

## THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY



In our last study we dealt with the subject of the true church. We found that the Remnant Church, like the original, would keep the commandments of God and have the "testimony of Jesus." We also learnt they would carry the three angels message of Revelation 14 to the world.

As we contemplate prophecy and prophets, it's intriguing to observe the significant interest that has surged around modern prophets in recent years. Over 2,000 of the nation's leading newspapers now feature prophetic columns, with books on prophecy, modern prophets, New Age, and astrology annually selling by the millions.

Yet, as with all genuine gifts, Satan has devised his counterfeits. The sheer abundance of these counterfeits should alert us to the existence of a true gift! Christ himself warned of false prophets in Matthew 24:24, stating, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Similarly, Matthew 7:15 cautions, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Indeed, as one of the signs of the last generation, false prophets, astrologers, and psychics abound. However, the Bible provides clear guidance on how to discern the true from the false.







## WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT PROPHETS

“... Thus saith the Lord; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, to hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;”

Jeremiah 26:4-5



As you study, be thinking about the Life Quest questions.

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## HIS WORD SAYS

1. What is the testimony of Jesus? Revelation 19:10, Revelation 1:1-2.

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*This means the Holy Spirit is the agent who gives the Gift of Prophecy to all the Old Testament and the New Testament prophets. Since the "testimony of Jesus" was one of the marks of God's Remnant Church throughout time, we must conclude that the spirit of prophecy will be part of God's true church today.*



2. How important was the prophetic gift, and what role did it play? Amos 3:7

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3. Did the people always listen to God's prophets? Daniel 9:10.

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*Keep the law and obey the prophets. These two things, law and prophets, always go together. If God's people turned from the law, He sent a warning before He withdrew the gift of prophecy.*

4. Did God ever withdraw the gift of prophecy? Lamentations 2:9.

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*This is a reference to the group of professional men who constituted the prophetic class who had been unfaithful to their calling.*



5. Were there to be more prophets for God's Church through to the last days?  
1 Corinthians 12:8-11.

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6. What would happen if there was no prophetic gift in the church? Proverbs 29:18

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*The word here for vision is the same word used in Daniel 7 where Daniel had a vision of the beasts. In other words this vision is referring to a prophetic vision.*

7. So why is it called the Spirit of Prophecy? 2 Peter 1:20-21.

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*The prophets didn't speak out of their own heart, or their own mind, but they spoke as the information was given them by the Holy Spirit. To reject the voice of a prophet means to reject the voice of the Holy Spirit...a very serious matter.*

8. Throughout the Bible how were prophets usually treated by the people?  
2 Chronicles 36:16.

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*Prophets to the greatest degree were always disliked by the people that they were sent to. It shouldn't surprise us then if God should rise up a prophet at the end of the age, and that prophet is also disliked.*

9. Is it a serious matter to reject the voice of a prophet? 1 Samuel 8:7.

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When you reject the voice of a prophet it is God you are rejecting.

10. What happened when the people acted positively to the prophetic voice?  
2 Chronicles 20:20.

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So the question remains, if God's remnant church has the 'spirit of prophecy' is Ellen White the expected prophet to rise at the end of the age?

## 11. Does God use a certain method when He gives a time prophecy in Scripture?

*First of all God raises up a prophet and God imparts to this prophet a message. Linked to the message is a time prophecy; or a time period. The message which is given to this prophet is a message of judgment, and the message for this prophet is not present truth for his day and age.*

*When the time period in the prophecy comes to an end, God raises up another prophet and He gives to this prophet the same message...but the second prophet says the time period is now fulfilled. It is also a message of judgment, it is a message of present truth for the generation of that second prophet, and this second prophet will lead out a remnant...a people.*

## 12. Did Enoch give a time-period and a message of judgment when he gave the time prophecy connected to the world-wide flood? Jude 1: 14-15; Genesis 5:22.

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*Enoch gave a time prophecy that executed judgment upon all civilisation which would exist immediately before the flood. The time-period is found in the name of Enoch's son. The name 'Methuselah' means 'when he dies it will be sent.' Methuselah died 10 days before the flood. The bible provides this answer in Genesis chapters 5 & 7, and is supported by Jewish tradition.*

## 13. As this period was coming to an end God raised up another prophet to address the same issue that Enoch had addressed, do we know who that prophet was? Hebrews 11:7

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*Noah reproved the world for its wickedness. He said that God was going to come in judgment upon the antediluvian world. He preached the same message that Enoch had. Noah then saved a remnant at the end of this time prophecy, that remnant was his house. So here is our first time prophecy using God's method.*



## God's Time Prophecy Method

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14. Was Abraham a prophet of God? Genesis 20:7

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15. What time prophecy did Abraham give? Genesis 15:13-14

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16. Did the time prophecy come to pass? Exodus 12:40-41

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*We notice that this verse is stating a time period of 430 years. This time period includes the sojourn of Abraham and Sarah his wife. That of 400 years however begins with the experience of Abraham's 'seed' Isaac and when he was acknowledged as the promised seed by the casting out of Hagar and Ishmael. At the end of this time period God raised up another prophet; Moses who spoke the same message.*

17. Was Moses a prophet? Hosea 12:13

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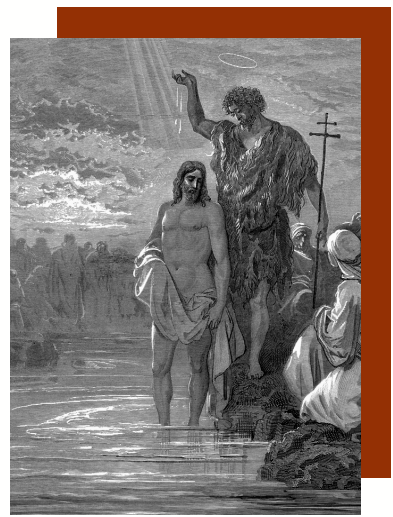
As in all time prophecies about a judgment, God gave Abraham a message and a time prophecy connected with the message. (Gen 15:13-15) Was it fulfilled in Abraham's time? (no). Was this a message of judgement? (yes). At the end of this time period did God raise up another prophet that spoke the same message, a prophet that dealt with judgement, a prophet which made that message present truth for his day and age, and lead out a remnant? (yes) So what was his name? Moses (Exo 3:7-11). Was Moses a prophet? (yes) Did Moses come at the end of the time period? (yes) Did this message become present truth? (yes) Is it a message of judgement? (yes) Did Moses lead out from Egypt a remnant? (yes) That remnant was Israel. As we can see this formula applies to all time prophecies.

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All biblical time prophecies mark significant milestones in salvation history. From the worldwide flood to the exodus from Egypt, these prophecies have shaped the course of humanity.

Other notable time prophecies that include the same method that God consistently uses are:  
 The Babylonian captivity - Jeremiah 25:11-12 and Daniel 9:2  
 The first coming of the Messiah - Dan 9:24 (a day represents a year in Bible prophecy - Eze 4:6 & Num 4:10). and John 1:6-42.



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3. Jeremiah	Babylon 70 years	Daniel	Israel
4. Daniel	Israel 70 weeks	John the Baptist	Christian Church



18. What is the prophecy that is especially close to the hearts of Seventh-day Adventists? This is the prophecy that actually gives us reason to exist. Daniel 8:14.

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19. Now the question is did God raise up a prophet at the end of the 2300 days to explain its meaning?

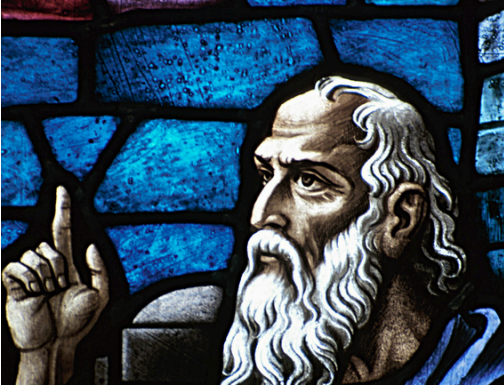
*The time prophecy of the 2300 days; using the year for a day principle given us in Eze 4:6, commenced in 457BC with the decree to rebuild Jerusalem. So 2300 - 457 realising there is no year 0 takes us to 1844.*

*In December of 1844 God raised up a 17 yr old woman and gave to her her first vision. Her main passion was to understand the reason for the great disappointment. She wanted to be able to explain why Jesus never came on October 22, 1844 as the people had expected. In other words at the end of the 2300 days near 1844 there was a tremendous agitation for people to understand the prophecy of the 2300 days and a desire for an answer to their disappointment in not seeing Jesus return. It was Ellen White's passion to explain the fact that Jesus, instead of coming to the earth in 1844, had gone into the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary to begin a work of judgment. Why do you suppose that Ellen White addressed this issue? Simply because Ellen White was fulfilling the same role as in all these other examples presented from scripture. She was the second prophet in a time prophecy of judgment. It was necessary for her to make the prophecy present truth, declare the time fulfilled, and lead out a remnant. Ellen White is the end-time prophet that is making present truth of what Daniel had spoken 2300 years before.*

*What is really amazing here is to notice that around 1844 many other religious movements arose such as Mormonism (Joseph Smith), Christian Science (Mary Baker Eddy), Jehovah's Witnesses (Charles Russell), Spiritualism (Fox Sisters), Pentecostalism (Margaret McDonald), Evolutionism (Charles Darwin), Marxism (Karl Marx), and Futurism (John Nelson Darby). Why do you suppose so many movements would arise around the same time? Do you think the devil knew when the 2300 day prophecy would be fulfilled? You bet he did! How do we know that Ellen White was the true end-time prophet? For a very simple reason, none of the other movements with their prophets addressed the 2300 day time prophecy.*

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"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

Amos 3:7

### LIFE QUEST:

Have you thoughtfully reviewed these Questions?

- What does this topic tell me about God?
- What difference does this topic make to my daily life?
- How does this topic help me in my relationship with Jesus?

### YOUR TURN

Check the statements that most closely reflect your response to this study.

\_\_\_ I understand the principles applied to this study.

\_\_\_ I am clear about there being the necessity for a prophet to be raised up in 1844.

\_\_\_ I believe that Ellen White and no one else fits all the criteria required by God for his true Church.

\_\_\_ I am not certain yet how I feel about this topic and would like to know more about Ellen White.

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_