

2015 Gift of Prophecy Symposium
Andrews University
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Thematic sequence

PART I – BIBLICAL STUDIES

1. **“An Overview of the Prophetic Voice in the Old Testament”** – by *Jiri Moskala* (Andrews University)

Should provide a general overview, with some significant conclusions, of how the prophetic gift operated in OT times. It should highlight also the topics that will be addressed by other speakers (see below), without exhausting the topics. Allusions should also be made to the prophetic revelations (not prophetic calls) given to Balaam, Pharaoh, and Nebuchadnezzar, and even Balaam’s ass.

2. **“An Overview of the Prophetic Voice in the New Testament”** – by *Ekkehardt Mueller* (Biblical Research Institute)

Should provide a general overview, with some significant conclusions of how the prophetic gift operated in NT times. Should also highlight the topics that will be addressed by other speakers (see below), without exhausting the topics. Compare and contrast the NT prophets with OT prophets.

3. **“Revelation/Inspiration and the Witness of Scripture”** – by *Ángel M. Rodríguez* (Biblical Research Institute, retired)

Will present evidences in Bible (2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; etc.) and in Ellen White writings of the revelation/inspiration process, as well as the prophets’ use of sources, incidental discrepancies, difficult passages, and developing understanding.

4. **“How Canonical Prophets Referred to and Interpreted Other Canonical Prophets”** – by *Clinton Wahlen* (Biblical Research Institute)

Sometimes people expect from EGW an exegetical rigor not used by canonical prophets while quoting other canonical writings. Should highlight (1) how later prophets attributed a literal meaning to the writings of earlier prophets (like the Psalms and the Prophets referred to events described in Genesis 1-11); and (2) how they interpreted them (not only the NT use of the OT, but also within the same Testament).

5. **“Literary Borrowings and Oral Quotations from Uninspired Sources”** – by *Elias Brasil de Souza* (Biblical Research Institute)

Should first distance itself from the historical-critical use of hypothetical sources in the OT. Then, from a grammatical-historical perspective, should identify literary

borrowings in both the OT (like the references in the books of Chronicles to the Annals of the Kings of Israel and Judah) and the NT (as in the writings of Paul).

6. **“How Canonical Prophets Expressed Their Own Feelings in Their Writings”** – by Gerald & *Chantal Klingbeil* (Ellen G. White Estate)

Should include, for instance, the imprecatory Psalms, Lamentations of Jeremiah, Daniel 8, etc.

7. **“Ellen White’s Insights to Understand Some Original Bible Passages”** – by *Richard M. Davidson* (Andrews University)

Will consider some Ellen White’s insights to understand the meaning of the Hebrew/Aramaic and Greek passages, unclear in the English translations.

8. **“Joel 2, Acts 2, and the Last Days”** – by *Greg King* (Southern Adventist University)

Explains the meaning of “all flesh,” distinguishing between sporadic prophetic revelations and the call for the prophetic office. Highlights the double fulfillment of this prophecy, at the Pentecost and in the time of the end.

9. **“The Meaning of ‘To Prophecy’ in 1 Corinthians 14”** – by *Larry Lichtenwalter* (Middle East University)

Besides the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements, even some Seventh-day Adventists are saying commonly today “God shown me,” “God told me,” etc. What is this text really teaching us?

10. **“The ‘Spirit of Prophecy’ in the Revelation of John”** – by *Ranko Stefanovic* (Andrews University)

Should explain the “spirit of prophecy” mentioned in Revelation 19:10, and other references to prophets in the same book. Helpful for this analysis is Gerhard Pfandl’s chapter in vol. 6 of the DARCOM Series.

PART II –HISTORICAL STUDIES

11. **“The Gift of Prophecy in Ancient and Medieval Christianity”** – by *John Reeve* (Andrews University)

Should survey how ancient church fathers and medieval theologians understood the gift of prophecy and its authority, compared to the authority of tradition.

12. **“The Gift of Prophecy in North America”** – by *Michael Campbell* (AIAS)

Should deal with both (1) how the prophetic gift was considered by the denominations until mid-19th century and (2) contemporary self-claimed prophets.

13. **“Ellen G. White’s Call to the Prophetic Ministry”** – by *Merlin Burt* (Andrews University)

Should address (1) Ellen G. White's conversion experience, (2) her prophetic call, and (3) how she saw her own prophetic ministry.

14. "How Early Sabbath-Keeping Adventists Accepted Ellen G. White as a True Prophet" – by Theodore Levterov (Loma Linda University)

Should address (1) the reasons why and (2) the process how early Sabbath-Keeping Adventists accepted Ellen White as a true prophet.

15. "Ellen G. White's Prophetic Ministry and the *Sola Scriptura* Principle" – by Alberto R. Timm (Ellen G. White Estate)

Should try to harmonize the modern prophetic gift of Ellen White with the *sola Scriptura* principle.

16. "Ellen G. White's Use of Sources" – by Jud Lake (Southern Adventist University)

Should address (1) how Ellen White used non-inspired sources in her writings; and (2) the basic charges of plagiarism in her writings. It could also present some statistics about how much of "common knowledge" every individual inherits from other people.

17. "A Pictorial History of Ellen G. White" – by James Nix (Ellen G. White Estate)

Should provide a fresh overview of Ellen G. White life and ministry based on photographs taken in a variety of circumstances.

18. "Making Ellen White Relevant to the Modern/Post-Modern Minds" – by Dwight K. Nelson (Andrews University)

Should provide solid guidelines to make Ellen White relevant to the modern and post-modern minds, without losing its original identity.

19. "Ellen G. White's Worldwide Influence" – by Bill Knott (General Conference)

Should expose the worldwide positive influence of Ellen White's writings, and what some non-Adventists (William F. Albright and others) have said about her.

KEYNOTE SERMON: "Why I Accept Ellen G. White's Prophetic Ministry" – by Ted Wilson (General Conference)