



SAVED TO SERVE

Pastor Andrew Henriques

www.prophecyagain.com

ANOTHER FALSE RAPTURE DATE!

HOW TO DISCERN BETWEEN TRUE & FALSE PROPHETS

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will see the warnings Jesus gives about false prophets and how to assure that we are not deceived by them.
2. What was the first thing Jesus warned His disciples of when they asked Him about the signs of His coming and the end of the world? Matthew 24:3-4

3. How does Jesus label those who will be deceiving others, and how strong will be the delusion according to Matthew 24:11, 24?

4. Many people are being deceived by false prophets because the so-called prophets appear very sincere and convinced of what they are teaching. How did Jesus say the false prophets would portray themselves? Matthew 7:15

5. 1 Samuel 16:7 lets us know that man looks at the outward appearance but God looks at the heart. Since we cannot read peoples' hearts, what should we examine to know if they are sent by God or not? Matthew 7:16-20

6. **Current Event:** Unexpected Response from Mr Joshua on RAPTURE failure! Rapture is still happening |WHY I'm not Sorry <https://youtube.com/watch?v=GJ4ewrTvOyY&t=4388s>
7. What are we clearly told in scripture regarding the time of Jesus' return? Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32-33

8. **Note:** Let's first prove that God will pour out His spirit of prophecy upon His church and faithful saints in these last days and then, we will see how to discern a true from a false prophet.
9. Besides keeping the commandments of God, what is another major characteristic of the true church? Revelation 12:17; Revelation 19:10

10. What is the the spirit of prophecy? (Note: It is also known as the testimony of Jesus) Read Revelation 1:1-2 and 2 Peter 1:19-21.
Answer: It is God revealing to His people through the Holy Spirit & angels things which will come to pass (prophecy), and that which is revealed provides evidence that God's Word is true, and it points people to Jesus.
11. Is prophecy included among the spiritual gifts given to the church? How does Paul describe it in 1 Corinthians 14:1? 1 Corinthians 12:28, 31; 1 Corinthians 14:1

12. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts, including the gift of prophecy? Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:6-8

13. How does prophecy come to us? Revelation 1:1-2; Amos 3:7

14. Do prophets speak of their own will or do they speak on behalf of God? 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Hebrews 1:1, 2

15. **Note:** Throughout Bible history, God has always had a leading prophet to guide His people with their counsel, prayers, and rebuke (i.e. Moses, Samuel, Elijah, John the Baptist). For example, while Moses was the leading prophet who communicated with God and shared God's messages with the Israelites, Miriam was simultaneously called a prophetess (Exodus 15:20). There were hundreds of prophets in Elijah's day, but he was the leading prophet who rebuked Ahab & Jezebel. Likewise, in these last days, God also has a leading prophet whose counsel guides His remnant movement: Ellen G. White. Others will receive the gift of prophecy (Acts 2:16-18; Joel 2:28, 29) but there will only be one leading prophet.

16. What are we counseled to do in order to determine if a prophet is sent by God or not? 1 John 4:1

17. What are the physical tests of a true prophet?

a) Numbers 12:6

b) Numbers 24:16

c) Daniel 10:8

d) Daniel 10:15

e) Daniel 10:17

f) Daniel 10:18

g) 2 Corinthians 12:1-4

Visions happen in the presence of witnesses who bear a first-hand testimony of the event (Daniel 10:7; Acts 9:7, 8).

18. Let us look at the characteristics of a true prophet.

a) 1 John 4:2, 3

b) Deuteronomy 18:21, 22; Jeremiah 28:9

c) Ezekiel 3:17-19

d) Matthew 7:15-18, 20

e) Isaiah 8:20

f) Acts 15:1-2, 27-29 - **Answer:** Prophets help to settle doctrinal disputes.

19. How can we know if what a prophet says is his own words and not from the Lord? Deuteronomy 18:21-22

20. The Bible also shows us that there will be predictions from false prophets that come to pass. Therefore, this could not be the litmus test of a true prophet. If a false prophet's predictions come to pass, what will help us discern that they are not of God? Deuteronomy 13:1-3; Isaiah 8:20

21. What effect will continual date setting for the Second Coming of Jesus have on Christians? See statement below.

“Different times were set for the Lord to come, and were urged upon the brethren. But the Lord showed me that they would pass by, for the time of trouble must take place before the coming of Christ, and that every time that was set, and passed, would weaken the faith of God’s people. For this I was charged with being the evil servant that said: “My Lord delayeth His coming.” {1T 72.2}

22. Notice how the media is connecting this false rapture date setting to Seventh-day Adventists.

The roots of belief in the 2025 Rapture that didn’t happen

The most recent “rapture craze” is rooted in a prediction from a South African man named [Joshua Mhlakela](#), whose dream in 2018 predicted that Jesus would return on Sept. 23 or 24, 2025. That prediction first gained traction on TikTok and then went viral. If history is any guide, Mhlakela’s prediction will not be the last.

Perhaps the most famous such prediction in American history came from a Baptist preacher named William Miller, whose readings of Scripture, especially the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation, led him to conclude that Jesus would return sometime between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844. When this date passed, he recalculated the date several times and finally landed on Oct. 22, 1844. While modern social media did not exist at the time, he gained a very large following among Christians who found his interpretation compelling. Thus, many joined him on Oct. 22 of the year in question, hoping that Jesus would return as he predicted, only to experience “The Great Disappointment.”

Some of those followers sought to resolve the problem by adjusting the meaning of Miller’s prediction. Among these followers was Ellen G. White, a founder of the Seventh-day Adventist movement. Another follower, Charles Taze Russell, the founder of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, predicted Jesus’ return in 1914. When that event failed to materialize, adjustments were made to accommodate it. Over time, many others have attempted to predict Jesus’ Second Coming, Harold Camping’s 12 failed predictions being the most famous. This is true despite Jesus’ own warning that no one knows the timing of this event (Matthew 24:36).

<https://www.msnbc.com/opinion/msnbc-opinion/rapture-bible-christianity-end-times-american-evangelicals-rcna233434>

23. People look at the Millerite disappointment with scorn because Jesus did not return in 1844. Like those early Adventist believers, the disciples of Jesus also experienced a great disappointment. What was their disappointment? Luke 24:19-21; John 6:15

24. As the early Adventist believers continued studying after the passing of October 22, 1844, what did they understand transpired on that date, which proves that the Adventist movement is not a false movement? Daniel 7:9-10, 13; Daniel 8:14
Answer: Jesus went in before His Father in the Most Holy Place to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary and begin the work of investigative judgment.

25. What two doctrines and prophecies are important for us to teach and understand if we plan not to be swept away from the platform of truth? Daniel 8:14; Daniel 9:24-27

26. What should we prayer for these last days?

a) James 1:5-8

b) Colossians 2:6-8
