

THE TRUTH

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Lesson 27 – The Truth About Bible Prophets Pt. 2

PROPHETS IN THE LAST DAYS

1. According to the prophet Joel, what prophetic event in history would signal the outpouring of the gift of prophecy in the last days? [Joel 2:28-31] Ans. _____ the _____ and the _____ to _____

Name: _____



Faith: _____

ELLEN G. WHITE

From 1844, when Ellen Harmon was 17 years old, until 1915, when she died. During her 70 years of public ministry she had more than 2000 documented visions. During this time, she lived and worked in America, Europe, and Australia. Her work was often met with skepticism and ridicule, particularly since she was a woman and had not had much formal schooling. At the age of nine, Ellen was seriously injured when a classmate hit her with a stone. For three weeks she was unconscious, and it was thought that she would not recover. After her initial recovery, she returned to school, but never got beyond the early grades. On August 30, 1846, Ellen married James White, a young Adventist preacher, and they had four sons: Henry, Edson, William, and Herbert. After the death of her husband on August 6, 1881, Ellen labored alone for another 34 years, during which time she produced some of the most profound writings on God's Word. She wrote 100,000 pages, 80 books, 4,600 articles, 5,000 letters (preserved) and more than 4,000 that were not preserved.

BIBLICAL TESTS

I. The Super Natural: [Numbers 24:16, Daniel 10:10-11, 17-19] NO [] or [] YES

M. G. Kellogg, M.D., Battle Creek, MI, Dec. 28, 1890.

"Sister White was in vision about twenty minutes or half an hour. As she went into vision every one present seemed to feel the power and presence of God, and some of us did indeed feel the Spirit of God resting upon us mightily. We were engaged in prayer and social meeting Sabbath morning at about nine o'clock. Brother White, my father, and Sister White had prayed, and I was praying at the time. There had been no excitement, no demonstrations. We did plead earnestly with God, however, that He would bless the meeting with His presence, and that He would bless the work in Michigan. As Sister White gave that

triumphant shout of 'Glory! g-l-o-r-y! g-l-o-r-y!' which you have heard her give so often as she goes into vision, Brother White arose and informed the audience that his wife was in vision. After stating the manner of her visions, and that she did not breathe while in vision, he invited any one who wished to do so to come forward and examine her. Dr. Drummond, a physician, who was also a First-day Adventist preacher, who (before he saw her in vision) had declared her visions to be of mesmeric origin, and that he could give her a vision, stepped forward, and after a thorough examination, turned very pale, and remarked, 'She doesn't breathe!' I am quite certain that she did not breathe at that time while in vision, nor in any of several others which she has had when I was present. The coming out of the vision was as marked as her going into it. The first indication we had that the vision was ended, was in her again beginning to breathe. She drew her first breath deep, long, and full, in a manner showing that her lungs had been entirely empty of air. After drawing the first breath, several minutes passed before she drew the second, which filled the lungs precisely as did the first; then a pause of two minutes, and a third inhalation, after which the breathing became natural."

Dr. F. C. Castle at Stowe, Vermont, in the summer of 1853

A physician was present, and made such examination of her as his wisdom and learning dictated, to find the cause of the manifestation. A lighted candle was held close to her eyes, which were wide open; not a muscle of the eye moved. He then examined her in regard to her pulse, and also in regard to her breathing, and there was no respiration. The result was that he was satisfied that it could not be accounted for on natural or scientific principles." After drawing the first breath, several minutes passed before she drew the second, which filled the lungs precisely as did the first; then a pause of two minutes, and a third inhalation, after which the breathing became natural." [Signed, "M. G. Kellogg, M.D., Battle Creek, MI., Dec. 28, 1890]

Dr. Lord Waldron's Hall, Hillsdale, Mich., February 1857.

"We were present when (in February, 1857) Sister E. G. White had a vision in Waldron's Hall, Hillsdale. Dr. Lord made an examination, and said, 'Her heart beats, but there is **no breath**. There is life, but no action of the lungs; I cannot account for this condition."

John Loughborough, October 1862

The first time I saw Mrs. E. G. White (formerly Miss Harmon) was in October, 1852. On that day I saw her in a vision that lasted over one hour. Since that time I have had the privilege of seeing her in vision about **fifty times**.

In passing into vision she gives three enrapturing shouts of "Glory!" which echo and re-echo, the second, and especially the third, fainter, but more thrilling than the first, the voice resembling that of one quite a distance from you, and just going out of hearing. For about four or five seconds she seems to drop down like a person in a swoon, or one having lost his strength; she then seems to be instantly filled with superhuman strength, sometimes rising at once to her feet and walking about the room. "There are frequent movements of the hands and arms, pointing to the right or left as her head turns. All these movements are made in a most graceful manner. 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" My next-door neighbor, Mr. Diagneau, had never before seen her in vision, and so used many tests to satisfy himself that she did not breathe, that she knew nothing of what transpired around her, and that she was controlled by a superior power. Mr. Diagneau was a strong man, a stone mason. While in vision Mrs. White would clasp her hands

together upon her chest, and he could not by the utmost exertion raise one finger sufficiently to get his thumb and finger between her finger and hand. Almost the next moment she would unclasp her hands and gracefully move her arm and hand toward the subject she seemed to be viewing. While her arm was extended, Elder White said, "Brother Diagneau, that looks like an easy motion, and as though you, a strong man, could easily bend her arm. You can try it if you wish." He then placed his knee in the bend of her elbow, and taking hold of the extended hand with both his hands, pulled backward with all his might without bending it in the least. He commented, "I would as soon try to bend an iron bar as that arm." Before he had closed the sentence, her arm passed gracefully back to her chest, but with a force that slid his feet on the floor while trying to resist. He at once admitted that there was superhuman strength connected with the vision, for he well knew Mrs. White to be a woman of delicate health. **[Miracles in My Life, 58, 59]**

II. Faithfulness to the Word of God and His Law. [Isaiah 8:20]

NO [] or [] YES

- a. "In our time there is a wide departure from their doctrines and precepts, and there is need of a return to the great Protestant principle--the Bible, and the Bible only, as the rule of faith and duty" **[The Great Controversy, 205]**
- b. The Holy Scriptures are to be accepted as an authoritative, infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the revealer of doctrines, and the test of experience" **[Manuscript 88a, 1900]**
- c. "Satan is constantly endeavoring to attract attention to man in the place of God. He leads the people to look to bishops, to pastors, to professors of theology, as their guides, instead of searching the Scriptures to learn their duty for themselves. Then, by controlling the minds of these leaders, he can influence the multitudes according to his will." **[The Great Controversy, 205]**
- d. Cling to your Bible as it reads and stop your criticism in regard to its validity and obey the word, and not one of you will be lost. The Bible and the Bible alone is to be our creed, the role bond of union. God's word is infallible lift up the banner on which is inscribed the Bible, our rule of faith and discipline." **[Colporteur Ministry, 125]**
- e. But it is ever the purpose of Satan to make void the law of God and to pervert the true meaning of the plan of salvation. Therefore, he has originated the falsehood that the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary's cross was for the purpose of freeing men from the obligation of keeping the commandments of God. He has foisted upon the world the deception that God has abolished His constitution, thrown away His moral standard, and made void His holy and perfect law. Had He done this, at what terrible expense would it have been to Heaven! Instead of proclaiming the abolition of the law, Calvary's cross proclaims in thunder tones its immutable and eternal character. **[Early Writings, 118]**

III. Predictions:

NO [] or [] YES

In **1890**, when peace was prevalent, she wrote this: "The tempest is coming. We shall see trouble on all sides. Thousands of ships will be hurled into the depths of the sea. Navies will go down and human lives will be sacrificed by millions." **[Signs of the Times, April 21, 1890].**

In **1902**, she warned that the cities around the bay area of California would suffer disaster: "Not long hence, these cities will suffer under the judgment of God. San Francisco and Oakland are becoming, as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the Lord will visit them in wrath. **[Evangelism, 403-404]** The terrible earthquake that has visited San Francisco will be followed by other manifestations of the power of God. **[Ms 61a, June 3, 1906].**

THE DESIRE OF AGES: Dr. Billy Graham: "It is the most authentic work and the greatest book ever written on the life of Christ."

W.E. Bement, Library of Congress Washington DC: "My preference or choice would be guided by what I wish to get from the book or books to read, but let me put it this way... I would put The Desire of Ages by Ellen. G. White first for spiritual discernment and practical application."

1870: When the weather will permit, all who can possibly do so ought to walk in the open air every day, summer and winter. But the clothing should be suitable for the exercise, and the feet should be well protected. A walk, even in winter, would be more beneficial to the health than all the medicine the doctors may prescribe. For those who can walk, walking is preferable to riding. The muscles and veins are enabled better to perform their work. There will be increased vitality, which is so necessary to health. The lungs will have needful action; for it is impossible to go out in the bracing air of a winter's morning without inflating the lungs

1905: Inactivity is a fruitful cause of disease. Exercise quickens and equalizes the circulation of the blood, but in idleness the blood does not circulate freely, and the changes in it, so necessary to life and health, do not take place. The skin, too, becomes inactive. Impurities are not expelled as they would be if the circulation had been quickened by vigorous exercise, the skin kept in a healthy condition, and the lungs fed with plenty of pure, fresh air. This state of the system throws a double burden on the excretory organs, and disease is the result. **[The Ministry of Healing, 238 1905]**

Pork, although one of the most common articles of diet, is one of the most injurious. God did not prohibit the Hebrews from eating swine's flesh merely to show His authority, but because it was not a proper article of food for man. It would fill the system with scrofula, and especially in that warm climate produced leprosy, and disease of various kinds. **[Counsels on Diets and Foods, 392]**

1890: God has furnished man with abundant means for the gratification of an unperverted appetite. He has spread before him the products of the earth, a bountiful variety of food that is palatable to the taste and nutritious to the system. Of these our benevolent heavenly Father says we may freely eat. Fruits, grains, and vegetables, prepared in a simple way. They impart nourishment to the body, and give a power of endurance and a vigor of intellect that are not produced by a stimulating diet. **[Counsels on Diets and Foods, 355]**

1860: "Tobacco is a poison of the most deceitful and **malignant** kind, having an exciting, then a paralyzing influence upon the nerves of the body. It is all the more dangerous because its effects upon the system are so slow, and at first scarcely perceivable. Multitudes have fallen victims to its poisonous influence. They have surely murdered themselves by this slow poison." **[Pg. 84]**