

The life and labour of Ellen White close on July 16, 1915 at the age of 87 years. A few weeks after her death, a newspaper carried this statement: “*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.

He legacy to the world is a gift of love—a message to earth from across the universe, from a God of love who still wants to “keep in touch” with His children here until Christ comes. God wants to make certain that those living in the last hours of earth’s history were not overcome by the darkness and deception that would cause all the world to wonder after the beast power of Revelation.

Paul wrote of this precious gift of love: “*I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as **the testimony of Christ** was confirmed in you, so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will **confirm** you **to the end**, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” I Corinthians 1:4-8. *Also see: II Chronicles 20:20*

The last day message of the book of Revelation is, do **you** want to be counted among those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus?

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY SPEAKS

WHAT BIBLE PROPHECYSAYS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

MESSAGES FROM BEYOND THE STARS - #25

The Bible states that God spoke **directly** to man in the Garden of Eden. But sad to say, this intimate relationship was fractured by the entrance of sin. *See: Genesis 3* Sin and God are incompatible! Sin **always** separates. *See: Isaiah 59:2*

The Good news is that sin may separate us from God directly, but has not separate us from His love! The bible says that God found another way of keeping in touch with those whom He loves, and this was through His prophets like Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Isaiah and Jeremiah. *See: Amos 3:7*

How did the prophets received their messages? “*For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*” II Peter 1:21. And, “*...God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.*” Acts 3:21.

Sometimes God revealed His will to prophets by visions, dreams, and through the Word of God. **But** always through the Holy Spirit. *See: Numbers 12:6* All the New Testament messengers were part of this plan: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, James, Peter, and Jude.

All had the gift of prophecy. Even Phillip's four daughters did prophesy. *See: Acts 21:9* When Jesus returned to heaven after the cross, He gave **gifts** unto men to strengthen and encourage. *See: Ephesians 4:8-14*

According to I Corinthians 12:28 the gift of prophecy ranked **second** to that of apostleship. However, only a few generations after the disciples died and the church became careless, compromising, and unfaithful to God and His law and the gift of prophecy disappeared! The same thing happened to Israel in Old Testament times. *See: Lamentations 2:9*

Things only got worse during the middle ages for the church! However, a few Christians tenaciously held the Bible and its truths, despite persecution and planted the seeds of the Reformation long before Wycliffe, Luther, and Huss. By the 1500's the scriptures were translated and printed on the first printing presses for the common people. Once again, bible study uncovered long lost truths of the early church and by the Great spiritual revivals of the 1800's, a long-absent gift-the gift of prophecy-was restored to God's people.

Bible students rediscovered the 4th commandment of God's creation memorial, the "Sabbath". They read Revelation 14:12 and **saw** that God's last-day people "...keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." And as the fundamental Bible truths were restored, the missing spiritual gift-the gift of prophecy-also was restored. God is still trying to keep in touch with us today! *See: Joel 2:28,31*

Notice, "before the ...terrible day of the Lord." Means that God's people are to have the gift of prophecy

in their midst during the closing hours of earth's history. *See also: I Corinthians 1:7*

In Revelation 19:10, the *testimony of Jesus* is the witness of Jesus through the prophetic gift.

Three Factors of the Last Day Church

- It *has* the faith of Jesus
- It *keeps* the commandments of God.
- It is *blessed by* the gift of prophecy.

Question: How does one tell the difference between a genuine prophet of God and a false prophet?

-Bible Tests of a True Prophet-

- Their message must be in complete harmony with God's Word and His law. *See: Isaiah 8:20*
- Their predictions must come to pass or be fulfilled always! *See: Jeremiah 28:9*
- A true prophet prophesies to edify the church. They do not flatter the sinner or condone sin. *See: I Corinthians 14:3,4*
- A true prophet will exalt Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of mankind. *See: I John 4:1,2*
- A true prophet or prophetess can be known by his or her life and works. *See: Matthew 7:16,18*

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