

“The Chosen (6): How to Stone the Prophet”

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- ❑ Numbers 12
 - ◆ You don't call yourself to be a prophet—_____ does the calling—and not the _____.
 - ◆ Numbers 12:6—“It may be through a dream, it may be through a vision, but it will _____ be through Me.”
 - ◆ Acts 2:17-18 (Joel 2:28-29)—“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that _____ will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your _____ shall prophesy, your young men shall see _____ your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on my maidservants _____ will pour out My Spirit in those days.”
 - ◆ It is _____ who calls men and women to the prophetic office.
 - God calls his prophet “My _____.”
 - I.e., a prophet is under the personal _____ of the Almighty God.
 - Numbers 12:8 in the Hebrew reads literally, “I speak with him _____ to _____.”
 - I.e., for a prophet God communicates “mouth to mouth,” whereas for you and me he communes “_____ to _____.”
 - ◆ Deuteronomy 18:15,18-22
 - Moses' point is crystal clear—God communicates directly _____ and _____ his prophets.
 - ◆ Deuteronomy 13:1-3
 - Moses' point: If a prophet displays supernatural powers but teaches _____ to the Word of God, we are to reject that prophet as false.
 - ◆ Miriam's fundamental error was disrespect for and rebellion against God's lawfully constituted _____ in his prophet.
 - ◆ Note: It is both _____ and a _____ to reject the prophet of God. (Numbers 12:11)
 - ◆ Which is why God's query bears repeating: “Why then were you not _____ to speak against My servant?” (Numbers 12:8)

- ❑ A biblical case for an end-time prophetic ministry
 - ◆ Amos 3:7—“Surely the LORD does _____, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”
 - In every major epoch of sacred history, God has raised up a prophet to prepare his people for what is _____: the flood, the call of Israel, the Exodus, the monarchy, the exile, the Messiah's first coming, the gospel to the world.
 - Then, will not the return of the Messiah the second time warrant a divine messenger to prepare a people?
 - ◆ Revelation 12:17—“And the dragon [Satan] was enraged with the woman [community of God], and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring [end of time], who keep the commandments of God and have the _____ of Jesus Christ.”
 - ◆ Revelation 19:10—“For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of _____.” (See also Revelation 22:9 where “the testimony of Jesus” is linked to presence of “prophets” in the community of faith.)
 - ◆ I.e., one of the identifying marks of God's community of faith and truth at the end of time will be the presence of his _____ gift in their midst.

- ❑ Ellen White
 - ◆ Her prodigious literary output includes 100 books available in English—55,000 pages of

manuscript—5000 periodical articles.

- Her life-changing masterpiece on the Christian life, *Steps to Christ*, has been published in more than 135 languages.
- She may well be the most translated woman writer in literature, and the most translated American author of either gender.
- ◆ As the result of her prophetic gift:
 - The largest Protestant educational system in the world
 - The most extensive Protestant health system on earth
 - *National Geographic* (10-05) cover story extolling the health benefits of the health message she received
 - The church she helped found is in more countries today than any other Protestant denomination on earth.
- ◆ Does she take the place of the Bible in my life, in my church? No!
- ◆ But her love for Jesus and her passion for pointing lost people to him have deeply influenced my walk with God—and I am not alone.
- ◆ Roger Dudley and Des Cummings, Jr., surveyed more than 8200 members of 193 Seventh-day Adventist churches in North America:
 - _____ % of the regular readers of Ellen White’s writings assessed their relationship with Jesus as intimate—the figure was only 56% for the non-readers of Ellen White.
 - _____ % of regular readers of Ellen White indicated a high degree of assurance of being right with God, compared to 59% of the non-readers.
 - Readers of Ellen White were _____ % more involved in Christian outreach and service activities than were non-readers.
 - _____ % of those who read Ellen White regularly also have daily personal Bible study, as compared with 47% of the non-readers—exactly the opposite effect which false prophets tend to have upon their followers.
 - *In fact, in every one of the 20 spiritual life categories surveyed, the regular readers of Ellen White scored _____ than the non-readers.*
- ◆ No wonder a century ago these two predictions were made:
 - “The very last deception of Satan will be to make of _____ effect the testimony of the Spirit of God.” (1SM 48)
 - “It is Satan’s plan to weaken the faith of God’s people in the Testimonies. _____ follows skepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to perdition.” (4T 211)
- ◆ And no wonder II Chronicles 20:20 invites us:

“Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.”

God, church, only, I, daughters, visions, I, God, servant, employ, mouth, mouth, heart, heart, to, through, contrary, authority, “foolish”, “sin”, afraid, nothing, impending, testimony, prophecy, prophetic, 82, 82, 24, 82, higher, none, Next