

H. Witch – Female psychic.

I. Wizard – Male psychic.

Crystal balls, palm reading, leaf deciphering, astrology, and talking with supposed spirits of the dead are not God's ways of communicating with His people.

14. Is this gift seen in the remnant church?

In the history of this church God gave Ellen White the gift of the spirit of prophecy. Although she never claimed herself to be a prophet, she humbly called herself "a servant of God". Even people outside the Adventist church the divine gift within her. But before we proceed let's look at the tests of a true prophet and then apply them to the life of Ellen White and see if she passes the Bible tests. Both men and women will prophecy in the last days (Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:17).

15. What are the tests of a true prophet?

Test #1 – 1 John 4:1, 2 – A prophet must confess Jesus. They cannot deny Jesus divinity or claim they are Christ like so many false prophets are inclined to do.

Test #2 – Isaiah 8:20 – The prophets must agree with the Scripture. They must not teach people to disobey God's law. Ellen White pointed people back to the Bible for the source of all their doctrines.

Test #3 – Jeremiah 28:8, 9 – A prophet's predictions must come to pass.

Test #4 – Matthew 7:20 You will know a true prophet by the fruit of their life. Do they live a life consistent with Christian teaching?

16. What advice does the Bible give regarding prophets? – 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

We need to test all who make this claim and hold fast to those that pass the test and reject those who don't. God will have prophets in the last days that testify of Him.

Conclusion:

Are you willing to follow Jesus' instruction and test modern prophets by the Bible and follow the counsel of those who agree with Scripture? Let's pray and once again thank God for guiding us through the Bible. *Amen*



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Psychics, Astrologers, and Prophets

Lesson 18

Introduction:

Many people wonder, does the Bible speak of prophets and miracles in the last days? Let's go to the Bible, our source of authority, for the answers. Let's pray.

1. **What did Jesus say about this subject?**

Matthew 24:24

Notice what Jesus didn't say. He did not say beware of prophets, He said beware of false prophets indicating there must also be true prophets. After all, God speaks to His church through prophets (Amos 3:7)

2. **Should we disregard anybody who claims to be a prophet? – 1 John 4:1**

We are not told to disregard them we are told to try them. We've seen where false prophets like David Koresh, Jim Jones, the Heaven's Gate cult, etc... have led people. We need to be extremely cautious about anyone claiming to be a prophet, we must try them to see if they are from God.

3. **Shouldn't we then reject all prophets?**

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

If the devil can get us to follow a false prophet he has succeeded. If the devil can get us to reject all prophets he has succeeded. We must know how to accept the true and reject the false.

...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. ~ Revelation 19:10

4. **What are the unclean things?** – 2 Corinthians 7:1
We are to be cleansed of filthy things that are of the flesh (physical things) and of the Spirit (things that are spiritually unclean).
5. **Who will have the testimony of Jesus and what is it?**
Revelation 12:17, 19:10
God's remnant church will have the testimony of Jesus Christ which is the spirit of prophecy. This is the gift of and understanding of prophecy.
6. **Who are these brethren?** – Revelation 22:8, 9
John falls before the angel to worship and the angel tells him not to do this. He is a created being just like John and is his fellowservant and his brother "the prophet". According to verse 9 these brethren are the prophets.
7. **Did Paul predict that the gift of the testimony of Jesus would be in the church down to the end?**
1 Corinthians 1:5-7
If God thought the early church needed prophets, how much more does the last day church? Acts 13:1, 15:32, 21:8-9 are examples of prophets in the early church which even included women prophets.
8. **Why don't we see many true prophets today?**
Jeremiah 26:4-6
Obedience to God's law is connected to prophets. Prophets bring us back to God, if people do not listen to prophets and the law, God cannot bless them.
Proverbs 29:18 – People perish when God ceases to send visions to the prophets, but happy is he that listens and keeps the law.
Ezekiel 7:26 – Again when the law was rebelled against, they lost the true gift of prophecy.
We do not see much of the gift of prophecy today because churches teach God's law doesn't need to be kept.
Ezekiel 20:3, 11-13 - When we reject the seventh-day Sabbath God will not be inquired of through His prophets just as in Bible times.

- Revelation 12:17** tells us God's last day remnant people will manifest to them the testimony of Jesus Christ (the spirit of prophecy) because they keep His commandments.
10. **How does God speak to a prophet?**
Numbers 12:6, 8
God speaks to prophets in visions, dreams, or face to face.
 11. **What are the physical evidences of a true prophet in vision?**
A – **Daniel 10:8** – Will initially lose physical strength.
B – **Daniel 10:18, 19** – May later receive supernatural strength.
C – **Daniel 10:17** – No breath in body.
D – **Daniel 10:16** – Able to speak.
E – **Daniel 10:5-8, 2 Corinthians 12:2-4** – Won't be aware of earthly surroundings.
F – Numbers 24:4 - Eyes will be open.
Though the preceding six Bible points are physical evidences of a true prophet in vision, not all of them always appear together, a prophet's vision may be genuine without manifesting all six evidences.
 12. **Are miracles proof that a prophet is of God?**
Revelation 16:14
No, we must remember the devil and his angels are capable of performing miracles too. Our only safety is to test everything from the Bible (Is. 8:20). If the prophets' teachings and behavior contradict the Bible it is because there is no light in them.
 13. **What types of false prophets are named and condemned in the Bible?**
Deuteronomy 18:10-12, Revelation 21:8
A. Charmer – One who casts spells or uses charms.
B. Observer of times – Astrologer.
C. Sorcerer – One who claims to contact the spirits of the dead.
D. Consulter with familiar spirits – Medium, or channeler.
E. User of divination – Fortune teller.
F. Enchanter – Same as a charmer.
G. Necromancer – Another name for sorcerer.