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**Bible Study Summary Introduction Statement**

**The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the**

arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgment in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Ellen G. White fulfils the Thirty Spiritual tests of a True Prophet of God

What is the twenty-seventh spiritual test of a prophet that Ellen G. White fulfilled?

**27. Every True Prophet of God was ordained to warn of judgments on those that broke the Sabbath and the Ten Commandments**

**2 Chronicles 36:15** And the LORD God of their fathers **sent** to them by his **messengers**, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

**2 Chronicles 36:16** But they **mocked** the **messengers** of God, and **despised** his **words**, and **misused** his **prophets**, until the **wrath** of the **LORD** arose against his people, till *there was* no remedy.

**2 Chronicles 36:17** Therefore he **brought** upon them the **king** of the **Chaldees**, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave *them* all into his hand.

**2 Chronicles 36:18** And **all** the **vessels** of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the **treasures** of the **king**, and of his princes; *all these* he brought to **Babylon**.

**2 Chronicles 36:19** And they **burnt** the **house of God**, and **brake** down the **wall of Jerusalem**, and **burnt** all the **palaces** thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

**2 Chronicles 36:20** And them that had **escaped** from the **sword** carried he **away** to **Babylon**; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

**2 Chronicles 36:21** To **fulfil** the **word** of the **LORD** by the **mouth** of **Jeremiah**, until the land had **enjoyed** her **sabbaths**: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

**Leviticus 26:14** But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will **not** do all these **commandments**;

**Leviticus 26:15** And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will **not** do **all** my **commandments**, *but* that ye **break** my **covenant**:

**Leviticus 26:16** I also will do this unto you; I will even **appoint** over you **terror**, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

**Leviticus 26:17** And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that **hate** you shall **reign** over **you**; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

**Leviticus 26:18** And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will **punish** you **seven** times more for your **sins**.

**Leviticus 26:19** And I will **break** the **pride** of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

**Leviticus 26:20** And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your **land** shall **not** yield her **increase**, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

- Leviticus 26:21** And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring **seven** times more **plagues** upon you according to your **sins**.
- Leviticus 26:22** I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your *high ways* shall be **desolate**.
- Leviticus 26:23** And if ye will **not** be **reformed** by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;
- Leviticus 26:24** Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will **punish** you yet **seven** times for your **sins**.
- Leviticus 26:25** And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall **avenge** the **quarrel** of *my covenant*: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be **delivered** into the **hand** of the **enemy**.
- Leviticus 26:26** *And* when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight: and ye shall **eat**, and **not** be **satisfied**.
- Leviticus 26:27** And if ye will **not** for all this **hearken** unto me, but walk contrary unto me;
- Leviticus 26:28** Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you **seven** times for your **sins**.
- Leviticus 26:29** And ye shall **eat** the **flesh** of your **sons**, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.
- Leviticus 26:30** And I will **destroy** your high places, and cut down your **images**, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.
- Leviticus 26:31** And I will make your cities waste, and bring your **sanctuaries** unto **desolation**, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.
- Leviticus 26:32** And I will bring the **land** into **desolation**: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.
- Leviticus 26:33** And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities **waste**.
- Leviticus 26:34** Then shall the land **enjoy** her **sabbaths**, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.
- Leviticus 26:35** As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did **not** rest in your **sabbaths**, when ye dwelt upon it.

Note how clearly Ellen G. White also fulfills this test proving her to be a true prophet of God.

**In our day there are many who reject the creation Sabbath as a Jewish institution and urge that if it is to be kept, the penalty of death must be inflicted for its violation; but we see that blasphemy received the same punishment as did Sabbathbreaking. Shall we therefore conclude that the third commandment also is to be set aside as applicable only to the Jews? Yet the argument drawn from the death penalty applies to the third, the fifth, and indeed to nearly all the ten precepts, equally with the fourth. Though God may not now punish the transgression of His law with temporal penalties, yet His word declares that the wages of sin is death; and in the final execution of the judgment it will be found that death is the portion of those who violate His sacred precepts. {PP 409.2}**

During the entire forty years in the wilderness, the people were every week reminded of the sacred obligation of the Sabbath, by the miracle of the manna. Yet even this did not lead them to obedience. Though they did not venture upon so open and bold transgression as had received such signal punishment,

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yet there was great laxness in the observance of the fourth commandment. God declares through His prophet, "My Sabbaths they greatly polluted." Ezekiel 20:13-24. And this is enumerated among the reasons for the exclusion of the first generation from the Promised Land. Yet their children did not learn the lesson. Such was their neglect of the Sabbath during the forty years' wandering, that though God did not prevent them from entering

Canaan, He declared that they should be scattered among the heathen after the settlement in the Land of Promise. **{PP 409.3}**

**The time of trouble is soon to break upon us, and the decree will go forth that everyone who will not keep the first day of the week shall be put to death. Those who have not regarded the Sabbath as they should, who have exalted their business above God's commandment, will trample upon the Sabbath and keep the first day of the week, because they have consulted their own convenience before the honor of God. They did not learn to bring themselves into harmony with the Sabbath, but sought to bring the Sabbath to meet their own convenience. With the preparation they have made, they are no more fitted to stand in the day of judgment than the greatest sinner.** Their ideas are confused; they have tried to serve God and mammon; they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. Those who love God with all the heart, and their neighbor as themselves, will be the only ones who will stand the test of the decree. When Satan brings his power to bear upon half-hearted professors, he will sweep them over to his side, he will claim his right to do with them as he pleases. But of those who honor God, the Lord says, "They shall be mine, . . . in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." **{ST, June 2, 1890 par. 5}**

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**Hosea 12:13** And by a **prophet** the **LORD** brought **Israel** out of **Egypt**, and by a **prophet** was he **preserved**.

**Exodus 12:50** Thus did **all** the children of **Israel**; as the **LORD** commanded **Moses** and Aaron, so **did** they.

**Exodus 12:51** And it came to pass the selfsame day, *that* the LORD did bring the children of Israel **out** of the land of **Egypt** by their armies.

**Psalms 77:20** Thou **leddest** thy **people** like a flock **by** the **hand** of **Moses** and **Aaron**.

**The Seventh - day Adventist church was ever close to the heart of Ellen G. White. A thousand times and more through her long life, heaven had drawn near to her with messages of encouragement, of instruction, of information, and of reproof and correction. These many visions were given to guide and guard the members of god's Sabbath keeping remnant, both individually and collectively.**

"The lord loves his church," she declared when it was under attack (Selected Messages, book 2, p. 68). Tenderly she wrote, "The church of Christ, enfeebled and defective as it may be, is the only object on earth on which he bestows his supreme regard."--Testimonies to Ministers, p. 15.

Ellen White loved the church deeply. Her whole life was dedicated to its welfare and ultimate triumph. **{3SM 15.1}**

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**Malachi 4:5** Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the **prophet** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

**Malachi 4:6** And he shall **turn** the **heart** of the **fathers** to the **children**, and the **heart** of the **children** to their **fathers**, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Note another clear fulfillment of this testing truth in Ellen G. White's writings.

**One great reason why there is so much evil in the world today is that parents occupy their minds with other things than that which is all-important--how to adapt themselves to the work of patiently and kindly teaching their children the way of the Lord.** If the curtain could be drawn aside, we should see that many, many children who have gone astray have been lost to good influences through this neglect. Parents, can you afford to have it so in your experience? You should have no work so important that it will prevent you from giving to your children

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all the time that is necessary to make them understand what it means to obey and trust the Lord fully. . . . **{AH 183.3}**

**The best way to educate children to respect their father and mother is to give them the opportunity of seeing the father offering kindly attentions to the mother and the mother rendering respect and reverence to the father.**

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**It is by beholding love in their parents that children are led to obey the fifth commandment and to heed the injunction, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." {AH 198.4}**

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the [new] earth."

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"Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." **Children who dishonor and disobey their parents, and disregard their advice and instructions, can have no part in the earth made new. The purified new earth will be no place for the rebellious, the disobedient, the ungrateful son or daughter. Unless such learn obedience and submission here, they will never learn it; the peace of the ransomed will not be marred by disobedient, unruly, unsubmitive children. No commandment breaker can inherit the kingdom of heaven. {AH 294.3}**

**What is the thirtieth spiritual test of a prophet that Ellen G. White fulfilled?**

**30. Every True Prophet of God will never drink alcohol and teach others to refrain from drinking also**

**Luke 1:13** But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a **son**, and thou shalt call his name **John**.

**Luke 1:14** And thou shalt have joy and **gladness**; and many shall rejoice at his **birth**.

**Luke 1:15** For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink **neither** wine nor **strong** drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

**Luke 1:16** And many of the children of Israel shall he **turn** to the Lord their **God**.

**Luke 1:17** And he shall go before him in the **spirit** and **power** of **Elias**, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Note how this test also Ellen G. White fulfilled in a very convincing manner.

It is because human beings have chosen to listen to the tempter that we see men and women partaking of that which robs them of their reason. In our large cities there are saloons on the

right hand and on the left, tempting passers-by to indulge an appetite which, once established, is exceedingly hard to overcome. **The youth should be trained never to touch tobacco or intoxicating drink. Alcohol robs men of their reasoning powers.** Watch that man entering the saloon. His eye is bright, and his step steady. Watch him as he comes out. The brightness has gone from his eye, and as he walks, he staggers from side to side. He is drunk,--a specimen of the work done by the saloon. **{RH, June 15, 1905 par. 14}**

A person may be addicted to the use of alcohol or stimulating drinks in some shape, and he has confused his reason. He does not sense his responsibility. What cure would you advise for a person who thus indulges a habit that is rebuked even by the beasts of the field? **The Word of God has denounced it. No drunkards shall enter into the kingdom of God.** What would you recommend to cure such an appetite? You would not say, "You may use strong drink moderately. Continue within bounds, but never indulge to excess." **{20MR 106.2}**

**You would say, "There is no such thing as helping you, unless you cooperate fully with my efforts, and sign the pledge of total abstinence.** Your habit is a bad one. You have by indulgence made it second nature, and it cannot be controlled unless the moral powers shall be aroused, and you shall look unto Jesus, trusting in the grace He shall give you to overcome this unnatural craving." You would say, "You have lost your self-control. Your self-indulgence is not only a moral sin, but it is a physical disease. You are not your own. You are God's property. He has purchased you with an infinite price, and every faculty is to be employed in His service. Keep your body in a healthful condition to do His will; keep your intellect clear and active to think candidly and critically, and to control all your powers." **{20MR 106.3}**

**Would you like to accept and read the writings of Ellen G. White after seeing that she unmistakably fulfills all the spiritual tests found in the Bible that prove she is a prophet for the last day Remnant Church? Yes!**

## **RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

**What warning did the Israelites ignore that led them to captivity in Babylon? The messages from the prophets including the keeping of the Seventh-day Sabbath.**

**What happened to Jerusalem and the temple because of their Sabbath breaking and disobedience? All the vessels of Temple were carried away to Babylon and the Temple and the city were destroyed and burnt by fire**

**What book written by Moses in the Old Testament many years earlier had warned them of what would happen if they broke the Seventh-day Sabbath and disobeyed God? Leviticus Chapter 26**

**Who does God ordain to preserve His people? The prophets**

**Who does God send to guide and lead His people? The prophets**

**What did Elijah do that will also be repeated in the last days to the Remnant Church? Turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers.**

**What is something that a true prophet will never partake of and also teach God's people never to partake of? Alcohol**