

Spirit of Prophecy

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Seven S's of Adventism / Prophecy / Revelation 19:10

Usually, when someone wants to tell me about a new modern prophet, inside a say, "oh not again..." The world is filled with false prophets but what does the Bible teach about modern prophets in the last days?

- Series
 - 7 S's of SDA's
- What makes us unique
 - "what do you believe?"

These 7:

1. Salvation
2. Sabbath
3. Sanctuary
4. State of the Dead
5. Second Coming
6. Spirit of Prophecy

7. State of the Dead

Categories of Prophets

- Prophets through time.
 - different ways.

Writing

- Jeremiah
- Ezekiel

Non-writing

- Elijah
- Elisha
- John the Baptist

Canonical

- Development of Cannon
 - Jeremiah
 - Ezekiel
 - Daniel
 - Hosea

Non-canonical

- From those that wrote
 - not all canonical.

Book of Jasher

Joshua 10:13 ESV

And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,

until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.

Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day.

Nathan, Ahijah, and Iddo

2 Chronicles 9:29 ESV

Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, from first to last, are they not written in the

history of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

Shemaiah

2 Chronicles 12:15 ESV

Now the acts of Rehoboam, from first to last, are they not written in the chronicles of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer? There were continual wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam.

Others?

- Catholic Bible
- Pseudepigrapha
- extra-biblical
- modern prophets

Modern Prophets?

- Some say
 - no modern prophets

- Where do they get
 - this idea?
- From the Bible?
 - certainly not!

Prophets in the Last Days

Acts 2:17 **ESV**

“ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

Spiritual Gifts

Ephesians 4:11–13 **ESV**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and

teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

- One gift among many
- Purpose?
 - building up of church.

When do Gift End?

Ephesians 4:13 **ESV**

until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

- until we reach full maturity in Christ
- When does that happen?

Test of Prophets

Teachings Agree with Bible

Isaiah 8:20 NKJV

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.

Live Godly Life

Matthew 7:15–20 ESV

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Called to Service by God

Isaiah 6:8 ESV

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Jeremiah 1:5–10 ESV

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;

for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,

and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

declares the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to break down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant.”

Amos 7:14–15 ESV

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

Accurate Predictions

Deuteronomy 18:20–22 **ESV**

But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’ — when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

Will Have Visions

Numbers 12:6 **ESV**

And he said, “Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream.

Have you heard of...

- Apply tests!

Ellen White

- Apply Test

Physical Test

- What are the physical evidences of a true prophet in vision?

Loss of Physical Strength

Daniel 10:8 *ESV*

So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength.

Supernatural Strength

Daniel 10:18–19 *ESV*

Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he said, “O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.” And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

No Breath

Daniel 10:17 *ESV*

How can my lord’s servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me,

and no breath is left in me.”

Able to Speak

Daniel 10:16 *ESV*

And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, “O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength.

Unaware of Surroundings

Daniel 10:5–8 *ESV*

I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength.

2 Corinthians 12:2–4 *ESV*

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

Eyes Open

Numbers 24:4 ESV

the oracle of him who hears the words of God,

who sees the vision of the Almighty,

falling down with his eyes uncovered:

Note: Though the preceding six Bible points are physical evidences of a true prophet in vision, not all of them always appear together. A prophet's vision may be genuine without manifesting all six evidences.

Spirit of Prophecy

Identifying Characteristics of True Church

Revelation 12:17 ESV

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

- What is “
 - **“Testimony of Jesus?”**

- Key Point:
 - True Church
 - Modern Prophets
- Why don't we
 - have more prophets?

Lamentations 2:9 ESV

Her gates have sunk into the ground;

he has ruined and broken her bars;

her king and princes are among the nations;

the law is no more,

and her prophets find

no vision from the LORD.

- No true prophet
 - with false teachings
- No true prophet

- at false church.

Lesser Light

- Authority?
- Non-canonical

1 Thessalonians 5:19–21 ESV

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good.

- Test her
- How?
- READ
 - like other writing prophets.

Appeal

1. **Embrace Prophecy (SDA emblem)**
2. **Test Modern Prophets**

3. **Check Out Ellen White**

4. **Be ready for more.**