

# The Prophetic Gift



Week Four

## inTro



Read This Week's Passage:  
Revelation 14:14–17



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## ACCEPTING THE CALL

God gave three people the gift of prophecy when the Millerite movement was just gaining traction. The first was William Foy, an eloquent African American preacher from Boston who faithfully shared the four visions he received.

The second was Hazen Foss. His story is not only heart-breaking but also serves as a warning. Shortly before Ellen White had her first vision, Foss had the same vision and was instructed to tell others. Unfortunately, he was upset after the Great Disappointment and refused. The Lord told him he would have one more chance, after which the vision would be given to someone else. He refused again and heard a voice say, “You have grieved away the Spirit of the Lord” (Letter 37, in *Letters and Manuscripts*, vol. 6 [1890]).

Frightened and horrified, he changed his mind and called a meeting of Advent believers. He explained what had happened but when it came time to share the vision, he couldn’t remember a single word. Those present later described it as a most sobering scene. He later heard Ellen White share the same vision he had been given and implored her to be faithful in doing the work set before her. He lived into his seventies but never again showed any interest in spiritual matters.

The third person to receive the prophetic gift was Ellen White, who was called at the young age of seventeen. She initially hesitated to share in public what she had been shown, but she eventually surrendered and went on to be God’s faithful messenger to the Advent movement for the next seventy years.



## inScribe

Write out Revelation 12:14–17 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out a portion of the primary passage. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

What things in our lives make it hard for God to communicate with us? How can we receive more guidance from Him?

What are the two key ingredients of the remnant in Revelation 12:17 and how do they work together?



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## inTerpret

After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

Should we or should we not be skeptical of prophets? Why?



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What relationship do the following verses have with Revelation 12:14–17?

Prophets in the last days:

Revelation 19:10

Revelation 22:9

Joel 2:28–31

Matthew 24:24

1 Corinthians 1:5–7

Prophets in the early church:

Acts 13:1

Acts 15:32

Acts 21:8, 9

Correlation of law and prophets:

Lamentations 2:9

Ezekiel 7:26

Tests of a prophet:

Deuteronomy 18:21, 20

Isaiah 8:20

Jeremiah 28:9

1 John 4:1, 2

What other verses come to mind in connection with the primary passage?

Review your memorized verse from Revelation 12:14–17.



Meditate on the primary passage again and look for where Jesus is.



How should the fact that Jesus gave us His testimony affect how we act in our daily lives?

What is Jesus saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer Response:



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Review the memory verse.  
How does it apply to your  
life this week?



After this week's study, what are some personal applications you are convicted of in your life?

What are some practical applications you must make in your school, family, workplace, and church life?



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## inQuire

Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



How would the church react today if a seventeen-year-old claimed to have the gift of prophecy?

How can we test a prophet to know if the prophet is true or false? (See Deut. 18:22; Jer. 28:9; Isa. 8:20.)

What can we learn from Ellen White's hesitancy to share her prophetic gift in public?

What is God's purpose in sending the gift of prophecy to His people in the last days?

God didn't send prophets when His people didn't follow His laws. What does this say about how He operates and how He treats us?

How can we avoid only accepting a prophet's counsel when it agrees with our current lifestyle and beliefs?

In what ways could the writings of a modern, non-canonical prophet be misused in church?