

## *These Perilous Times*

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### **What Do God's People Believe? Part XVIII**

As we continue our journey through the study of our 28 fundamental doctrines it's important to note that none of our fundamental beliefs come from the writings of Ellen G. White.

Though we have confidence in, and adhere to her inspired writings and prophetic counsel to God's "Remnant Church," all of our teachings come from God's Written Word!

"The Bible states, "that holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" {II Pet. 1:21}. Some of these "holy men," or prophets, as they are generally called, gave their messages from God orally, i.e. Elijah and Elisha.

At other times they, God's spokesmen, wrote out their messages, which gave it greater effect and a wider circulation. "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness" {II Tim. 3:15, 16}.

Clearly, then, the Bible contains all the wisdom and counsel that human beings need to find the way of Salvation and follow it. The Scriptures provide an infallible revelation of the will of God.”<sup>1</sup>

**What does this mean for us?**

*Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season*

*“God’s need to communicate with the human family did not end when the last book of the Bible was written.*

In his letters to the church in Corinth and Ephesus, the apostle Paul mentioned “prophecy” as one of the important gifts of the Spirit. They placed the gift of prophecy second only to the apostolic gift {I Corinthians. 12:28; Eph. 4:11}.

The belief of some Christians that the gift of prophecy ended with the New Testament era has no Biblical foundation. As we approach the end of human history and the conflict between good and evil intensifies, Satan’s attack against God’s people will become more and more fierce

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<sup>1</sup> We Believe, Signs of the Times Magazine-Special Edition, pp. 21, 22.

{Rev. 12:17] and his deceptions more subtle {Matt. 24:24}. Obviously, then, the gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of prophecy, will be increasingly essential. The Bible makes very clear that the gift of prophecy will be present in God's true end-time church.

John the revelator, {"Beloved"} declared that the members of the 'remnant church' will "keep the commandments of God and have the "testimony of Jesus" {Rev. 12:17}. The "testimony of Jesus" is defined in Revelation 19:10 as the "spirit of prophecy"<sup>2</sup> {Emphasis supplied}.

## Seventh-day Adventists Believe...

### 18. The Gift of Prophecy

"One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and was manifested in the ministry of Ellen G. White-the Lord's messenger. Her writings are a continuing and authoritative source of truth which provide for the church comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction.

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid. pp. 21, 22.

They also make clear that *the Bible is the standard by which all teachings and experience must be tested,*<sup>3</sup> {Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:14-21; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 12:17; 19:10, Emphasis supplied.}



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<sup>3</sup> Seventh-day Adventists Believe, "A Fundamental Exposition of Fundamental Beliefs," 2005, pp. 247-261.