

# UNLOCKING PROPHECY #22

## Revelation's Prophetic Movement at End-Time

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### The Gift of Prophecy

- † Matthew 24:24, *"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive . . ."*
- † Matthew 7:15, *"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."*
- † Why warn against false prophets unless there would be true prophets? If there wouldn't be true prophets, Jesus would have said don't believe anyone claiming to be a prophet.
- † Ephesians 4:8, 11-13, *"Therefore He says: 'When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.'... And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine . . ."*
- † 1 Corinthians 1:7, *"So that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
- † Isaiah 59:2 says, *"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."*
- † Numbers 12:6, *"... If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream."*
- † God used two methods to communicate with these Biblical prophets.
  1. He gave them a vision or a dream (Num. 12:6).
  2. He impressed their minds through His Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).
- † Not all of God's prophets are Bible writers. Acts 11:27, 28, *"And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar."* Was Agabus a true prophet? Yes. Did the Holy Spirit impress his mind? Yes. Did he make a prediction? Yes. Do you find the book of Agabus in the Bible? No. Agabus' prophecies were for a time of crisis that the church at Jerusalem was experiencing.
- † Were there any women prophets? Definitely. In the Old Testament Deborah was a prophetess (Judges 4:4). Hulda was a prophetess (2 Kings 22:14). And in the New Testament the four daughters of Philip were prophetesses (Acts 21:9).
- † 1 Thessalonians 5:19–21 **"Quench not the Spirit. 20 Despise not prophesyings. 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."**

### Two Dangers

- † There are two great dangers. The first danger is to accept the counterfeit. The second danger is to be so skeptical of all these false manifestations that we reject the genuine.
- † How can we tell the difference between the true and the false? There are 6 biblical tests that will indicate whether a person is a true or false prophet (see other side).

### The Prophetic Gift in God's End Time Church

- † Revelation 12:17, *"And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."*
- † Revelation 19:10, *"For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*
- † 1 Corinthians 12:28, *"And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets . . ."*
- † If God has NOT restored the gift of prophecy in His last day church then He would not be faithful to His own word because He promised to restore the gift of prophecy.
- † Seventh-day Adventists believe that God gave Ellen G. White the gift of prophecy. God gave her more than 2000 prophetic visions and dreams. She wrote over 50 books, and lectured to thousands on 3 continents.
- † "This remarkable woman, though almost entirely self-educated, has written and published more books in more languages which circulate to the greater extent than any other woman in history" (George W. James, *California: The Romantic and the Beautiful*, p. 319).

† Seventh-day Adventists do not believe that Ellen White’s writings in any way take the place of the Bible. They do not believe that her writings are another Bible. Seventh-day Adventists believe in the Bible and in the Bible only as the source of every Bible doctrine. Every teaching of the Adventist Church comes directly from the Bible.

| <b>5 Biblical Tests of a Prophet</b>   | <b>Does Ellen G. White Meet these 5 Tests?</b>  |
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| <p><b>1. Prophetic accuracy</b><br/>           Jeremiah 28:9, “As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent.”</p>   | <p>Ellen White promoted a diet of whole grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables. The very diet that the American Heart Association has now recommended.<br/>           Back in the 1800s, Ellen White wrote in <i>Ministry of Healing</i>, “Tobacco is a slow, insidious, but most malignant poison” (p. 327). Today we know that smoking causes cancer and a host of other diseases. Ellen White wrote about the rise of the occult, spiritualism, and supposed communication with the dead. She made this prediction at a time when Americans had very little interest in such things. These predictions have come true.</p>   |
| <p><b>2. Biblical Faithfulness</b><br/>           Deuteronomy 13:1-4, “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’ —which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams . . . You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice....”</p> | <p>She wrote, “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” (<i>Great Controversy</i>, p. 204-205).</p>   |
| <p><b>3. Exalts Jesus</b><br/>           1 John 4:1, 2, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God.”</p>  | <p>She wrote, “Lift up Jesus, you that teach the people, lift Him up in sermon, in song, in prayer. Let all your powers be directed to pointing souls, confused, bewildered, lost, to ‘the Lamb of God’” (<i>Gospel Workers</i>, p. 160). She wrote <i>Desire of Ages</i>, on the life of Christ; <i>Christ’s Object Lessons</i>, on the parables of Christ; <i>Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing</i>, on the teachings of Christ on the mount, and <i>Steps to Christ</i>, on how to know Jesus for yourself.</p>  |
| <p><b>4. Commandment keeping</b><br/>           Isaiah 8:20, “To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” See also 2 Kings 17:13.</p>  | <p>In <i>Great Controversy</i>, chapter 25 which is entitled, “God’s Law Immutable”: she writes, “The law of God, being a revelation of His will, a transcript of His character, must forever endure... Not one command has been annulled; not a jot or tittle has been changed” (pg. 434).</p>   |
| <p><b>5. Spiritual fruitage</b><br/>           Matthew 7:20 says, “Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”</p>  | <p>She wrote a book called <i>Education</i>, and in it she said, that Seventh-day Adventists, should establish schools around the world. The result: The largest Protestant educational system in the world with over 1.1 million students attend over 5600 schools, colleges and universities in nearly 145 countries of the world. One well-known school is Loma Linda University in southern California. Additionally she promoted the medical work which has resulted in: Over 13 million outpatients visit the 785 hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, dispensaries, children’s facilities, airplane and medical launches operated by the church each year. She urged the church to send missionaries around the world. The result: Seventh-day Adventists have established work in 202 of the 228 countries of the world listed by the United Nations.</p> |