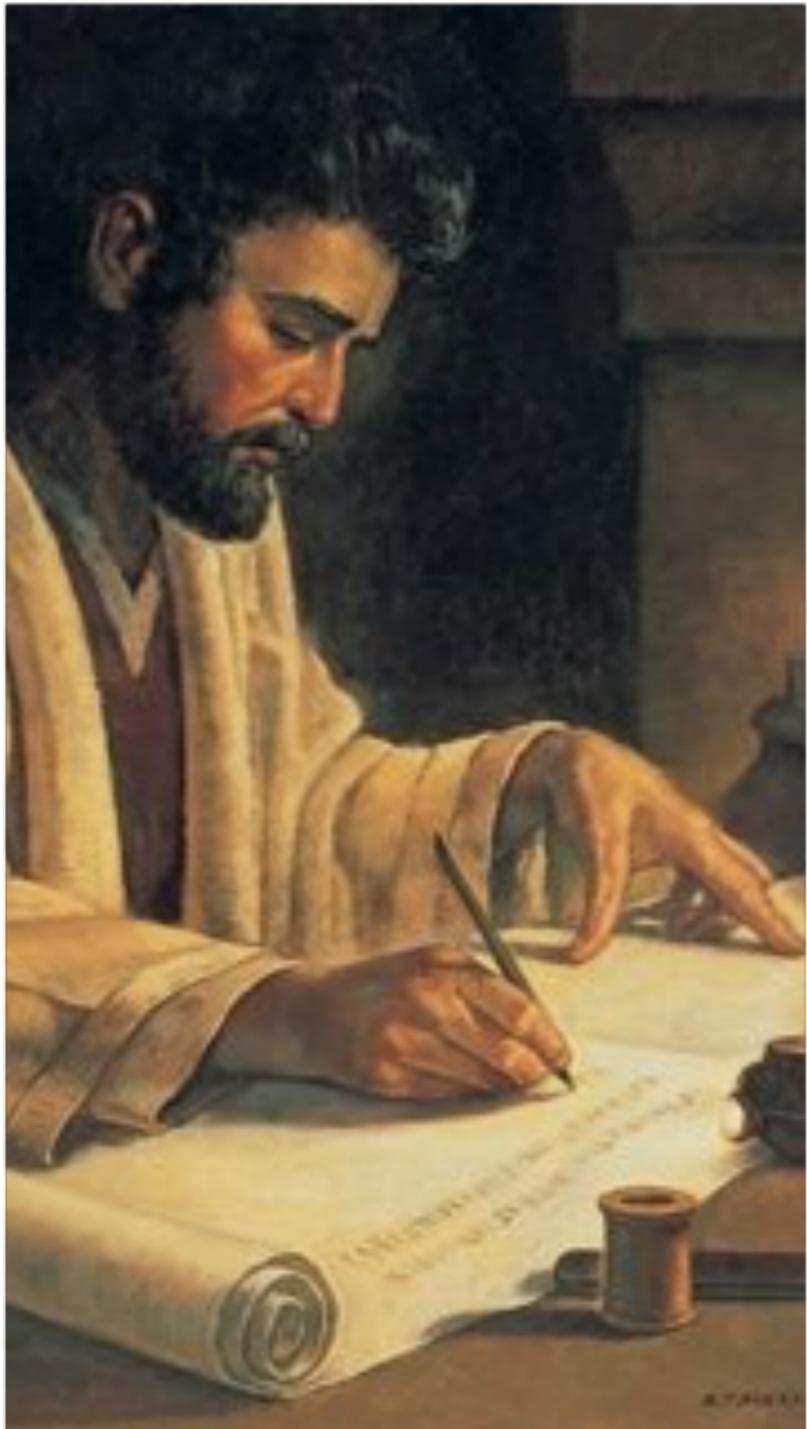
The SOURCE of OUR HOPE



1 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)

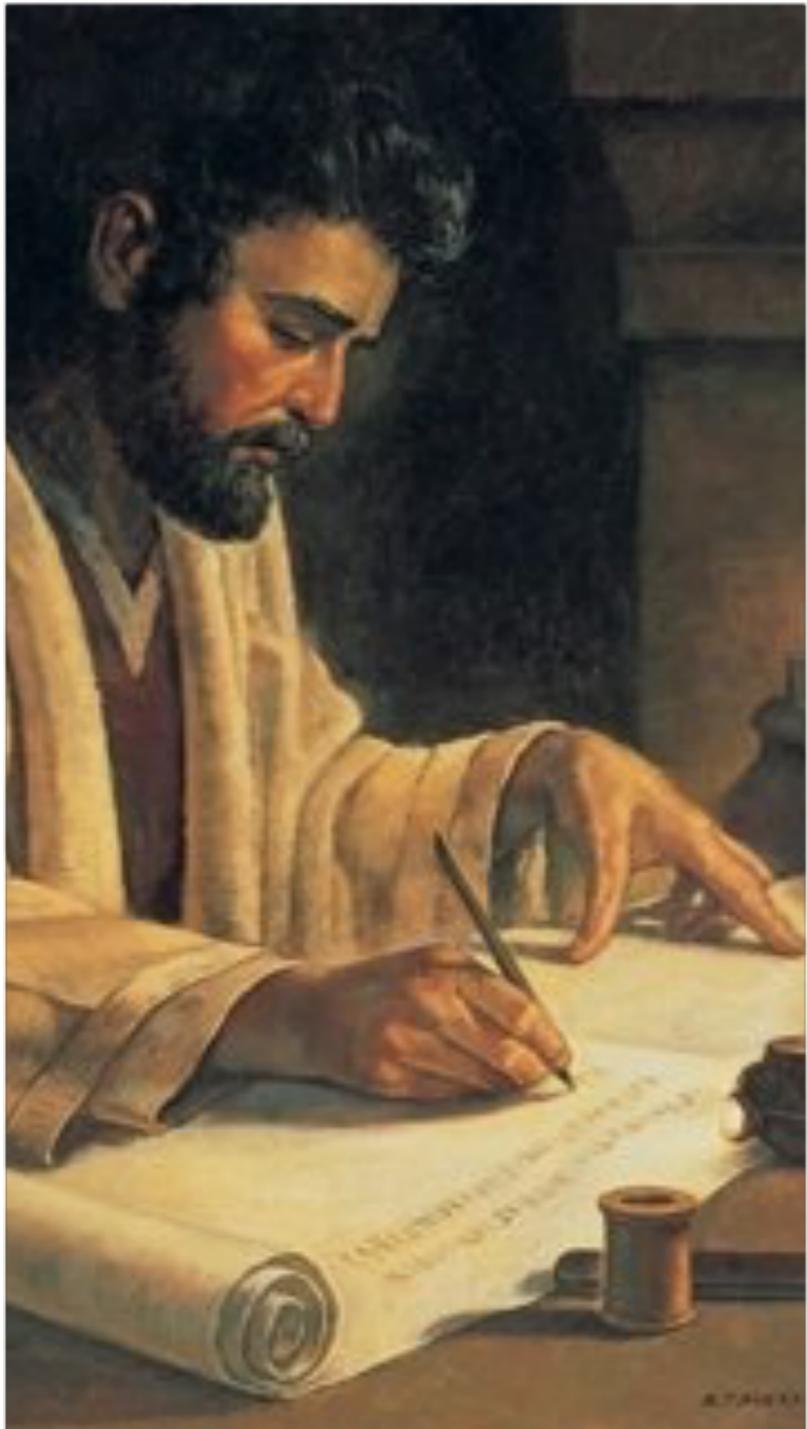
³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

The NATURE of OUR HOPE



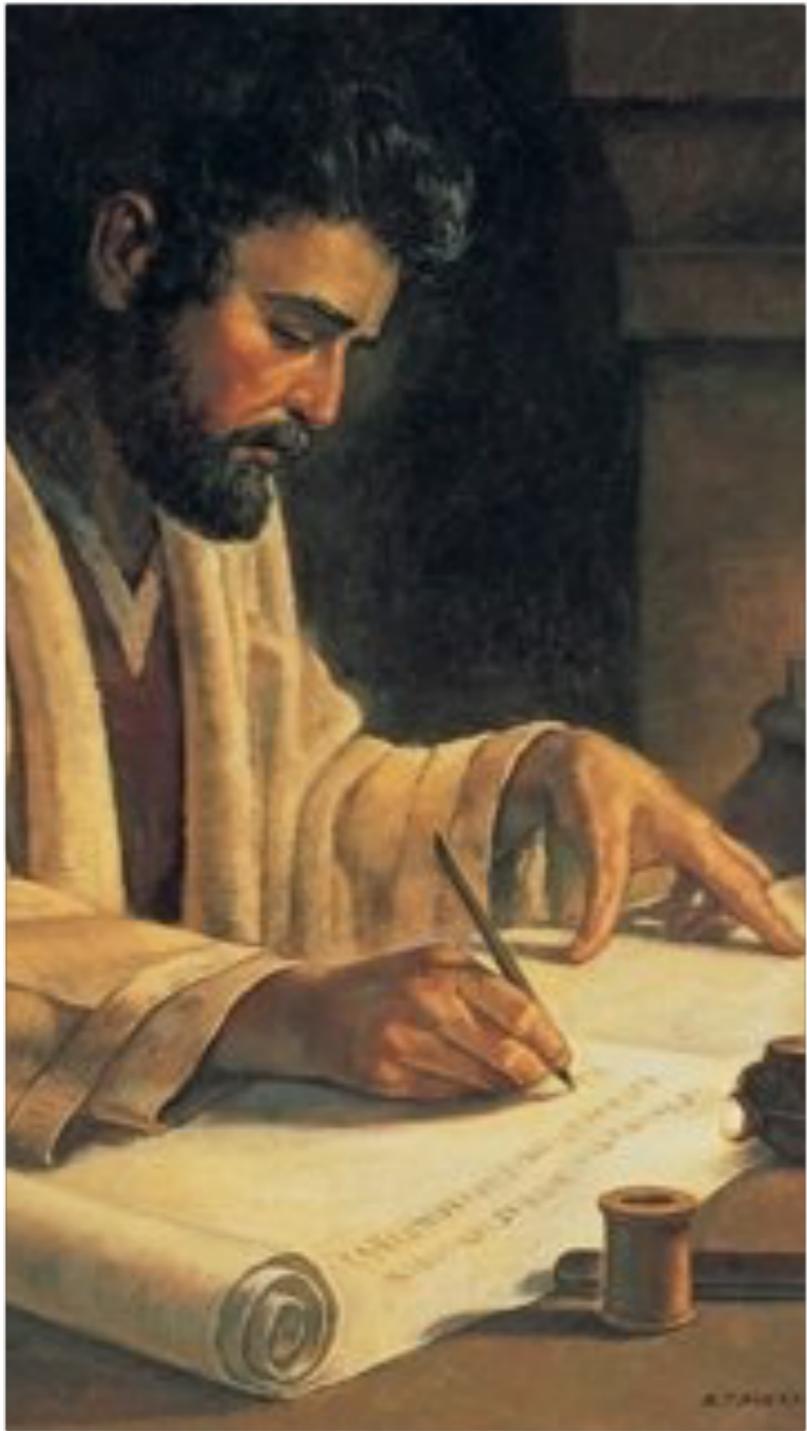
1 Peter 1:4 (NKJV)
to an inheritance
incorruptible and
undefiled and that does
not fade away, reserved
in heaven for you,

The CERTAINTY of OUR HOPE



1 Peter 1:5 (NKJV)
5 who are kept by the
power of God through
faith for salvation
ready to be revealed in
the last time

WHAT HOPE DOES FOR US:



1 Peter 1:6–9 (NKJV)

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom having not seen you love.

Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.



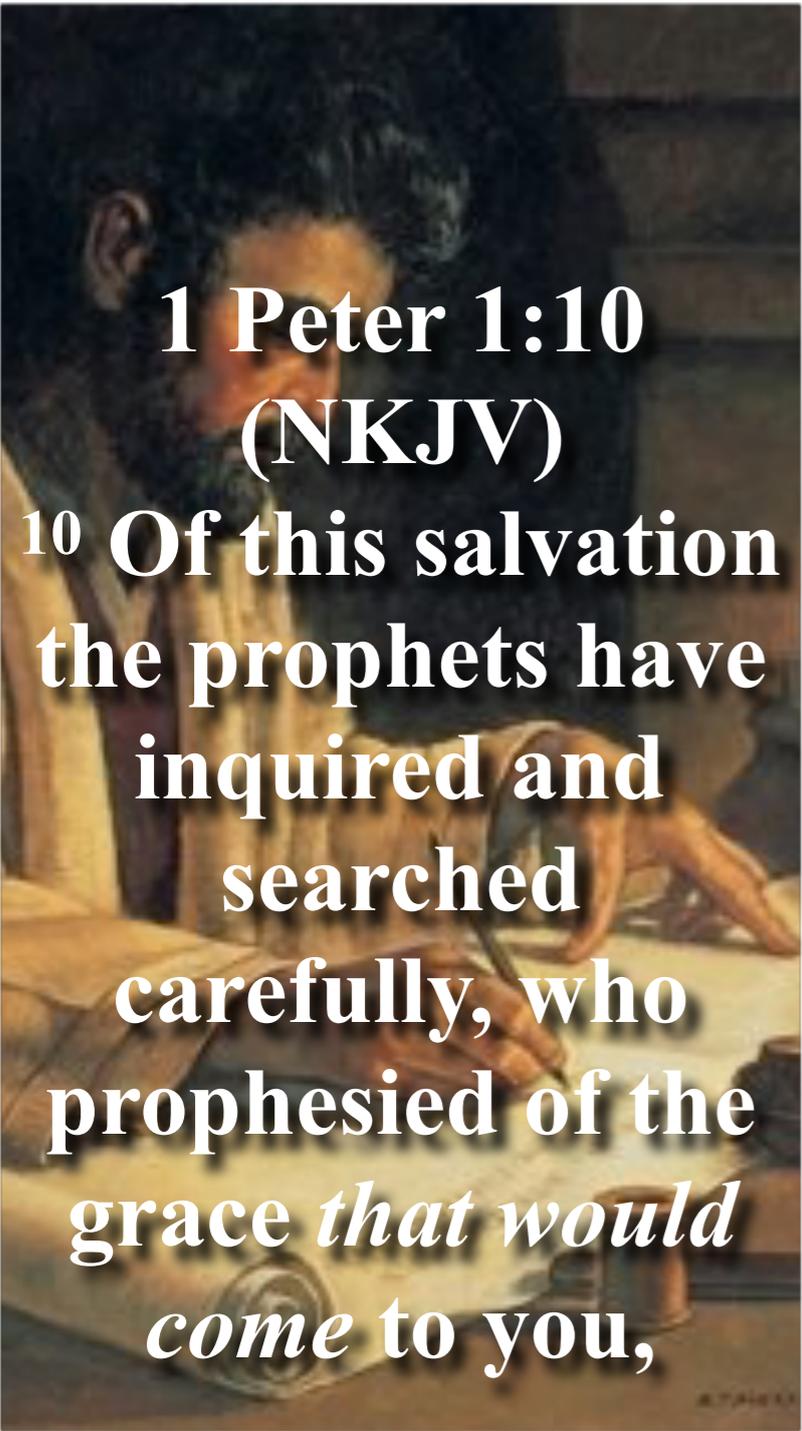
1 Peter 1:10–12

“The Value of The O.T.
Prophets To Our Faith”

1 Peter 1:10–12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, ¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

THE INQUISITIVE PROPHETS



**1 Peter 1:10
(NKJV)**

**10 Of this salvation
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- ◆ Our “living hope” i.e., our salvation, can be grounded upon what God revealed in the O.T. (v. 10,11).
- ◆ The O.T. prophets longed to participate in this salvation and coming period of grace (Mt 13:16-17; Dan 7:28; 8:27)
- ◆ They tried to discover the appointed time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing - ““My lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things?*” -(Dan 12:9)

THE INQUISITIVE PROPHETS

**1 Peter 1:11
(NKJV)**

¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

❖ The prophets did not understand much of what the Holy Spirit had authored through them — They were inspired or moved by the Holy Spirit, and not by their own will — 2 Tim 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:21

2 Peter 1:20–21 (NKJV)

²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

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- ❖ The prophets did not understand much of what the Holy Spirit had authored through them — They were inspired or moved by the Holy Spirit, and not by their own will — 2 Tim 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:21
- ❖ It was the Spirit who predicted the sufferings of Christ (Isa. 53; Ps. 22:1–21; 69:1–21; Zec. 13:7)
- ❖ And the glories that would follow (Isa. 11; Ps. 22:22–31).

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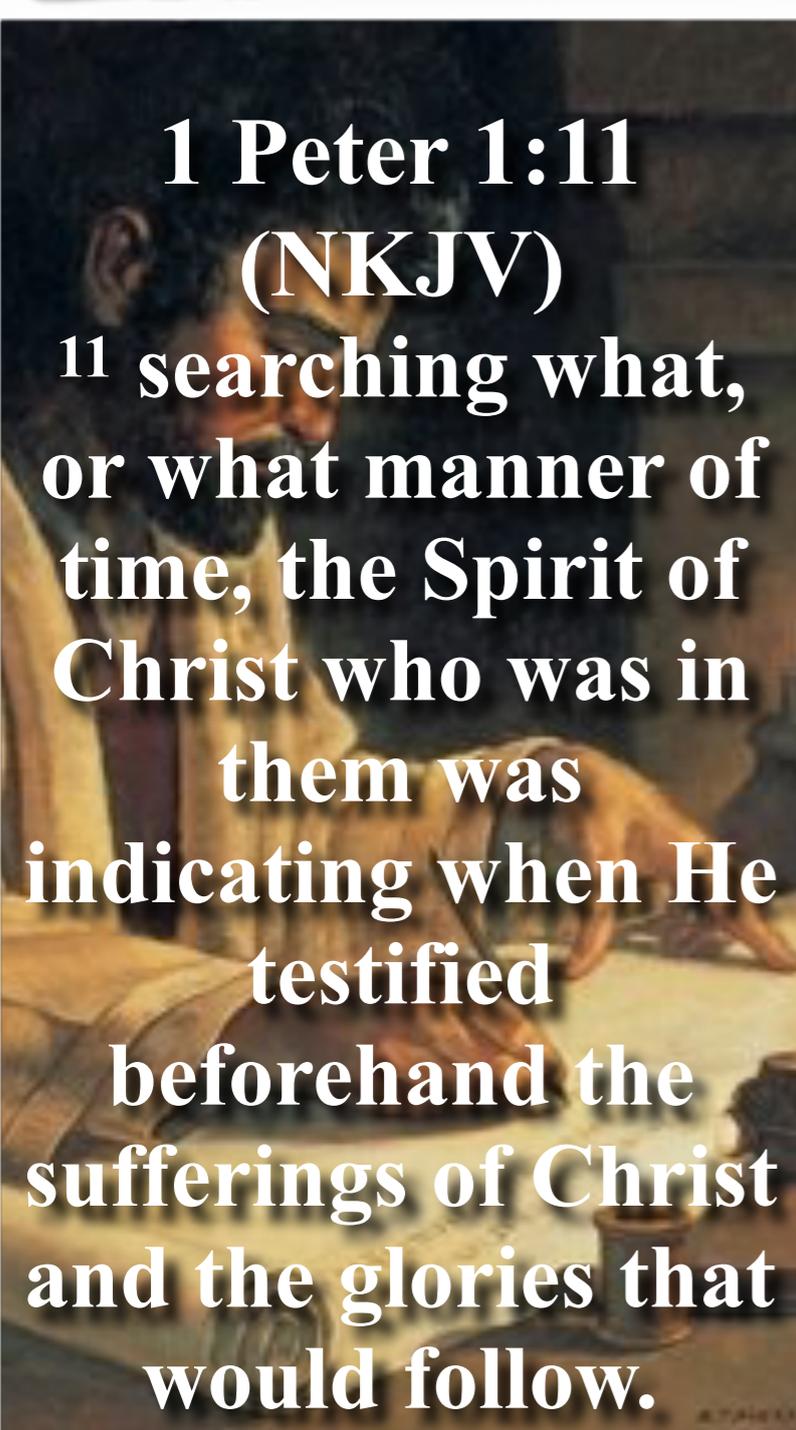
Luke 24:25–27 (NKJV)

²⁵ Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” ²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

THE INQUISITIVE PROPHETS

**1 Peter 1:11
(NKJV)**

¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.



Luke 24:44 (NKJV)

⁴⁴ Then He said to them, “These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me.”

THE INQUISITIVE PROPHETS

**1 Peter 1:11
(NKJV)**

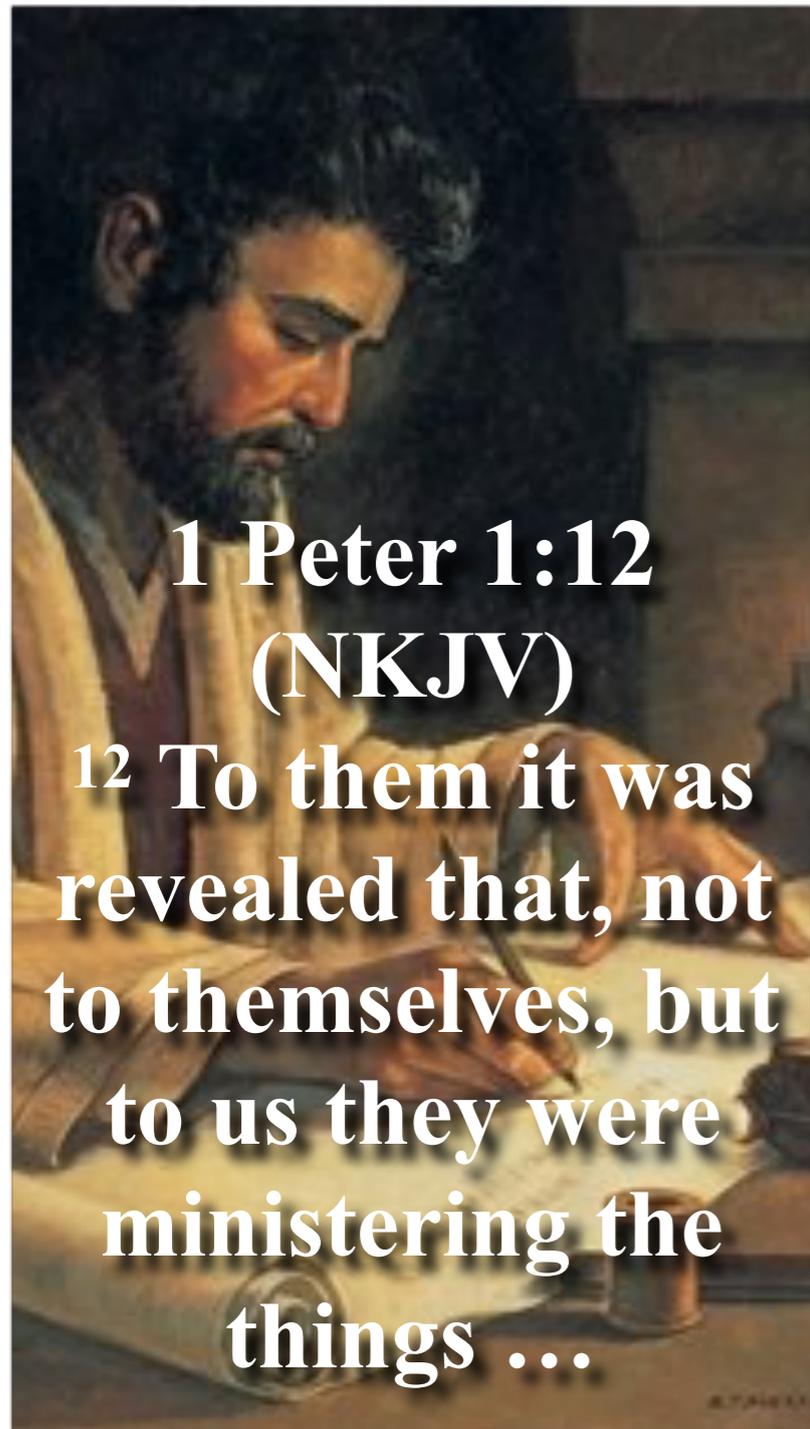
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Acts 26:22–23 (NKJV)

²² Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come—²³ that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the *Jewish* people and to the Gentiles.”

The Value of The O.T. Prophets

THE MINISTERING PROPHETS

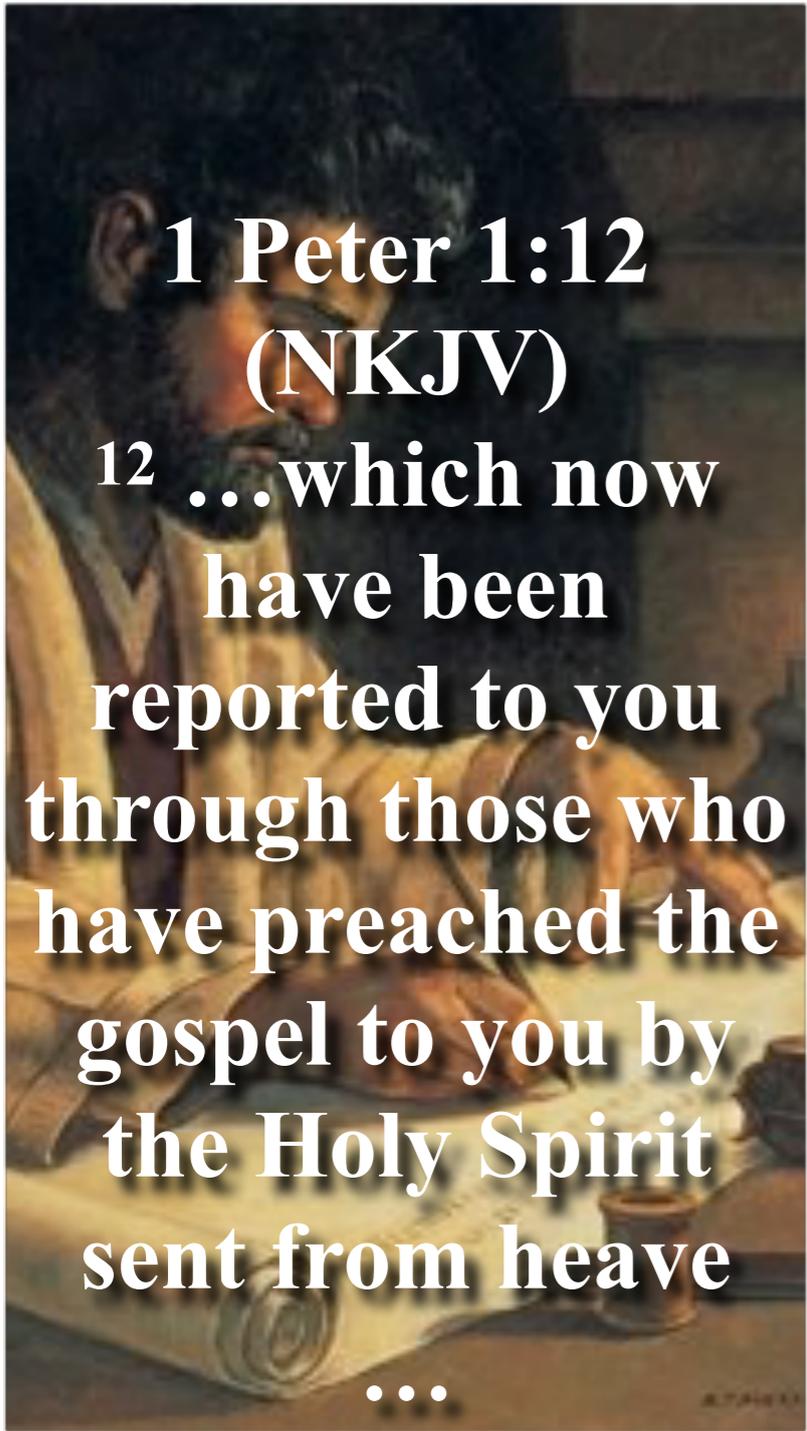


**1 Peter 1:12
(NKJV)**

12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things ...

- ◆ The prophets understood they were not writing for themselves but for those who would live later, (Dan 12:8-9 “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”)
- ◆ The things spoken by the prophets were for us! They spent their lives, and in many cases - gave their lives, in service to you and me! — cf. Heb. 11:36-38 - e.g., Moses, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Etc.

THE MINISTERING SPIRIT



**1 Peter 1:12
(NKJV)**

**12 ...which now
have been
reported to you
through those who
have preached the
gospel to you by
the Holy Spirit
sent from heave**

...

- ◆ The Holy Spirit inspired the prophets to proclaim things to come – Is. 53:1. Da. 2:19, 22, 28, 29, 47; 10:1. Am. 3:7;
- ▶ The kingdom, (Dan. 2:44); The N.C. (Jer. 31:31); The crucifixion, (Psalm 22; Isa. 53); The resurrection of Jesus, (Ps 16: 9-110); His ascension and coronation, (Dan 7:13-14)
- ◆ These things had been fulfilled and was now being PROCLAIMED by the apostles as they were guided by the same Spirit — Jn 16:13; Ac. 2:4,17,18; 4:8, 31; 1 Cor. 2:11-16; Eph. 3:3-5; etc.

THE MINISTERING ANGELS



1 Peter 1:12
(NKJV)

12 ...—things
which angels
desire to look into.

- ◆ These things were also of great interest to the angelic hosts. (12)
- ◆ They were involved in the process of foretelling, revealing and facilitating the salvation made available in Christ! (Hebrews 2:2)
- ▶ Gabriel's appearances to Daniel - Dan 8, 9
- ▶ Gabriel's appearances to Zacharias and Mary - Lk 1:11-19, 26-38
- ▶ The angels serve us! He 1:13-14



Value of The O.T. Prophets To Our Faith

By God foretelling these events through men, revealing them **LONG** before they came to pass, bears witness to their divine origin, truthfulness, and efficaciousness!

Our hope can rest confidently upon God's revealed truth and Him keeping His promises —
Titus 1:2

2 Peter 1:16–21 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:16–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

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