



# Build on the Rock

Doctrinal Lesson  
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## Lesson 27:

### "The Modern Day Prophet"



The Bible says that the scriptures were written by prophets who were directly inspired of God. These prophets lived many years ago, but does God still give the gift of prophecy in these modern times that we live? If so, how would you distinguish between a true prophet and a false prophet? In biblical times, the false prophets always outnumbered the true prophets, so we must expect the same in modern times and be able to discern the difference. Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and learn about the tests of a true prophet, but also learn about a modern day prophet God has sent to prepare us for His soon coming!

1) What did God ordain Jeremiah to be? What did God say he would put within his mouth?

-Jeremiah 1:5-9.

1 - God ordained Jeremiah to be a "pr\_\_ph\_\_t unto the N\_\_tions."

2 - God told Jeremiah "I h\_\_ve p\_\_t my w\_\_ds in thy mo\_\_th."



\*Note: A prophet is a special messenger of God. Their messages don't come from their own thoughts or feelings, but directly from the Holy Spirit. This is clearly seen in the story of Jeremiah. He was a young boy who knew not what to say to the people of Israel, but the Holy Spirit literally put the exact words to say in Jeremiah's mouth.

2) What types of messages will God's prophets usually give?

-Isaiah 1:16-20, Jeremiah 28:16, 17.

1 - God's prophets always gave messages pleading with people to "put aw\_\_y the ev\_\_l of your doings from before mine eyes; c\_\_se to do evil; Le\_\_rn to do w\_\_ll."

2 - Jeremiah foretold the future that Hananiah would die within a year because he taught "re\_\_ell\_\_on aga\_\_st the L\_\_rd." "Hananiah the pr\_\_phet d\_\_ed the s\_\_me ye\_r."

\*Note: A prophet will give messages of counsel and reform, often in preparation for some major event. Prophets will also foretell future events that will take place. A true prophet will have 100% accuracy in the foretelling of future events.

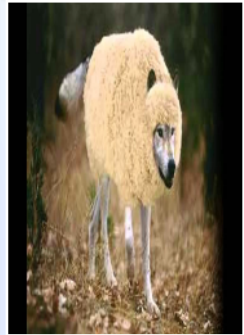
**3) What does the Bible say of a prophet who inaccurately predicts the future? -Deuteronomy 18:22**

"When a pr\_phet speaketh in the n\_me of the LORD, if the thing foll\_w n\_t, nor come to p\_ss, that is the thing which the LORD hath n\_t spoken, but the prophet hath sp\_ken it pres\_mptu\_usly: thou shalt n\_t be afr\_id of him."

**4) Will there be false prophets according to the Bible? -2 Peter 2:1, 2, Matthew 24:24.**

1 - "There were fa\_se pr\_phets also among the people, even as there shall be f\_lse t\_chers among you." "And m\_ny shall f\_llow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of tr\_th shall be evil spoken of."

2 - "There shall ar\_se f\_lse ch\_\_sts and f\_lse pr\_phets and shall show gr\_\_t s\_gns and w\_nders."



**\*Note:** The Bible says that there will be many false prophets in the last days. Notice that the Bible says that they will speak evil of those who teach the Truth and will even perform miraculous signs and wonders to deceive people.

**5) Does the Bible predict that there will be modern day prophets or is the gift of prophecy no longer given? -Act 2:17, 18.**

1 - "In the l\_\_t days, saith God, I will pour out of my Sp\_\_it upon all fl\_sh: and your s\_ns and your da\_\_hters shall pr\_\_he\_y, and your young men shall see v\_\_si\_ns, and your old men shall dr\_\_m drea\_s."

**6) How can one distinguish between a true and false prophet? - Matthew 7:15-18, Isaiah 8:20.**

1 - "Ye shall kn\_w them by their fr\_its."

2 - If they do NOT speak according to the "l\_w and to the t\_st\_m\_ny" then "th\_r\_ is n\_ l\_ght in th\_m."

**\*Note:** Their fruits is referring to their character. (See Galatians 5:22, 23) A prophet of God will NOT be living in sin and rebellion against God. They also CANNOT contradict Truth or God's Ten Commandments in any way. If they do, they are NOT sent from God!

**7) What are some ways God communicates with His prophets? -Number 12:6, 8.**

1 - If there be a prophet, the "LORD will make myself kn\_\_n unto him in a v\_\_si\_n, and will sp\_\_ak unto him in a dr\_\_m."

2 - "With him will I sp\_\_ak m\_\_th to mou\_\_."



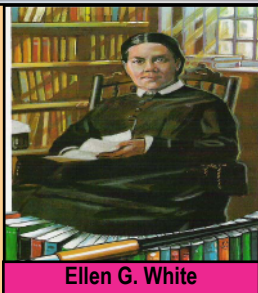
8) What are the 2 characteristics of God's Remnant Church? What is the "Testimony of Jesus"? -Revelation 12:17; 19:10.

1 - They "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

2 - The "Testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy."

\*Note: God's true church will keep all of the commandments of God, including the seventh-day Sabbath, and have the testimony of Jesus. The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy, which is the gift of prophetic vision. God's Remnant Church must have a latter day prophet to prepare the church for the second coming of Jesus.

\*Note: In fulfillment of Revelation 12:17, God gave the gift of prophecy to a woman named Ellen Harmon. She was later married and became Ellen G. White. At age 9, she was severely injured when a young girl threw a rock that hit her face and caused a severe nose bleed. She was so weak from loss of blood that she had to be carried home. She was unable to go back to school for several months, but when she did return, her hand would shake so bad that she couldn't write. She ended up dropping out of school, having only a third grade education. God called her at age 17 to be His messenger, which was when she received her first vision. At the time, she only weighed 70 pounds and had been given up to die. God miraculously restored her health and she served as His messenger for over 70 years! She has written well over 100,000 pages of manuscript counsels and had over 2000 visions and dreams! Her writings explain Bible prophecy, give counsels to the church on health, family relationships, evangelism, and many others aspects of the practical Christian walk.



Ellen G. White

**\*Question: Did Ellen White live and teach the commandments of God and the moral principles of the Bible?**

\*Answer: Ellen White was a loyal wife of one husband for 35 years till his death and remained single until her death. She kept the Sabbath, dressed and taught on modesty and lived a life obedient to God's commandments. She wrote:

*"When on earth, He [Jesus] said to His disciples, 'I have kept My Father's commandments.' John 15:10. By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's commandments. When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah." -White, E.G. Christ's Object Lessons, pg. 313.*

**\*Question: What predictions did Ellen White make that came true?**

\*Answer: *"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome (Roman Catholicism). The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching.....*

....their hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience." -White, E.G. *The Great Controversy*, pg. 588. The word "Protestant" means to protest. In the 1800's and early parts of the 1900's, every Protestant denomination protested not only Catholic false doctrine, but also the joining of church and state. This has changed, just as Ellen White predicted years ago. She predicted that Protestant America would "clasp hands with the Roman power." This especially was fulfilled after the Reagan administration formed the "Holy Alliance" with the Papacy. *"After 1980, the historic tensions between evangelical Protestants and Catholics faded dramatically. In politics the two often joined together in conservative social and cultural issues, such as opposition to gay marriage. In 2000, the Republican coalition included almost half of Catholics and a large majority of white evangelicals."* -William M. Shea, *The Lion and the Lamb: Evangelicals and Catholics in America* (Oxford University Press, 2004) Relationships with Protestant leaders has grown even closer since then. Every President since Reagan had close relations with the Pope and in 2015, John Boehner even invited Pope Francis to address the US Congress for the first time in history! Protestant preachers, such as Kenneth Copeland, James and Betty Robison, Rick Warren and others are also joining up with the Catholic Church.



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Pope Francis Addressing congress Sept. 24, 2015.



Protestant leaders meeting with Pope Francis in July 2014

9) What experience does the Bible say God's prophets will have while they are in vision? -Numbers 24:4.

1 - While they are in vision, they will fall "into a tr\_\_\_ce, but h\_\_\_ving the \_\_\_y\_s o\_\_\_n."

**\*Note:** A fellow believer and friend of Ellen White, J.N. Loughborough, gave a testimony of her experience while in vision. He stated that he witnessed the experience for the first time in 1852, but later saw her 50 times in vision. When describing the experience, he stated: *"In whatever position the hand or arm may be placed, it is impossible for anyone to move it. Her eyes are always open, but she does not wink; her head is raised, and she is looking upward, not with a vacant stare, but with a pleasant expression, only differing from the normal in that she appears to be looking intently at some distant object. She does not breathe, yet her pulse beats regularly. Her countenance is pleasant, and the color of her face as florid as in her natural state."*

10) What does the Bible say about despising the counsels and teachings of a modern day prophet? -1 Thessalonians 5:20.

1 - "Desp\_\_\_se n\_\_\_t pr\_\_\_hes\_\_\_ng."

Appeal) Will you examine the writings of Ellen White to determine if she had the Spirit of Prophecy? \_\_\_.

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