

## Prophets

1. Purpose of prophets
  - a. Geared to believers, not unbelievers (1 Cor 14:22)
  - b. Perfecting of saints, work of the ministry, build of body (Eph 4:11-12)
  - c. Until we come to perfect unity, fullness of Christ, perfect man (v13)
  - d. To anchor believers (v14)
  - e. Let God's people know what's going to happen (Amos 3:7)
2. Aspects of prophets
  - a. Spoke words as they are moved by Holy Ghost (2 Pet 1:21)
  - b. Female prophets are OK/common (Luke 2:36-38, Ex 15:20, Judges 4:4, 2 Kings 22:14, Acts 21:8-9)
  - c. God speaks to them via visions, dreams, face-to-face (Num 12:6-8)
  - d. Certain physical manifestations (all at once are not necessary)
    - i. Eye open during vision (Num 24:4)
    - ii. Focused on vision, not on earthly surroundings (Dan 10:5-7)
    - iii. Initially lose strength (v8)
    - iv. Able to speak (v16)
    - v. No breath, stop breathing (v17)
    - vi. May later receive supernatural strength (v18-19)
  - e. Miracles proof of a true prophet? No (Rev 13:13-14, Rev 16:14)
3. Tests of a prophet
  - a. Speak according to law and prophets (Is 8:20, 1 Cor 14:32)
  - b. Does not turn us away from God or his commandments (Deut 13:1-5)
  - c. Produce good fruit, not evil fruit (Matt 7:15-20)
  - d. Called by God, He puts words in their mouth (Is :1-10, Jer 1:5-10, Amos 7:14-15)
  - e. Predictions come true (Deut 18:20-22, Is 42:8-9, 46:9-11)
4. Requirement of God's people to receive a prophet
  - a. Keeping God's law is linked to prophets receiving visions (Lam 2:9, Prov. 29:18)
5. Reactions to a prophet
  - a. Not harkening the words of a prophet leads to curses (Jer 26:4-6)
  - b. Do not harm God's prophets (Psalms 105:15)
  - c. Do not despise prophets, but prove them and hold fast to those who are true (1 Thes 5:20-21)
  - d. Believe in the prophets, this will lead to prosperity (2 Chron 20:20)
6. Prophecy at the end of time
  - a. There will be true prophets at end of time (Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:17)
  - b. There will be false prophets at end of time (Matt 24:24, see 2e)
  - c. End time remnant people have gift of prophecy (Rev 12:17, 19:10, 22:9)
7. Some history on Ellen White
8. Appendix
  - a. 1 Corinthians 14 (prophecy and tongues)
  - b. Numbers 22-24 (Balaam, a prophet who rebelled)

- c. Types of false prophets (Deut 18:10-12, Rev. 21:8)
- d. 1 Cor 12 (Spiritual gifts in detail, they are likened to body parts)
  - i. prophets used to be called Seers (to see, 1 Sam 9:9)
  - ii. without eyes, you are blind. Blind leading blind (Matt 15:14)