



# Worksheet #21

## “The Testimony of Jesus”

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Spirit of  
Prophecy

### What Is The “Testimony of Jesus?”

- **Revelation 12:17** “...who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”
- **Revelation 19:10** “Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy!”
- **Revelation 22:6-9** “I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets.”

### Creator and Communicator

- God not only \_\_\_\_\_ us but He also \_\_\_\_\_ with us.
- Even after sin ended face-to-face access, God communicated in creative ways:
  - Spoke out loud
  - Indicated approval or disapproval through the Urim and Thummim stones
  - Revealed things to people through dreams and visions
  - Wrote messages with His own hand
  - Jesus was the clearest communication of the Father’s character and will ever given.
- God’s most \_\_\_\_\_ method of communicating His will is through \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Amos 3:7** “...God does \_\_\_\_\_, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”



### What Is A Prophet?

- Prophets are not \_\_\_\_\_ tellers; and not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_ tellers.
- A prophet is someone who conveys a message from God in their own words: A \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Hosea 12:13** “By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet he was preserved.”
    - **Exodus 4:10-16** “...he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God.”
    - **Exodus 7:1** “I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.”
  - **Jeremiah 1:5-9** “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.”
  - **2 Peter 1:16-21** “...holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

### Prophecy in the Last Days

- The only gift included in all four spiritual gifts lists with no mention of the promise of gifts expiring:  
**Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Corinthians 14; Ephesians 4**
- **Joel 2:28, 29** “And 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*.”
- **Matthew 24:24** “...false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

The Bible tells how to distinguish true prophets from false, but first let’s study God’s prophecy pattern.

## God's Prophecy Pattern

Prediction Prophet		Present Truth Prophet
<b>Enoch</b> Jude 14; Gen. 5:21	<b>The Flood: "When he dies, it will be sent"</b> →	<b>Noah</b> Genesis 7:11
<b>Abraham</b> Genesis 15:13	<b>400 years of pilgrimage / 430 years of affliction</b> →	<b>Moses</b> Exodus 12:41
<b>Jeremiah</b> Jeremiah 25: 8-11	<b>70 years of captivity in Babylon</b> →	<b>Daniel</b> Daniel 9:1, 2
<b>Daniel</b> Daniel 9:24, 25	<b>70 weeks (490 years) until the Messiah</b> →	<b>John the Baptist</b> John 1:29-31
<b>Daniel</b> Daniel 8:14	<b>2300 days (2300 years) until Judgment</b> →	<b>William Miller</b> Joel 2:28, 29 / Rev. 10: 9,10
<b>Enoch</b> Jude 14, 15	<b>The Second Coming of Jesus (Mark 13:32)</b> →	<b>Ellen G. White</b> Joel 2:28, 29 / Rev. 10:11

### Testing a Prophet

**1 Thessalonians 5:20** "Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good."

#### 1. Messages Agree with Scripture

- **Isaiah 8:20** "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."
- **The Great Controversy, p. 595:** *God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms. The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority--not one nor all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord" in its support.*

#### 2. Prophecies Come True

- **Deuteronomy 18:21, 22** "And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?-- when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken'"
- **January 12, 1861** (Statement following a vision in Parksville, Michigan) *People are making sport of the secession ordinance of South Carolina, but I have just been shown that a large number of States are going to join that State, and there will be a most terrible war... There are those in this house who will lose sons in that war.*
- **September 1, 1902** (manuscript): *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.*

#### 3. Uplift Christ as God in the Flesh

- **1 John 4:1-3** "...Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God"
- **Our High Calling, p. 16** *Christ, His character and work, is the center and circumference of all truth. He is the chain upon which the jewels of doctrine are linked. In Him is found the complete system of truth.*

#### 4. Fruit Inspection

- **Matthew 7:15-20** "Beware of false prophets... You will know them by their fruits."
- **Psalms 34:8** "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"
- **2 Chronicles 20:20** "...believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."