

10-TESTS-OF-A-PROPHET

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In these days, many are they which call themselves “prophets”, claiming to have received “new, previously unknown, ‘truth’ from God.”

Please observe that, even though dictionaries define “prophecy” as being “prediction”, in Scripture, the word generally describes “proclamation of divine truth”, in which prediction of future events or results might occur.

The following study might help the reader to identify “true prophecy” and therefore be able to avoid being misled.

- A true prophet’s predictions will “come to pass” (Jeremiah 28:9)
- He will glorify God rather than himself (John 16:13)
- He does not give his own private interpretation (2 Peter 1:20, 21)
- He points out sin (Micah 3:5-8)
- He warns of coming judgment (Isaiah 24:20, 21)
- He edifies the church (1 Corinthians 14:3, 4)
- His message harmonizes with the Bible (Isaiah 8:20)
- He teaches that Jesus came in the flesh (1 John 4:1-3)
- He has a Christian character (Matthew 7:16-20).
- He is obedient to the will of God (Deuteronomy 18:18)