

“The Gift (7): Ellen White— How Did It Really Work?”

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□ The Apocalypse

- Revelation 12:17—the final community of God’s faithful will be:
 - #1—radically _____ to the commandments of God (including the 4th Commandment re: the seventh-day Sabbath).
 - #2—radically _____ to the testimony of Jesus.
- Revelation 19:10—“the testimony of Jesus” is the “_____” or the prophetic gift.
- Revelation 22:9—“the spirit of prophecy” is manifested through the ministry of a _____.
- Clearly God’s final community of faithful on earth will have the ministry of a _____ in their midst.

□ The Four Tests

- Test #1—Isaiah 8:20—the word of the true prophet is _____ with the Word of God.
 - Gerhard Pfandl—“Every true prophet has made the writings of previous prophets the benchmark for his or her own ministry.” (*The Prophetic Gift* 68)
- Test #2—Jeremiah 28:8, 9—the _____ of the true prophet comes true.
 - Deuteronomy 13:1-4 declares that test #2 is only valid if test #1 is true—i.e., fulfilled predictions must be matched by the prophet’s genuine _____ with God’s Word.
- Test #3—I John 4:1-2—the focus of the true prophet is on the truth about _____.
 - No wonder Revelation defines the endtime manifestation of the “spirit of prophecy” as the “_____”.
 - A genuine prophet at the end of time will be _____ with the truth about Jesus—incarnated God, atoning Savior, mediating High Priest, divine Judge and soon-coming Deliverer.
- Test #4—Matthew 7:15-20—the life and influence of the true prophet demonstrate the _____ of the Spirit of Jesus.
 - A prophetic ministry that bears the fruits of the Spirit demonstrates its _____ authority and corroborates its _____ calling.

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- George Barna: “The under-40 pastors championed several authors who were not ranked highly by older church leaders. Those authors included business consultant James Collins, seminary professor Thom Rainer, nineteenth century Seventh-Day [sic] Adventist icon Ellen White, and pastor John Ortberg.” (<http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/178...>)
- “Others have called me a prophetess, but I have never assumed that title. I have not felt that it was my duty thus to designate myself. . . . I regard myself as a _____, entrusted by the Lord with messages for His people.” (1SM 36/ circa 1905)
- “The Spirit was not given—nor can it ever be bestowed—to supersede the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested.” (*Great Controversy* vii)
- September 1, 1902: “Well equipped tent meetings should be held in the large cities, such as San Francisco; for not long hence these cities will suffer under the judgments of God. San Francisco and Oakland are becoming as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the Lord will visit them in wrath.” (*Life Sketches* 412) [The great San Francisco earthquake struck April 18, 1906.]
- “In my second vision, about a week after the first, the Lord gave me a view of the trials through which I must pass, and told me that I must go and relate to others what He had revealed to me. It was shown me that my labors would meet with great opposition, and that my heart would be rent with anguish; but that the grace of God would be sufficient to sustain me through all. . . . For several days, and far into the night, I prayed that this burden might be removed from me, and laid upon some one more capable of bearing it. But the light of duty did not change, and the words of

the angel sounded continually in my ears, 'Make known to others what I have revealed to you.'" (*Life Sketches* 69)

- Merlin Burt: "If it is true that Jesus gave His own testimony through the prophetic gift as explained by John in Revelation, than it is imperative that we listen. The 'testimony of Jesus' brings us redemption and His loving guidance in a world broken by sin and suffering." (Paper presented July, 2010)
- "I love to speak of Jesus and His matchless love and my whole soul is in this work. I have not one doubt of the love of God and His care and His mercy and ability to save to the utmost all who come unto Him. . . . Don't you believe in Jesus, Lizzy? Do you not believe He is your Saviour? That He has evidenced His love for you in giving His own precious life that you might be saved? I pray most earnestly that the Lord Jesus shall reveal Himself to you and Reuben. . . . I long to take you in my arms and lay you on the bosom of Jesus Christ. . . . With Jesus as your blessed Friend you need not fear to die, for it will be to you like closing your eyes here and opening them in heaven. Then we shall meet never more to part." (Letter to twin sister Elizabeth, February 21, 1891)
- *The St. Helena Star*, July 23, 1915: "The life of Mrs. White is an example worthy of emulation by all. . . . She was a humble, devout disciple of Christ and ever went about doing good. . . . Her death marks the calling of another noted leader of religious thought and one whose almost ninety years were full to overflowing with good deeds, kind words and earnest prayers for all mankind."

*"Test all things—
hold fast what is good."
I Thessalonians 5:19-21*

obedient, loyal, spirit of prophecy, prophet, prophet, true, genuine, in agreement, prediction, harmony, Jesus Christ, testimony of Jesus, saturated, fruits, divine, divine, messenger