

Gift of Prophecy

purpose: To show that Christ does everything in His power to guide His own and this is manifest in the ministry of Ellen G. White. *Bring *Steps to Christ* to this study.

center it: Jesus Christ is always on time.

Introduction

- Luke 10:16
 - If a prophet of God speaks, we are hearing God through them.
 - If we reject their message, we reject God.
- Mark 6:14-18
 - John's message didn't originate with John?
 - Where did it come from?
 - Who was Herod really hearing and rejecting?
- Luke 23:8,9
 - Why wouldn't Jesus answer King Herod?
- Amos 3:7
 - 2 Chronicles 20:20- believe in His prophets and you shall prosper.
 - God's method for communicating with humanity is through prophets.
- Malachi 3:6
 - His methods won't change because He doesn't. (Hebrews 13:8)

Prophecy Sandwiches

- Genesis 15:13,14
 - Abram receives a time prophecy from God.
 - The prophecy is 400 years long.
 - What does the prophecy concern?
- Exodus 3:7-10
 - God raises up Moses the prophet at the end of the 400-year prophecy.
 - Does his mission relate to Abram's prophecy?
 - Abram [400 years] Moses
- Jeremiah 29:10 (Jeremiah 25:11,12)
 - Jeremiah receives a 70-year time prophecy.
 - What does it concern?
- Ezra 1:1-3; 5:1,2
 - God raises up Haggai the prophet around the end of Jeremiah's prophecy.
 - Does his mission relate to Jeremiah's prophecy?
 - Jeremiah [70 years] Haggai
- Daniel 9:25
 - Daniel receives a time prophecy of 483 years.
 - What does it concern?
- Mark 1:1-4,14,15
 - God raises up John the Baptist at the end of the time prophecy.
 - Does his mission and message have anything to do with Daniel's prophecy? Yes! It has everything to do with it!
 - Daniel [483 years] John the Baptist
- Daniel 8:14,17
 - God gives a 2,300-year prophecy through Daniel.

- What does it concern?
- Daniel [2,300 years] ????
- Jesus and his message is always on time!
- What then should we see around 1844? If God is going to be consistent with Himself, we should see a prophet.

Test of a Prophet

- Isaiah 8:20
 - Biblical faithfulness
- Deuteronomy 13:1-3
 - Commandment keeping
- Jeremiah 28:9
 - Prophetic accuracy
- Matthew 7:15,16
 - Positive fruit

appeal: 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 Do not quench the spirit or despise prophesying. Don't despise the prophecy just because you don't like the message. The apostle Paul admonishes us to test all things. Will you make a commitment with me today to test all things? Will you commit to test Ellen White? Will you use the measuring rod steps in the Bible, read this book *Steps to Christ*, and consider?