

Lesson 23 Prophets and Prophecy – Answers

1. What was Jesus' warning about prophets in the last days of earth's history?

Many **false** prophets will rise up and deceive many.

False christs and **false** prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to **deceive**, if possible, even the elect.

2. How has God spoken to humanity down through time?

I have also spoken by the **prophets**, And have multiplied visions; I have given symbols through the witness of the **prophets**.

3. How important is the ministry of the prophets?

Surely the Lord God does **nothing**, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the **prophets**.

4. Can we expect the gift of prophecy to be present in planet Earth's final days?

It shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall **prophesy**, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see **visions**. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My **Spirit** in those days.

5. How does God reveal His will to prophets?

If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a **vision**; I speak to him in a **dream**.

6. Whose influence enabled prophets to speak on behalf of God?

Prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the **Holy Spirit**.

7. Has God encouraged believers in Jesus to accept the genuine gift of prophecy?

Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; **believe** His prophets, and you shall **prosper**.

Do not despise **prophecies**. Test all things; hold fast what is **good**.

8. What are the tests for the genuine gift of prophecy?

As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to **pass**, the prophet will be known as one whom the Lord has **truly** sent.

If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after **other** gods'—which you have not known—'and let us serve them,' you shall **not** listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams.

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.

Beware of **false** prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves . . . Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

9. Do mediums and fortune-tellers have a God-given gift?

There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a **medium**, or a **spiritist**, or one who calls up the **dead**. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.

10. Why is the gift of prophecy absent from the majority of churches today?

Her gates have sunk into the ground; He has destroyed and broken her bars. Her king and her princes are among the nations; The **Law** is no more, And her prophets find no **vision** from the Lord.

11. Where is the gift of prophecy to be found?

God has appointed these in the **church**: first apostles, second **prophets**, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

12. Is the gift of prophecy intended to take the place of the Bible?

When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men . . . And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some **prophets**, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the **edifying** of the **body** of Christ.

13. Has God said the gift of prophecy will be found in the church of the last days?

The dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who **keep** the commandments of God and have the **testimony** of Jesus Christ.

16. Is it likely that there will be more people with the gift of prophecy before Jesus returns?

I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall **prophesy**, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see **visions**. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My **Spirit** in those days.

17. Are doctrinal beliefs derived from the Bible, the gift of prophecy, or both?

It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every** word that proceeds from the mouth of **God**.'