**Promise** - epaggelia, ep-ang-el-ee'-ah

An announcement (for information, assent or pledge; especially a divine assurance of good, message

**Prophecy-Prophesy** - phemi, fay-mee' Show or make known one's thoughts, speak or say, affirm

To be prophecy in the classic sense, the message must be from God to be true

The key for prophecy is that the TRUTH must be known and the Will of God be done.

The key to prophesy is to make sure you understand the voice or thoughts to be in perfect harmony with the scripture.

That's not the same as saying each element of each prophecy must come true. Most prophecies were conditional.

The true prophet is not there to just predict events, but bring the covenant people into line with God's will.

Many prophecies of the true prophets did not come to pass at all. The prophecy was told so that people would change their ways. The people heard the prophecy, and with true faith and repentance believed for God not to let it come about. And it did not come about. The clearest example of this pattern is in the book of Jonah.

Jonah prophesied;

The Ninevites turned to God, the calamity was withdrawn.

The truth is the Lord loves it when people are transformed.

God reveals these truths to the prophet, and the prophet reveals them to God's people.

Prophecy (the noun) : p-r-o-p-h-e-**c**-y . (This sounds like 'see'.)

Prophesy (the verb) : p-r-o-p-h-e-**s**-y . (This sounds like 'sigh'.

Promises come directly or indirectly from God to man.

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Prophecy comes from men of God, moved upon by the Holy Ghost.

Rev. 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Gal. 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

1. God prepared the scriptures to reveal His fore sight that all men might through faith, be justified and be blessed.

The scripture foresees that God will justify the heathen through faith as the Word is preached.

The scripture promises blessing to those that have faith as the Word is preached.

* 1. “And the scripture, foreseeing”
     1. The scripture is God’s Word revealed
        1. That there would be hope of faith for the heathen.
        2. That through faith in Christ all nations would be blessed.
     2. The scripture reveals God’s Will foreseen.
     3. The scripture reveals that God’s Word is to be preached and received through faith not by sight.
     4. The scripture reveals that when the preaching is received through faith God justifies and blesses Abraham, the heathen and all nations.

1. God Justifies where there is faith.
   1. “That **God would justify the heathen** through faith”
      1. This promise was made to Abram to Abraham, through faith to faith.
      2. This promise was made to Abram before he was circumcised.
      3. This promise was made to Abraham through faith for Christ to be the blessing.
2. God blesses where there is faith.

* 1. “Preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed”
     1. This is a promise of a blessing for the Gentile nations through Abraham.
     2. This is a promise of Christ, and hence the gospel in promise before the law existed.