

3.—THE GIFT OF PROPHECY IN THE LAST DAYS

Bible prophecy expressly declares that God will speak again, and that He will again use the Gift of prophecy in His Remnant Church (Rev. 12 : 17; 19 : 10; 22 : 8, 9; Acts 2 : 17-21; Joel 2 : 28-32).

Seventh-day Adventists recognise in the writings of Ellen G. White an authentic, last-day manifestation of the Biblical Gift of prophecy.

Ellen G. White's life, work and teachings harmonise exactly with all the Bible tests of a true prophet (1 Thess. 5 : 19-21; Isa. 8 : 20; Matt. 7 : 20; Jer. 28 : 9; Deut. 18 : 21, 22; 1 John 4 : 2).

Seventh-day Adventists do not attach any superstitious veneration to the name, person, or relics of Mrs. White, but they do prize the inestimable gift of Divine counsel which is given permanent form in her writings.

The "Spirit of Prophecy" writings do not displace or eclipse the Bible—they enrich our appreciation of its truth and beauty, as the microscope enhances the snowflake, and the telescope magnifies the stars.

Conclusion The most conclusive evidence that God did truly speak in a special way to His Church through Mrs. White will be gained by a first-hand, unprejudiced reading of her inspirational writings (Ps. 34 : 8; II Chron. 20 : 20).

I Thess. 5 : 20, 21: "Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things. Hold fast that which is good."

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT MRS. E. G. WHITE

- Born at Gorham, Maine, U.S.A., 26th November, 1827.
- Had a twin sister—Elizabeth.
- Parents—Robert and Eunice Harmon, Methodist Episcopal Church members in their early days. Eight children in the family.
- Converted at a Methodist camp-meeting, March, 1840.
- Baptised at age of 13 at Portland, Maine, by Methodist minister.
- Dropped from the Methodist Church in Portland, Maine, 1843, because of Adventist views.
- Married James White, 30th August, 1846.
- First vision, December, 1844 (see "Early Writings", pp 13-20).
- Four children, all boys, were born to James and Ellen White.
- Health reform vision given 6th June, 1863.
- Began keeping Sabbath in the autumn of 1846, soon after marriage.
- Given instruction to begin publishing work in November, 1848.
- First issue of "Present Truth", July, 1849.
- James White died 6th August, 1881.
- Laboured in Europe two years, from summer of 1885 to autumn of 1887.
- Enjoyed pioneer work in Australia from 1892 to 1900.
- 13th February, 1915, fell in her home at St. Helena and broke her left leg.
- Died 16th July, 1915.
- Funeral Sabbath, 24th July, 1915, Battle Creek. Buried Oak Hill Cemetery.
- Major current literary works represented by 55 titles. She wrote 2,000 articles for "Review", 2,000 messages in the "Signs", and 500 articles for other publications.