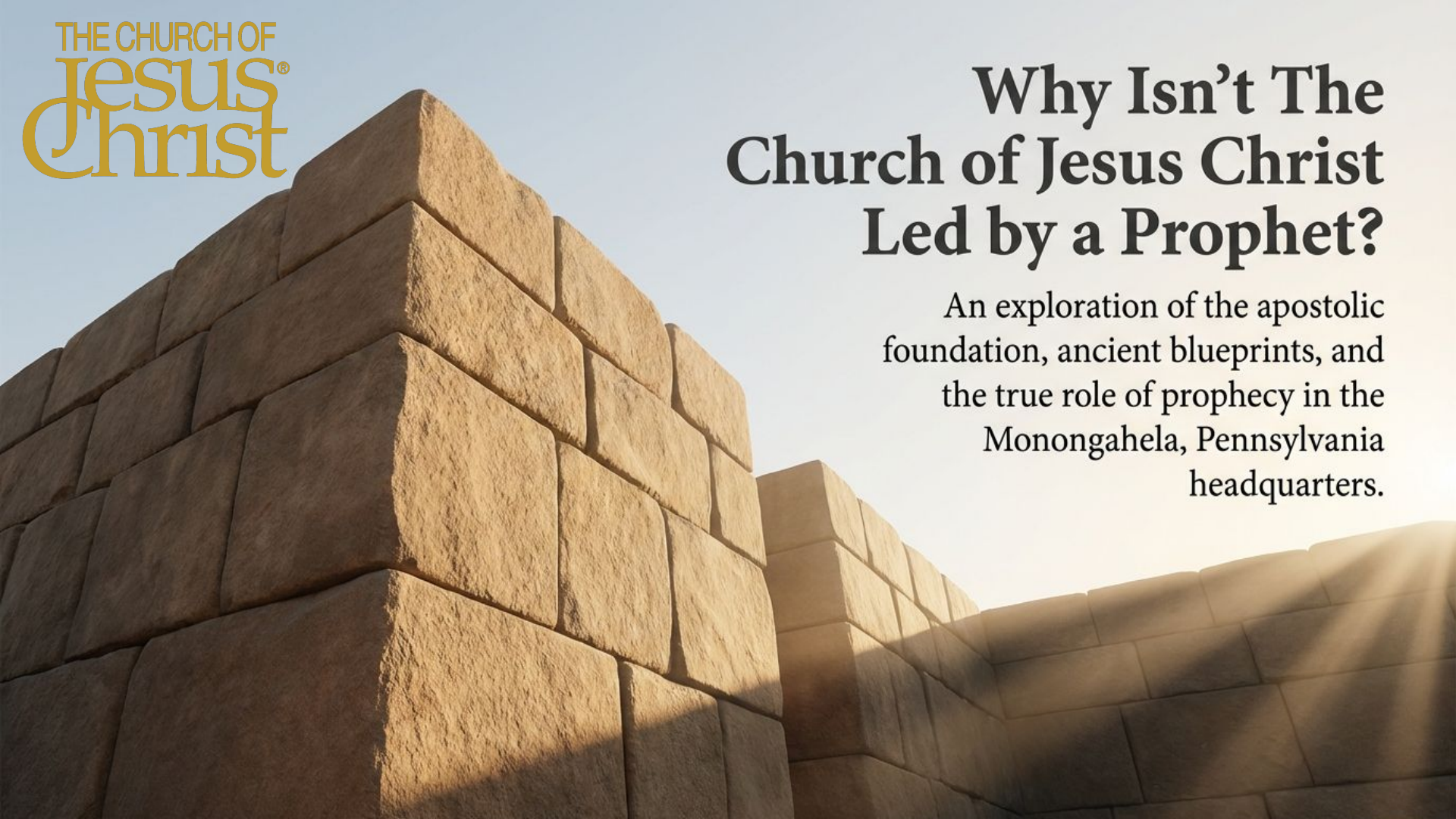




THE GOSPEL
RESTORED
LATTER DAY Q&A

WHO
LEADS THE
CHURCH?



THE CHURCH OF
**Jesus[®]
Christ**

Why Isn't The Church of Jesus Christ Led by a Prophet?

An exploration of the apostolic
foundation, ancient blueprints, and
the true role of prophecy in the
Monongahela, Pennsylvania
headquarters.

The Apostolic Foundation

Organizational structure
and leadership in The
Church of Jesus Christ



ELEVATION VIEW

Jesus Christ established the pattern in Palestine

Matthew 10

Called 12 men to be His Apostles.

Luke 10

Called 70 men to evangelize the gospel in towns He would visit.

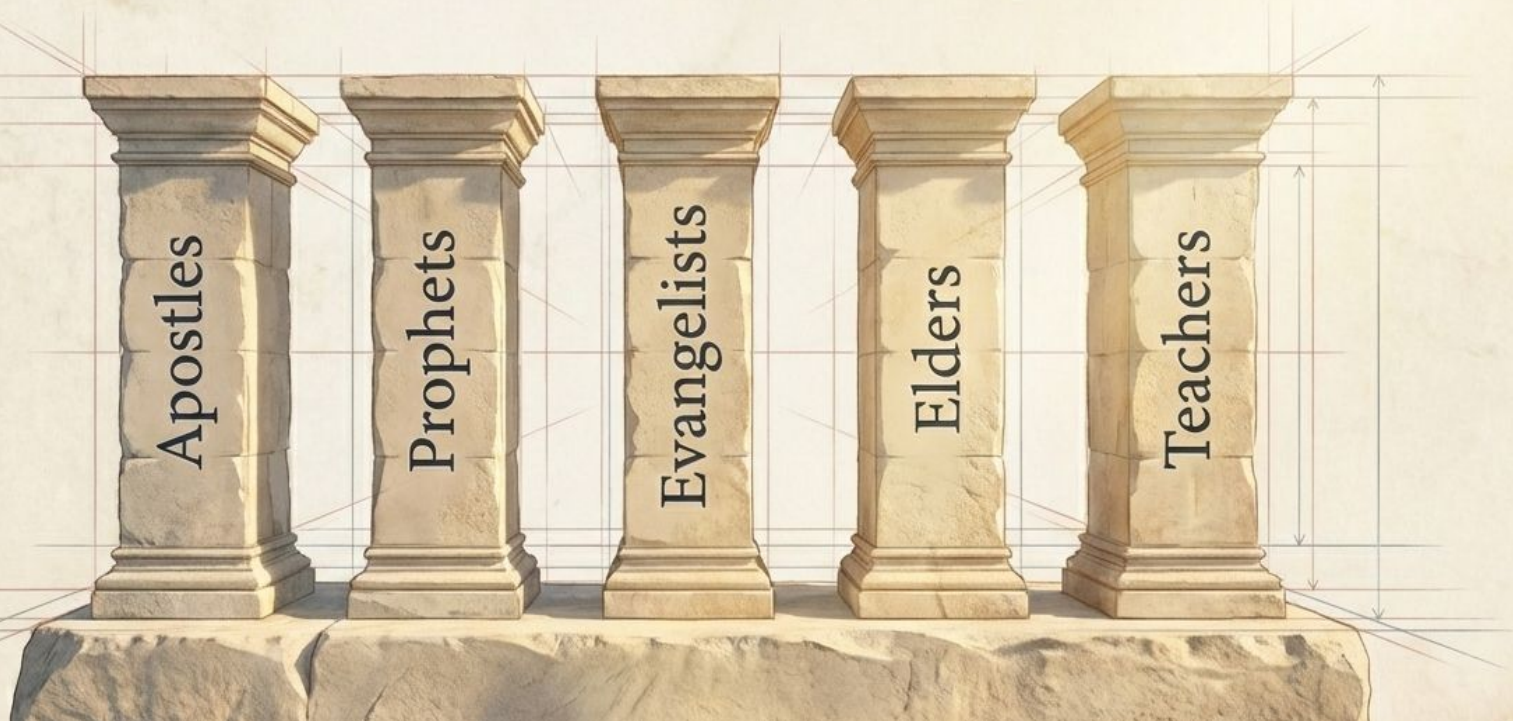


The exact same structure in the Americas

Jesus Christ maintained this identical leadership framework by ordaining 12 disciples to lead His church in the ancient Americas.

Paul's blueprint for the body of Christ

According to Ephesians 4 and 1 Corinthians 12, the church requires a specific structure for the work of the ministry and perfecting the saints:



BUILT TO LAST UNTIL THE END OF TIME

According to Ephesians 4:13, this exact structural model is designed to run the church continually until the end of time, or until: "...we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:"

The Apostolic role is to organize and lead

- Nowhere in the New Testament blueprint does it state a prophet must lead above the apostles.
- Apostles organized the church.
- Apostles corrected the church.
- Apostles spread the gospel throughout the world.
- Their leadership represented the witness of Jesus Christ and His authority.





The Prophetic role is to warn and reveal

Prophets provide spiritual gifting rather than administrative oversight. Their distinct purposes include:

- Warning and exhorting the church.
- Declaring the will and plan of God for the immediate future and latter days.
- Showing the glory of God through signs and wonders.
- Executing the judgment and deliverance of God.
- Correcting the priesthood or church membership.

Scriptural precedent separates spiritual gifts from administration



King Mosiah

A Seer (a calling greater
than a Prophet).

Did not lead the Church.



Alma

The High Priest.

Led the Church.

Leading Through Service and Supplication

Today, the priesthood leads the Church not as overseers, but as servant leaders of His congregation.

They rely on the gift of prophecy and revelation, given by the Holy Spirit, to guide them.

Decisions are made with deep prayer and fasting, constantly seeking the Messiah's direction in the affairs of His Church.



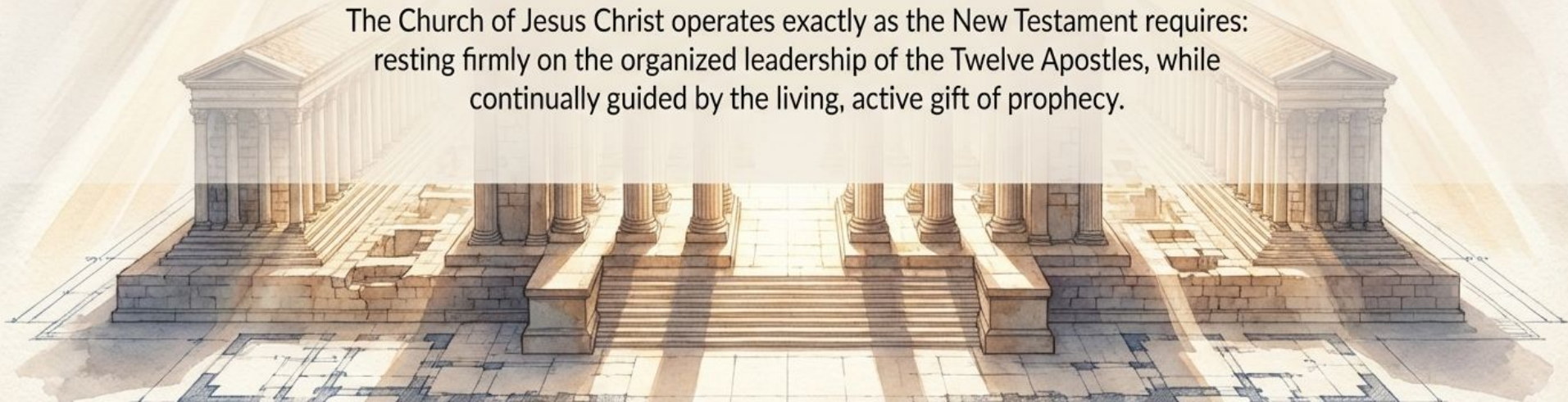
Revelation belongs to the entire church body

- The Church of Jesus Christ actively believes in divine revelation and the gift of prophecy today.
- The ministry reviews and accepts revelations for the church that can come from any member.
- The Spirit of God and the gifts of the Spirit remain alive and active.



An ancient foundation with living revelation

The Church of Jesus Christ operates exactly as the New Testament requires:
resting firmly on the organized leadership of the Twelve Apostles, while
continually guided by the living, active gift of prophecy.



Apostolic Governance: The Functional Roles of Apostles and Prophets

THE FOUNDATION OF APOSTOLIC LEADERSHIP



12 Apostles in Palestine

Leadership Without a Single Head

Biblical structure includes both apostles and prophets without a single prophet leading above apostles.

The Mandate of Ephesians 4:13

This specific structure is maintained until the the "unity of the faith" is reached.

DISTINCT ROLES & FUNCTIONS

Governance vs. Prophecy (Apostles)

- **Primary Function**
Apostles manage church administration while prophets act as messengers to warn and exhort.
- **Scriptural Separation of Roles**
Historical examples include King Mosiah as a Seer and Alma as the High Priest.

A Duel-Continent Precedent



12 disciples in the Americas

Apostolic & Prophetic Roles



GOVERNANCE:
Manage church administration, organize, correct, and spread the Gospel. Authority from Witness of Jesus Christ.



PROPHECY:
Act as messengers to warn, exhort, declare God's will, and show signs. Authority from The Holy Spirit.



MINISTRY:
Review and accept divine revelations through Prayer and Fasting.

THE CHURCH OF
Jesus Christ

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DEFINING AUTHORITY AND FUNCTION

Role	Primary Function	Authority Source
Apostles	Organize, correct, and spread the Gospel	Witness of Jesus Christ
Prophets	Warn, declare God's will, and show signs	The Holy Spirit
Ministry	Review and accept divine revelations	Prayer and Fasting