



12 BIBLICAL TESTS
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1) All the predictions of a true prophet come to pass. If a prophet's predictions do not come to pass, the prophet and the predictions are not of God.

"And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." *Deuteronomy 18:21,22*

2) A true prophet's predictions will be 100% correct. There is no margin for human error.

"The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him." *Jeremiah 28:9*

3) A true prophet keeps God's law and abides by the testimony of the prophets in God's Word. If a person claims to be a prophet of God, but does not keep God's commandments and does not follow all the testimony of the scriptures, he/she is a false prophet.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." *Isaiah 8:20* "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." *1 John 2:4*

4) A true prophet believes in the incarnation of Jesus Christ: that Jesus is God, but that He came to this earth and took on humanity in order to redeem this lost race.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." *1 John 4:1-3*

5) A true prophet does not give his own private interpretation. He only interprets what the Lord reveals to him.

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." *2 Peter 1:20*

6) A true prophet only prophesies in the name of the Lord. He is not concerned about glorifying himself, only the name of the Lord.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." *2 Peter 1:21*

7) A true prophet helps and strengthens the body of Christ, his church, and works to uplift it.

"But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church." *1 Corinthians 14:3-4*

8) A true prophet of God will manifest good works; his ministry will produce abundant spiritual fruit.

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." *Matthew 7:15-20*

9) They receive their messages from God in the form of visions or dreams.

"And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream." *Numbers 12:6*

10) When they are in vision, their eyes are open and they do not blink.

"He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:" *Numbers 24:4,16*

11) When a true prophet is in vision he/she does not breathe.

"For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me." *Daniel 10:17*

12) A true prophet receives supernatural strength while in vision.

"Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, " *Daniel 10:18*

Additional references:

"And the dragon [Satan, see Revelation 12:9] was wroth with the woman [Church, see Revelation 12:6], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." *Revelation 12:17*

"...the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." *Revelation 19:10*

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." *Amos 3:7*