



### *Messages from Beyond the Stars*

- I. God gives some clear council concerning those claiming to know the future through the occult, astrology, and the supernatural.
  - A. What God has set in place will happen regardless of men's predictions. Isaiah 47:13
  - B. Those who consult fortune tellers, card readers, and those who claim to talk to the dead, provoke the Lord. II Kings 21:6
  - C. God says not to be defiled by them. Leviticus 19:31
- II. What should we do with those who claim to be a prophet?
  - A. We are not to despise true prophesying, but to prove all things. I Thessalonians 5:19-21
  - B. We must check out a prophet by the word of God. Isaiah 8:19,20
    - i. A sign alone is not enough proof. Deuteronomy 13:1-4
    - ii. The devil is capable of performing miracles. Revelation 16:13,14; I John 4:1
- III. God has used prophets for a long time to communicate to mankind.
  - A. God ordained that He would reveal His secrets unto the prophets. Amos 3:7
  - B. If God's prophets are followed, those following will ultimately prosper from the council. II Chronicles 20:20
  - C. The work of a prophet is for edification, exhortation, and comfort. I Corinthians 14:3
  - D. God used prophets in the Old Testament.
    - i. Men whom God used as prophets include Enoch, Moses, Daniel, Isaiah, Elijah, Noah, and others.

- ii. Women whom He used as prophetesses were Miriam (Exodus 15:20) Deborah (Judges 4:4), and Huldah (II Chronicles 34:22).
  - E. God continued to use prophets in the New Testament.
    - i. New Testament prophets were John the Baptist, Paul, John, Agabus and others. Luke 7:28; Acts 13:9; Revelation 1:1; Acts 21:10
    - ii. Women prophets in the New Testament who were prophetesses were Anna (Luke 2:36,37) and Phillip's four daughters (Acts 21:9)
- IV. God said that he would give gifts from the Holy Spirit to the Christian church. I Corinthians 12:1
  - A. The Bible lists the gifts given to the church through the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 12:7-11
  - B. The gifts are: Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning of spirits, tongues, and interpretation of tongues.
    - i. We need to note that tongues and interpretation of tongues is the ability to speak or understand a foreign language to promote and teach the gospel. Acts 2
  - C. All the gifts of the Spirit given to the church should be manifested in God's last day church. I Corinthians 14:5,6,19,27,28
  - D. Many, today, counterfeit the true gifts. They are sometimes hard to spot. The Bible says to test the spirits. I John 4:1
- V. God gives the identifying marks of the last day (remnant) church in Revelation.
  - A. The last day church will keep the faith of Jesus, keep the commandments of God and have the gift of Prophecy. Revelation 12:17
  - B. The last day church will have the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy. The last day church will have the gifts given to the church including the gift of prophecy. Revelation 19:10
  - C. We need prophets in the church. God promises them to the true church in the last days. Proverbs 29:18; Joel 2:28, 31
  - D. Ignoring God's law leads the church into darkness. Lamentations 2:9
  - E. We need to test the prophets so as not to be deceived. Matthew 24:24

- VI. Biblical tests of a true prophet.
  - A. A true prophet will speak in harmony with God's word. Isaiah 8:20
  - B. A true prophet has his/her predictions come to pass. Jeremiah 28:9
  - C. A true prophet is put in place to edify (teach) the church. I Corinthians 14:3
  - D. A true prophet will lift up Christ as the son of the Living God. I John 4:2
  - E. A true prophet will bear good fruit. Matthew 7:16,18
  - F. A true prophet will lead people to the Bible not away from it. I Corinthians 1:4-8
  
- VII. The Seventh-day Adventist church recognizes the gift of prophecy as being given to the last day church through the ministry of Ellen G. White.