
LESSON LII.

PROPHETS AND PROPHETESSES IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

1. That which made it necessary for God to reveal his will to man through the spirit of prophecy was the new relations caused by the fall and the plan of salvation through Christ; and since these new relations began at the fall and will end at the close of probation, therefore the spirit of prophecy did not stop at the cross, but will end when the perfect state is reached at last. (See second line under new relation.) 1 Cor. 13: 8-10.

2. There were prophetesses, as well as prophets, before Christ; to wit, the prophetess Deborah, who judged Israel (Judges 4: 4); and the prophetess Huldah, who instructed Josiah, the king. 2 Kings 22: 12-17.

3. Besides the apostles and also Paul, who were especially inspired of the Lord, we find the following prophets in the Christian church: Agabus (Acts 11: 27, 28), Barnabus, Simeon, Lucius Manaen (Acts 13: 1), Judas and Silas (Acts 15: 32).

4. The New Testament mentions the following prophetesses: Anna, the prophetess (Luke 2: 36-38); Philip's four daughters were prophetesses (Acts 21: 8, 9).

5. The New Testament teaches emphatically that God will pour out his spirit upon his people in the last days, and that both men and women will prophesy till the last great day. Acts 2: 17, 18, 20.

6. Those who live in the last days and wait for the coming of

Christ will have the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy. 1 Cor. 1: 6, 7; Rev. 19: 10.

7. But the true spirit of prophecy will be found only in the remnant (last) church which keep the commandments of God. Rev. 12: 17; 19: 10.

Note 1.—Revelations through the spirit of prophecy are represented by the second line under new relations; for it grew out of the new relations, which will continue till the end of probation, therefore did not end at the cross.

Note 2.—For a history and proof of how the spirit of prophecy has been manifested among the people of God who are looking for Christ to come and keeping the commandments of God, read Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists, chapters IX to XVII, and the Great Second Advent Movement, chapters XIII to XVI.

QUESTIONS.

1. Explain the reason why God revealed his will through prophets.
 2. How long will he continue to do so?
 3. Name two prophetesses in the Old Testament, and give references.
 4. Name three prophets in the Christian church besides the apostles.
 5. Who had four daughters who were prophetesses? Give reference.
 6. Name the text proving that there will be visions and prophecies in the last days.
 7. Prove that those who wait for Christ to come will have the spirit of prophecy.
 8. Prove that the true spirit of prophecy will be found only among the remnant commandment-keepers.
 9. What are they called who wait for Christ to come and keep the commandments of God?
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