

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS
20/20 Vision in 2020
LESSON STUDY: *Simplicity of the Gospel*
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GOD'S EYES FOR THE CHURCH

The Gospel Simplified: Jesus In, Satan Out

SCRIPTURE: 1 THES. 5:19-21

¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit. ²⁰ Despise not prophesyings. ²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

To whom does the Lord reveal His final plans?

1. Amos 3:7: "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

Does the bible teach that there will be true and false prophets in the last days?

2. Acts 2:4,15-18: "⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ¹⁵For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; ¹⁷And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: ¹⁸And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:"

The gift of prophecy was not only limited to men, women also prophesied.

- A. Mariam: Ex 15:20: "And Miriam the **prophetess**, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances."
- B. Deborah: Judges 4:4: "And Deborah, a **prophetess**, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time."
- C. Anna: Luke 2:36,38: "³⁶And there was one Anna, a **prophetess**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; ³⁸And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

In what ways does God speak to a true prophet?

3. 2 Pet. 1:21: "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."
4. Num. 12:6: "And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream."

Angels also give light and understanding to the prophets.

5. Dan. 8:15-16: "¹⁵And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. ¹⁶And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel (*an angel*), make this man to understand the vision."
6. Dan. 9:20-22: "²⁰And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; ²¹Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. ²²And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding."

What are the physical evidences of a true prophet in vision?

7. May lose physical strength. Dan 10:8 "Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength."

God touched Daniel's lips so he could speak, although no breath remained in his body.

8. Dan. 10:14,16,17: "¹⁴Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days. ¹⁶And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. ¹⁷For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me."

May later receive supernatural strength.

9. Dan. 10:18-19: "¹⁸Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, ¹⁹And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me."

Eyes may be open.

10. Numbers 24:2,4: "²And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him. ⁴He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:"

What is the most important test of a true prophet?

11. Isa. 8:20: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

What was another name for a prophet in the Old Testament?

12. 1 Sam 9:9: "(Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)"

Since prophecy is the eyes of the church, a church without the gift of prophecy would be in what condition?

13. Matt. 15:13-14: "¹³But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. ¹⁴Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."
14. Judges 21:25: "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

God's remnant or last day church will have all the gifts that Christ gave and for what purpose?

15. Eph. 4:11-14: "¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: ¹⁴That we henceforth be no

more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”

Is a true prophet’s work primarily to serve the church or to serve unbelievers?

16. 1 Cor. 14:22: “Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.”

Who is upset with God’s church and why?

17. Rev. 12:17: “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

18. Rev. 19:9-10: “⁹And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. ¹⁰ And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”