

11. What did Joel say would be given in the last days? Joel 2:28-31

Note: Joel tells us that the gift of prophecy would be restored just before the "great and dreadful day of the Lord," which is the second coming. Notice it says that the gift would be given to men servants and maid servants. Many claimed to have the gift of prophecy around 1844: Joseph Smith (Mormons), Charles T. Russell (Jehovah's Witnesses), Mary Baker Eddy (Christian Scientists), and Ellen G. White (Seventh-day Adventist).



12. How can we tell if someone is a true prophet?

The Bible gives us certain criteria to test anyone who feels they have the gift of prophecy. So let's look at the clues the Bible gives and figure this out. What are the biblical tests of a prophet?

Ellen G. White is the only person who meets the biblical criteria of a prophet from the above list. They only way to know is to test the person by the Bible.

1. *Uplifts Jesus Christ. 1 John 4:1-3*

"Christ is the pre-existent, self-existent Son of God. . . . The Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father. The Faith I Live By p. 46

2. *Spiritual fruitage. Matthew 7:20*

"She showed no spiritual pride and she sought no filthy lucre, She lived the life and did the work of a worthy prophetess, the most admirable of the American succession." The New York Independent. August 23, 1915

3. *Predictions must come true. Deuteronomy 18:22*

"Tobacco is a slow, insidious but most malignant poison. In whatever form it is used... it is all the more dangerous because its effects are slow and at first hardly perceptible. It excites and then paralyzes the nerves. It weakens and clouds the brain." Ministry of Healing p. 327 (1864- doctors were then prescribing tobacco)

4. *Teachings must be in harmony with the law of God/Bible. Isaiah 8:20*

"In our time there is a wide departure from their doctrines and precepts, and there is need of a return to the great Protestant principle--the Bible, and the Bible only, as the rule of faith and duty". Great Controversy p. 204-205

Of course you need to do your own study of her material to settle in in your mind as to whether or not she fits the biblical tests of a prophet.

MY CHOICE: Because I love Jesus, I want to study more and follow His word.



Lesson #20 God's Prophetic Gift

One evening a prostitute, on her way to Blackfriars Bridge to commit suicide, stopped at the church, hoping to hear some word that would prepare her to meet her maker. Spurgeon was preaching from Luke 7:36-50, the story of the prostitute who wiped Jesus feet with her tears. His text was verse 44; "Seest thou this woman?" As Spurgeon preached, the woman saw herself, but also saw the grace of God and trusted Christ.

W. Wiersbe, Wycliffe Handbook of Preaching and Preachers, Moody Press, 1984, p. 231.

In our last study we discussed the criteria of the last day remnant church. What were the criteria the Bible pointed out?

1. *Arises after 1798. Rev 12:13-14*
2. *Keeps all 10 commandments. Rev 12:17*
3. *Guided by gift of prophecy. Rev 12:17*
4. *Is a worldwide movement. Rev 14:6*
5. *Has a special message. Rev 14:6-12*

1. What two specific criteria does the last day remnant church have? Revelation 12:17

Note: They keep the Ten Commandments (including the Sabbath) and have the testimony of Jesus, but what exactly is the testimony of Jesus?

2. What is the testimony of Jesus? Revelation 19:10, 22:8-9

Note: The testimony of Jesus is the spiritual gift of prophecy, which is on all of the spiritual gifts lists (see Romans 12:4-8; 1 Cor 12:4-10; Eph 4:8-12). Notice in chapter 22 the angels say that we serve the prophets, which have the testimony of Jesus.

3. How much does God do before He tells a prophet? Amos 3:7

Note: God does nothing unless He tells a prophet what's coming.

4. Did Jesus say to beware of prophets? Matthew 7:15

Note: Jesus told us to beware of FALSE prophets not true prophets. Jesus was a good Bible student and knew that there would be prophets in the last days.

5. What did Jesus give to the church just before He went back to heaven? Ephesians 4:8

Note: Before Jesus ascended to heaven He gave the church spiritual gifts. What were these gifts?

6. What kind of gifts did Jesus give to the church? Ephesians 4:11-12

Note: Jesus gave the church spiritual gifts of ministry for evangelism.

7. What is the purpose of Spiritual gifts? Ephesians 4:13-14

Note: The purpose of spiritual gifts is threefold: 1. To empower each member for ministry to fulfill their church office. 2. To bring about unity. 3. Spiritual gifts simply empower the church to win souls to Jesus.

8. How long will these gifts remain in the church? 1 Corinthians 1:4-7

Note: These gifts, including gift of prophecy according to scripture will last all the way up to the second coming of Jesus.

9. What was a prophet formerly called? 1 Samuel 9:9

Note: Before prophets were known as a prophet they were called a seer. That means a prophet see with God's eyes. The gift of prophecy was meant to be a guide for God's people from Bible times until Jesus comes back.

God used both men and women to fill the role of a prophet.

Old Testament

New Testament

Miriam: Exodus 15:20

Anna: Luke 2:36

Deborah: Judges 4:4

Daughters of Phillip: Acts 21:9

Huldah: 2 Kings 22:14



10. How does the gift of prophecy work?

It's like two people playing catch with a ball, one throws and one catches.

Throw: Gen 15:13 Abraham predicts Israel's captivity in Egypt for 400 years.

Catch: Hos 12:13 Moses is raised up to declare the prophecy was fulfilled.

Throw: Jere 25:11-12 Jeremiah tells of Israel's 70 years of captivity to Babylon.

Catch: Daniel 9:2 Daniel declares that the prophecy was fulfilled.

Throw: Dan 9:24-27 Daniel predicts Messiah comes in 27AD.

Catch: Luke 7:27-28 John declares the prophecy fulfilled in Christ.

Throw: Dan 8:14 Daniel gives us the 2300 year/day prophecy.

Catch: Who would catch the 2300 day prophecy ball?

So one prophet predicts and another prophet is risen up to declare the prophecy is fulfilled, but who would catch the 2300 day prophecy ball? That means the gift of prophecy must be given to someone around 1844 A.D. to declare that the 2300 days are fulfilled. Here is a brief recap of the 2300 day/year prophecy: 457-----27-----31-----34-----1844

Decree to restore temple Jesus baptized Jesus crucified Stephen stoned Cleansing of the sanctuary