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**10. Resume - Footprints Of The Future**

1. Man looks to the future with great hope. But ...
2. Man is an unreliable predictor of the future.
  - **Q: Who is the only one who knows the future of all things? Isaiah 46:9,10. God**
  - **Q: How does God communicate messages to His people? Numbers 12:6; 2 Peter 1:21 A:** Through His prophets; In visions, dreams, and mouth to mouth.
  - "Prophet" = "one called (by God)", or "one who has a vocation (from God)"
  - Simply, it means a messenger, and the message is called prophecy.
  - The message or prophecy can be by forth telling, that is, stating past and present truth, or foretelling, that is future truth.
  - There are over 1800 predictions in the Bible. Over 300 (332) are about Jesus.
- **Q: What does God tell us through His prophets? Amos 3:7**
- **A: His plans for future events that affect God's people.**
- Before the: Flood - Noah; Exodus - Moses; Babylonian Exile - Isaiah; Empires - Daniel; Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> coming - John the Baptist; End-time events - John the Revelator.
- **Q: What warning did Jesus make about prophets? Matthew 24:23,24.**
- **A:** There will be false prophets.
- **Q: What are the tests of a true prophet? Jeremiah 28:9; (Deuteronomy 18:21,22); Deuteronomy 13:1-4; 1 John 4:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20.**
- **A's: Jeremiah 28:9** – the prophet's predictions must come true. ee if Nostradamus
- **Deuteronomy 13:1-4** – the message leads to the obedience to God's will.
- **1 John 4:1-3** – the prophet must believe in Jesus, His life, death and resurrection.
- **Matthew 7:15-20** – the lifestyle of the prophet must be true to Jesus, by their fruits.
- A couple of favourite prophets are Daniel and John because they speak of our days.
- **Q: What's prophecy's main purpose? John 14:29 A:** Increase our faith in Jesus.
- **Q: Will God use prophecy to prepare His people in the last days? Joel 2:28**
- **A:** Yes, and He has!
- **Q: Are there prophetic writings not included in the Bible? 1 Chron.29:29 A:**Yes
- **Q: What are 2 characteristics which identify God's end-time people? Revelation 12:17. A:** Keep the commandments of God; have the testimony of Jesus
- **Q: What is the testimony of Jesus? Revelation 19:10**
- **A:** The spirit of prophecy. That is, the testimony of Jesus is the very essence (intent or purpose) of the messages that Jesus has given to His prophets.
- **Q: What caution does Scripture give about the messages of prophets? Acts 13:40,41. A:** Be forewarned about the danger of disbelieving the prophets.
- **Q: What further warning does the Bible give to us? Isaiah 30:8-10 A:** Do not prefer error in preference to truth. Some do because it feels good.
- **Q: What characterizes the saints in the last days? Revelation 14:12**
- **A:** They persevere to the end and keep the commandments of God, and live the faith of Jesus, which is also according to the spirit of prophecy.
- **Q: What is promised to those who listen to the prophets? 2 Chronicles 20:20**
- **A:** Those who listen have a prosperous life.