



Bible Prophecy Guide

Fire from Heaven

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Matthew 24:9-11 – We should expect “many” false prophets in the last days.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 – Evidently a false spirit of prophecy would arise and false Bible teachings in the last days. That is, an apostasy would arise before the 2nd coming of Christ. We therefore need to be alert and ready that we be not deceived.

Matthew 24:24 – Since God warned us about false prophets in the last days, we should expect true prophets to emerge. We understand from our last study that the last days or the time of the end which we understand occurs after 1798.

Revelation 16:13-14 - In the last days we are warned about a false prophet and as we studied the other night with the USA in prophecy, the link between the second beast and the false prophet is very tight. In fact, in some ways, they are treated as the same entity. For you see the 2nd beast we identified clearly as depicting the United States of America but the power would be lamb like, yet speak (legislate) like the dragon. And it would set up an image to the 1st beast, that is through a mixing church and state it would look like the first beast and lead people to worship the first beast by causing them to take the mark of her (papacy) authority, Sunday worship. The notion of calling fire down from heaven (Rev 13:13) reminds us of the prophets of old which links us to the false prophet here in chapter 16. When we consider that the mother harlot of Revelation 17:5 is said to have daughters, we therefore conclude that the daughters are nothing less than Apostate Protestantism. That is those protestants who never fully left the mother church and who still bear to one degree or another the symbol of her authority. Thus they return to the mother church in the last days and are foremost in appealing to the USA to make an image to the beast by enforcing Sunday worship to get America back to God. Notice that performing signs and wonders are associated with the false prophet, therefore this alone should not be our criteria for identifying a true prophet.

Revelation 13: 11-14 - People will be deceived by the signs of the false prophet. Now remember, the lamb had two horns, Protestantism and Republicanism. What should we make of these false signs? The story here reminds us of Elijah when fire came down and burned the sacrifice and altar when the test was had on Mnt. Carmel. The prophets of Baal were unable to bring fire down but the true God of heaven sent fire down and consumed the offering. We also see fire coming down as tongues of fire upon the disciples at Pentecost in Acts 2. Such was a sign of God's presence through the Holy Spirit. So we would expect fire to come down from heaven as well as a false Pentecostal movement in the last days along with false signs and miracles so that all the world will wander after the beast.

Revelation 19:20 – Says the false prophet worked signs in the presence of the beast which shows us the connection between the false prophet and the 2nd beast. You see in order for the 2nd beast to make an image to the beast it needs to mix church and state. Thus the USA blends with Apostate Protestantism to make an image to the beast.

Deuteronomy 13:1-5 – Prophets who give signs and wonders are not necessarily true prophets. God will test his people by allowing false prophets to exercise their wonders. A false prophet will seek to entice you away from the commands and ways of the Lord. In the end, it boils down to faith in God's Word vs men's words.

Jeremiah 23:17 & Ezekiel 13:10 – The false prophets promise peace when there is no peace. They promise security to those who follow their own hearts.

Jeremiah 28:15-17 – A false prophet teaches rebellion. Rebellion involves doing wrong knowingly.

Ezekiel 22:25-26 - Thus false prophets and priests are those who disregard God's law including His holy Sabbath, and make no difference between the holy and the unholy. This reminds us of how Babylon fell in Daniel 5 when they mixed true worship with false worship. Thus Babylon is guilty of fornication.

Jeremiah 5:31 & 2 Timothy 4:1-5 – Tells us that the faithful are to preach the straight testimony, the Word of God. The wicked will not endure sound doctrine because of their evil desires and thus will surround themselves with false teachers. We see this today with regards to what the Bible says about marriage between a man and a woman.

Matthew 7:15, 16, 21-23 – We should expect false prophets to appear Christ like and to do miracles in Christ's name. But we can identify them as false for they practice lawlessness.

If there are false manifestations of the Spirit and false prophets, should we not expect there to be true?

Ephesians 4:11 – The Holy Spirit has gifted God's people with various gifts. One of those gifts includes the gift of prophecy.

Amos 3:7 – One of the purposes of the gift of prophecy is to reveal God's will to man.

1 Corinthians 14:3 – Prophecy doesn't just reveal the future but also is used to edify, challenge, and comfort God's people.

2 Peter 1:21 – Some who receive this gift when the Holy Spirit moves upon them are led to speak and or write the message as they experienced it.

Numbers 12:6 - Some prophets receive the message in a dream or vision.

Joel 2:28-29 – Amongst God's remnant, there should appear the gift of prophecy.

Revelation 12:17 – And rest of the woman's offspring, what we might refer to as the remnant, shall have the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 19:10 – the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.

Revelation 22:9 – Indeed, with similar language we see a parallel between this passage and verse 10 of chapter 19. Evidently the book of Revelation, like the rest of the books of Scripture, serve as an example of the testimony of Jesus.

The Bible helps us to identify a true prophet from a false one.

Jeremiah 28:9 – The prophecies they share will come true. Prophetic accuracy is a must.

Isaiah 8:20 – They will lift up the Word of God and speak according to its teachings, not contrary to its teachings. Therefore, they will follow God's Ten Commandments.

1 John 4:2 – A true prophet will exalt Jesus and not themselves.

Matthew 7:16, 20 – You will know them by their fruits. They will seek to practice what they preach.

Scripture is clear regarding the fact that God's remnant people will have the gift of prophecy. It appears that this gift has already begun to exhibit itself in God's remnant church today. A young lady by the name of Ellen Harmon who later became known as Ellen White received her first vision at the tender age of 17. Other men had received the same vision but had failed to respond to the calling. Young Ellen, as sickly and weak as she was, received the vision in December of 1844. Over her lifetime, she would receive over 2000 prophetic visions and dreams and would share them with thousands on three continents which was a significant feat in her day. She wrote over 50 books and is one of the most translated authors in the world. She never referred to herself as a prophet but merely a messenger of the Lord.

Ellen White stated that her writings were not to replace Scripture. She referred to her work as a lesser light to point to the greater light. She wrote a series of books to the church called the "Testimonies to the Church." She stated that these books would not have been needed if we had studied the Bible faithfully in the first place. These books were merely written to direct us back to the Word of God. Notice how she put it:

If you had made God's Word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the Testimonies. It is because you have neglected to acquaint yourselves with God's inspired book that He has sought to reach you by simple, direct testimonies, calling your attention to the words of inspiration which you had neglected to obey, and urging you to fashion your lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings. – Life Sketches p. 198.

Paul Harvey in commenting on the life and work of Ellen White said:

"Her writings have been translated into 148 languages. More than Marx or Tolstoi, more than Agatha Cristhie, more than William Shakespeare. Only now is the world coming to appreciate her recommended prescription for optimum spiritual and physical health. "Ellen White! You don't know her? Get to know her."

- Paul Harvey Sept 27, 1997

Indeed, her writings are helpful and clear. Her warnings against tobacco were ahead of her time and other aspects of her inspired counsels are being proven by science today. But don't take my word for it, read her writings for yourself and see if there isn't a blessing to be had. Remember, God's remnant people will have the gift of prophecy.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 – The Bible says to test all things and hold to what is good and true. Why not follow this mandate and read some of her writings today and see if they don't lead you into a closer walk with Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:22-23 – Jesus is the head of the church and He guides the rest of the body with all its various functions.

Acts 2:47 – When you are saved in Christ, you are added to the church. Church is where Christians live.

Matthew 18:16-17 – The church is God's means for sanctifying and saving His people. We need each other according to God.

Hebrews 10:24-27 – Now more than ever, we need the fellowship and strength found in corporate worship. To forsake church life is to place your soul in peril.

1 Corinthians 12 – We are to work together in unity, understanding we each contribute a part in the work of edifying the body. The Spirit is the one who gifts each of us with a gift to be shared with the body.

1 Corinthians 13 – Faith, hope, and love are gifts of the Spirit but the greatest is love. In other words, we need His Spirit in order to be loving, to live out our faith, and to share in the Hope of salvation. The gift of love is available to all according to the list of fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22.

1 Corinthians 14:1-2 – At Pentecost we saw the gift of tongues demonstrated as those in the crowd heard the message delivered in their own language. See Acts 2:5-21. But in speaking of the gift of tongues, vs 1-2 makes it clear that it is not the most coveted of the gifts. Thus when people make it a test of faith, it is not in accordance with Scripture. Prophecy however is something highly desirable and while we are all called to share the gospel, some are called as prophets. When you consider the body motif of 1 Corinthians 12, you see the eyes mentioned, and we catch a glimpse of the gift that would be associated with the eyes in **Isaiah 29:10**. Thus Proverbs says that without vision, the people perish. We need the gift of prophecy. Could it be thus that the church in the last days is warned to cherish this gift when it is told that it is poor blind and naked in **Revelation 3:17**. In other words, evidently in the last days, many, even within the church, will take for granted the gift of prophecy that was given to the church through a modern day prophet. We must appreciate and avail ourselves of the spiritual gifts given to us and to the wider church body, that we may be blessed and benefitted by the Spirit's work amongst us.

Revelation 10:11 – The Bible calls us as a remnant people to prophesy again to all the world. Remember, God's end time people are described as having the Spirit of Prophecy, meaning not only would they be blessed with the gift of prophecy in their ranks, (Revelation 12:17 & 19:10) but they would all be called to share that message (Revelation 14:6-12) with the world.