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Receiving and Delivering Her Messages

Numbers 12:6 – God says, "if there is a prophet among you, I make Myself known to him in a vision I speak to him in a dream." This is how God communicates to His prophets

Arthur White, Ellen G. White's grandson, estimated that during her lifetime his grandmother received hundreds of visions and prophetic dreams. The visions lasted from a few minutes to several hours and at times were witnessed by large groups of people. No one could control when or how long she would be in vision, as the visions were usually unexpected by Ellen White herself. (See James White, *Life Incidents*, pp. 271-274.)

I know it sounds strange and hard to believe, but what she experienced is biblical.

James White, husband, was witness: "utterly unconscious of everything transpiring around her"; eyes wide open unblinking; and did not breathe while in vision.
On some occasions even her skeptics had the chance to examine her when she had visions in public
Daniel 10:6 - exactly what Daniel experienced: -no breath was in him, eyes were open in vision.
Nu 24:16 – describes a person in vision who is hearing the words of the Lord has his eyes wide open.
In some of her visions EW while unconscious of surroundings saw heaven
2 Cor 12:2-4 Paul described such an experience himself where he was caught up to the 3rd heaven and was oblivious as to what was going on with his body

Other biblical identifiers of a true prophet:
Is 58:1 – a true prophet reproves "tell my people their transgressions and the house of Israel their sins." Ellen White was faithful to do though it didn't bring her into the favor or praise of men. Ellen White said of herself: "God has set me as a reprover of His people" that is what we saw earlier with God's prophets like Jeremiah. warned God's people of their backsliding and entreated them to return.

Is 24:20 - Warns the people of coming judgment – Ellen White's writing reveal the future of this country and this planet.

Jer 28:9 - their predictions are fulfilled

As in Bible times, the reaction of people to the messages varied. Some accepted God's counsels; others rejected them. Sadly, many still reject her and her writings

EW was very gracious to those who expressed skepticism about her prophetic gift. In fact, she made it clear that such people should be treated with "long patience and brotherly love . . . until

they find their position and become established for or against."—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 328.
Ellen G. White was convinced that the real proof of her prophetic gift was the messages that God gave to her. If people were honestly searching for the truth, she believed they would come to see that her gift was genuine and authentic and in harmony with Word of God

Let the prophet speak – instead of hammering her writings into your children, or using her as a weapon, or taking one-liners out of context. Let the prophet speak and may we be willing to listen.

John 13:20 Most assuredly I say to you, he who receives whomsoever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me