

Bible Study Topic:

Spirit of Prophecy: What the Bible says about prophets in the last days.

- Matt. 24:24** Jesus said, “Beware of false prophets.” If there were to be no true prophets, He would have said, “Beware of prophets, period.” So if there are FALSE prophets, then there must be true prophets.
- Ehp. 4:11-13** In every list of the gifts of the Spirit (Rom. 12:6-8, I Cor. 12:4-11, 28), prophecy is listed.
- Rev. 12:17** The last church of God will have the gift of prophecy (Revelation 19:10) says the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Test of a True Prophet

- Isa. 8:20** Lots of people claim to be prophets. If they contradict scripture, they are false prophets.
- Jer. 28:9** A true prophet’s predictions should come to pass (unless it is a conditional prophecy like Jonah’s. See Jer 18:7-8)
- Matt. 7:20** The fruits or lifestyle of a true prophet will be like Jesus. Money grabbing “prophets” or sexually immoral “prophets” are false prophets.
- Acts 4:12** True prophets will direct people to Jesus only for salvation, not to penance, pilgrimages, and human works. The Jesus to whom a true prophet points is God Himself, in whom is “life, original, unborrowed, underived.” (see John 1:1-4, 14)
- Jer. 23:16, 17** A true prophet will let us know what we’re doing wrong, even if it makes him or her an unpopular prophet.
- Amos 3:7** God will reveal to a prophet what we need to know in order to be saved. Prophets are a blessing! Don’t despise them!
- Joel 2:28-30** God has given the gift of prophecy already many times and will again in the future. Be ready to test the prophets by Scripture.

Seventh-day Adventists believe Ellen White passes all the biblical tests of a true prophet. Why not test her yourself? Try reading one of the books, like Steps to Christ (how to be saved), Desire of Ages (stories from the life of Christ), Acts of the Apostles (action-packed witnessing narratives), or The Great Controversy (how God is going to wrap up events on Planet Earth).