

**1 Kings 13:1-5 -- "By the word of the Lord a man of God came from Judah to Bethel, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering. He cried out against the altar by the word of the Lord: 'O altar, altar! this is what the Lord says: 'A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who now make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.'" That same day the man of God gave a sign: 'This is the sign the Lord has declared: The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out.' When King Jeroboam heard what the man of God cried out against the altar at Bethel, he stretched out his hand from the altar and said, 'Seize him!' But the hand he stretched out toward the man shriveled up, so that he could not pull it back. Also, the altar was split apart and its ashes poured out according to the sign given by the man of God by the word of the Lord."**

**(b) Before a predictive prophecy can be accepted as genuine new revelation, the potential tendency of the influence of the alleged prophet's teachings must be evaluated, in terms of either drawing people away from God or toward God and His will as revealed in the general or specific scriptural principles or truths governing belief and practice.**

**Deuteronomy 13:1-5 -- "If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, 'Let us follow other gods' (gods you have not known) 'and let us worship them,' you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The Lord your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul. It is the Lord your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him. That prophet or dreamer must be put to death, because he preached rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery; he has tried to turn you from the way the Lord your God commanded you to follow. You must purge the evil from among you."**

**Therefore, if a person today claims to utter predictive prophecy, and that prediction is either in agreement with or contrary to Scripture, it should be rejected as new revelation from God. If the utterance is neither in agreement with or contrary to Scripture, it should be evaluated by the prescribed scriptural tests, which include verification by fulfillment and appraisal of the tendency of the**