

Thin Places

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God said,
"he's forgotten"

VOLCANO



THIN BARRIER

Plague Pit
or Civil War
battle site

Place of exchange
between the worlds

Good places

The barrier is thin

Heaven seems close

Iona, Lindisfarne, Lourdes

Bad places

Evil seems tangible



SPIRITUAL QUEST

Desire for spiritual things

Distorted belief

When Jesus is present, other
kingdoms become apparent

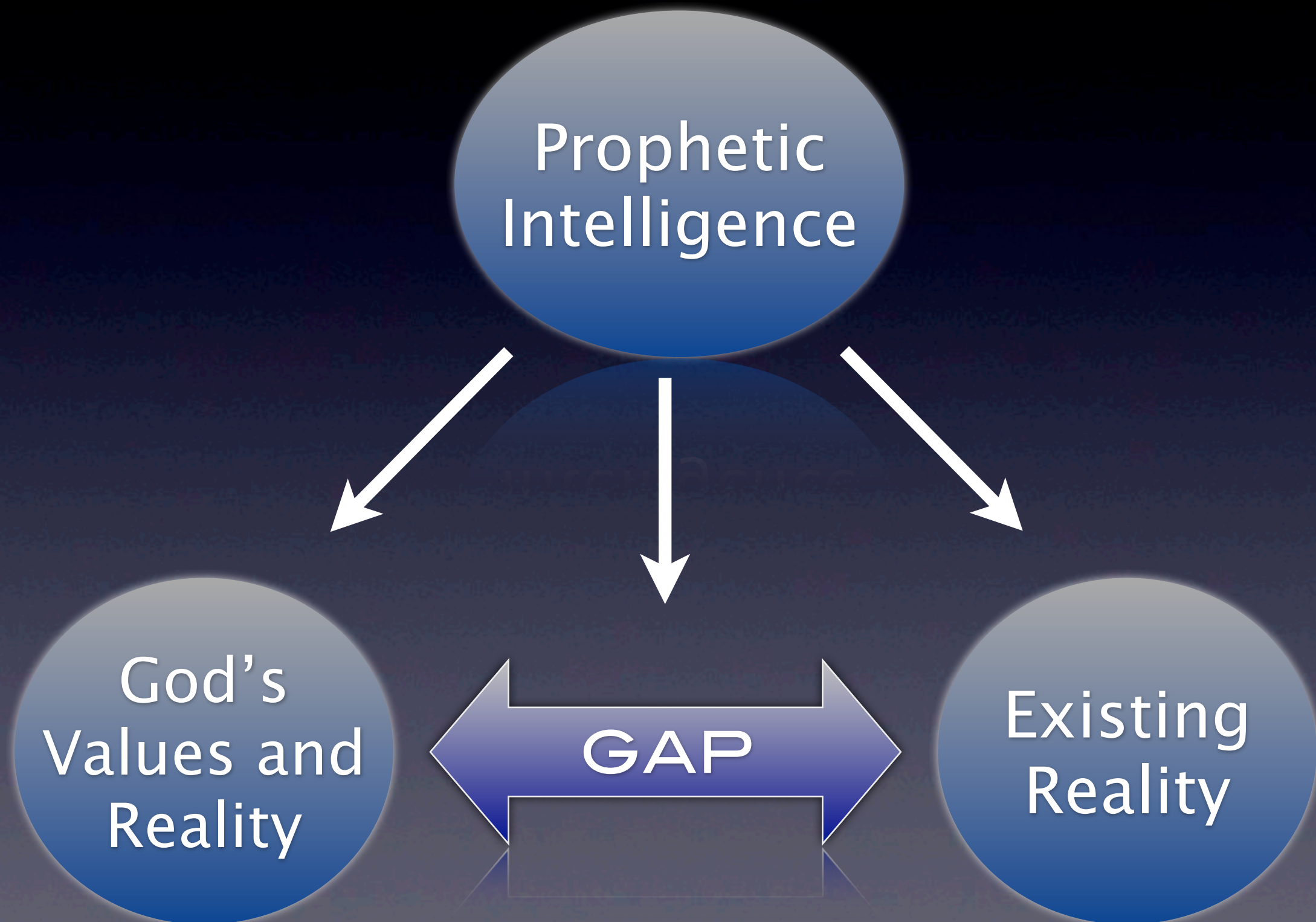
How
do
you
spot



Thus
says the
Lord!

A PROPHET ?

Prophets and Seers



LEGION

Drawn to Jesus

Demons cannot stop him

- Terrified of Jesus

The man is set free

- But others are fearful
- Hidden 'kingdoms' revealed

First missionary

Spot evil
in street

Mark 5:6–7

When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!”

Mark 5:16–17 (NLT)

Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone.



*God's thin places
...or thin events*

Thin Places

Old Testament:

Mt Sinai – Burning bush

Mt Sinai – Commandments

Mt Carmel – Elijah and Baal

Jabbok – Jacob wrestled God

Bethel – Jacob's ladder

Tent of Meeting (Tabernacle)

Temple in Jerusalem

New Testament:

Jordan river – Jesus baptism

Jesus – transfiguration – Mk 9

Mount of Olives – Jesus prays

Garden of Gethsemane – Jn 19

Temple in Jerusalem

Golgotha – John 19

Garden tomb – John 19

Thin Occasions

Elisha – armies camped around 2 Kings 6:15–17

Prophets: Jeremiah / Ezekiel / Daniel / Isaiah

Jesus Baptism, transfiguration, death & resurrection

Jesus walking on water

Jesus resurrected bodily appearances – John 20 & 21

Stephen – Acts 7

Paul conversion – Acts 9

Peter – sheet covered with food – Acts 10 + 11

Paul – Third heaven – 2 Cor 12:2



John 3:11 (NLT-SE)

“I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen...”

Kingdom Doorways

Luke 10:1 (NLT-SE)


The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit.

Luke 10:9 (NLT-SE)

Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.'

Luke 10:20 (NLT-SE)

But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.

The background image shows a calm body of water, likely a lake, under a hazy, overcast sky. In the distance, a range of mountains or hills is visible, partially shrouded in mist. In the lower foreground, a small, dark-colored boat with several people inside is moving across the water, leaving a slight wake. The overall atmosphere is quiet and somewhat somber due to the muted colors and mist.

Matt 14:25 (NLT-SE)

When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, “It’s a ghost!”

Matt 14:28 (NLT-SE)

Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”

Know his voice



OPEN HEAVEN

Luke 24:4 ... 5/6 (NLT)

As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. ...“Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead!”

Explore

Jesus:

Baptism & transfiguration:

Mark 1:9-13 + John 1:29-34 & Mark 9:2-8

Acts:

Paul and Peter:

Acts 9:1-9 and Acts 10:1-22 + 26

Old & New:

Moses in Sinai & Paul (Corinthians):

Ex 34:1-10 + 31-35 & 2 Cor 3:15-18

Groups of 2-4 people, choose from:

Questions that might help

What does this show us about Earth and Heaven?

- What is real?
- How real are the experiences or are they 'just tangible feelings'?

Why does God allow / want this to happen?

- How do the main characters in the story understand it?
- What does it mean to them, that moment and later? (May speculate)

Have you noticed any emotion?

- What were the emotions on the part of the various characters?

Which characters do you relate to?

- Because of their role or the emotions they displayed?

The prophet is a person,
– not a microphone

Brad Jersak
'Can You Hear Me?' p104



Prophets and Seers

Hear, see & communicate
Connects us to God's heart
Illuminate the present

WHY?



1 Cor 14:3 (NLT-SE)
But one who prophesies
strengthens others,
encourages them, and
comforts them.

WHO FOR?

Activations

Finding and creating thin places

Carrying thin connections

Enabling thin occasions