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**Lesson 9** **November 21-27*

# Testing *the* Prophets

# Sabbath Afternoon

**Read for This Week's Study:** *Dan. 10:7-19; Deut. 13:1-5; Isa. 8:20; John 11:25; Acts 15:36-39; Jer. 28:9, 15-17.*

**Memory Text: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world"**
*(1 John 4:1, NKJV).*

**A real diamond is one of the most valuable gems on earth.** Of course, many other things can be made to look nearly identical to diamonds but are worthless. **So how can one know if a diamond is real or fake? The best way is to test it. Some tests can be done at home with a few simple tools. Others need professional expertise**. Most of the tests are not conclusive on their own, but if a diamond passes several tests, one can be confident that the diamond is real.

**A diamond is one of the strongest materials on earth.** Part of a diamond's strength is its ability to withstand very high temperatures and dramatic temperature changes. To test a diamond, you could heat it with a lighter or torch and then drop it into cold water. Although a real diamond will not be damaged, a fake diamond is likely to shatter!

**The gift of prophecy is more valuable than any diamond, yet someone claiming this gift cannot simply be taken at face value**. **That claim must be tested. This week we will examine biblical prophets to uncover the biblical principles used to test their authenticity.**

**Study this week's lesson to prepare for Sabbath, November 28.*

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# Sunday

*November 22*

## Role of the Supernatural

During the Exodus, the Lord spoke to His people about the prophetic gift among them, saying, " '**Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream' "** *(Num. 12:6, NKJV).*

A prophetic message and calling often involves the supernatural; it definitely goes beyond a mere impression or idea that a person may have. A prophet receives direct communication from God, often through prophetic dreams or visions *(Dan. 8:1, Isa. 1:1, Acts 9:10, etc.)* that may be accompanied by marked physical phenomena.

**List some of the physical phenomena that the prophet Daniel experienced when in vision.** *See Dan. 10:7-19.*

**Daniel 10:7-19 7** And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.
**8** Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and **no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.**
**9** Yet I heard the sound of his words; and **while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face,** with my face to the ground.
**10** Suddenly, a hand touched me, **which made me tremble on my knees** and *on* the palms of my hands.
**11** And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.
**12** Then he said to me, **"Do not fear, Daniel,** for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.
**13** But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.
**14** Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, **for the vision *refers* to *many* days yet *to come*."**
**15** When he had spoken such words to me, **I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.**
**16** And suddenly, *one* having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My

lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.
**17** For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me."
**18** Then again, *the one* having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.
**19** And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace *be* to you; be strong, yes, be strong!"
So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

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Daniel lost his strength as he went into vision. He was then dependent on God for the duration of the experience. Although those who were with him did not go into vision, the presence of the Divine was so strong that they ran away and hid in terror. Nevertheless, God uses physical phenomena to draw attention to a prophet so that the prophetic message can be noted.

**What does Deuteronomy 13:1-5 teach us about the prophetic gift?**

**Deuteronomy 13:1-5** **1** "If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,
**2** and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods'—which you have not known—'and let us serve them,'
**3** you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
**4** You shall walk[a] after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.
**5** But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn *you* away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall [b]put away the evil from your midst.

Though visible phenomena show that a supernatural power is at work, this does not automatically mean that the person experiencing the phenomena is inspired by God. Satan can also demonstrate the supernatural. No single piece of evidence

confirms a prophetic ministry. Apart from physical phenomena, prophets must be tested. Supernatural manifestations are not a test of the true prophetic gift. All the biblical tests of a prophet must be present for us to validate someone as God's messenger. History, unfortunately, has been full of false prophets *(see Matt. 7:15).*

**In some cultures, supernatural occurrences are more common than in others. Why, though, must we be very careful when seeking to know if something supernatural really is of God?**

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
2Co 11:15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

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