1. (v.1-3) The role of a true prophet of God is to call God’s people back to the Word and ways they have left. A prophet is like an evangelist to God’s people, calling them back to what they should have never left in the first place.

2. (v.4-10) If God’s Word is not received and acted upon, the true follower of God never enters into a relationship with those who continue to fall away.

3. (v.11-19) Even a true prophet of God can be deceived in the exact same manner by which any true follower is deceived: by failing to test all things by prayer and God’s Word.

4. (v.20-25) Those who fail to heed the greater message accompanying God’s signs become a sign themselves and an unwitting testimony to that message.

5. (v.26-30) Not even a prophet is exempt from obedience to God’s Word. Recognition of God working is never a substitute for putting the message into practice.

6. (v.31-34) Refusal to return to God’s Word and ways ultimately leads from temporary separation to permanent separation.