

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Prophets of God. Today's topic: **TESTING THE PROPHETS.**

**1) The need to test the prophets**

- a. Matthew 24:24-25 What prophecy did Jesus give about false prophets?
- b. What claim do these false prophets make?  
Matthew 7:22-23
- c. What warning did Jesus give about false prophets?  
Matthew 7:15
- d. What additional warning about false prophets was given by the Apostle John? 1 John 4:1 7:22-23

**2) Distinguishing Between Prophets of God and False Prophets**

- a. Expect supernatural revelation
  - i. Numbers 12:6, Daniel 8:1-2, Exodus 3:1-6, etc.
  - ii. What lessons can we learn from the experience of the aged prophet Daniel recorded in Daniel 10:4-21?
  - iii. Why is it dangerous to simply use this one test to distinguish between prophets of God and false prophets? Deuteronomy 13:1-5
- b. Expect harmony with the rest of the Scriptures
  - i. What counsel was given by the prophet Isaiah about testing the prophets? Isaiah 8:19-20
  - ii. How does Psalm 119:105 help us when we are seeking to distinguish between a true prophet of God and a false prophet?
  - iii. Share a time when the Word of God helped you to identify a false prophet.

**c. Expect a message that uplifts Jesus Christ**

- i. 1 John 4:1-3
- ii. What message did the prophet John the Baptist boldly proclaim? John 1:29-34
- iii. Why is it dangerous to simply talk about Jesus without a personal surrender to Him as Savior and Lord? Acts 19:13-15

**d. Expect positive fruit**

- i. What test did Jesus give to distinguish between a true prophet of God and a false prophet? Matthew 7:15-20
- ii. Name a prophet of God who bore good fruit. Daniel 6:4-5, Genesis 5:23-23 (see Jude 14), etc.
- iii. While true prophets of God bear good fruit, they aren't perfect. Give some examples.

**e. Expect fulfilled prophecies**

- i. If a prophet gives a prediction about the future, expect it to be fulfilled. Deuteronomy 18:22
- ii. Give an example of a conditional prophecy. Jonah 3:1-10, etc.
- iii. What great prophecy given by the prophet Daniel is being fulfilled in every detail? Daniel 2:29-45

