We understand from numerous warnings given in both the Old and New Testament that false prophets will never cease to be a threat among God's people.
When the ancient Israelites wanted to know how they could be recognized, Moses made it clear that a true Prophet proved himself by always making correct predictions. This standard should be the very same for evaluating anyone calling himself a Prophet today.
However, the New Testament offers an additional sign to look out for when identifying the counterfeit. Jesus Himself said:

> You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.
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> (Matthew 7:16-18)

The bad fruit in this passage refers to both the moral conduct of the false prophet and to the fleshly passions and worldly cravings their message produces in those who follow them.
Concerning their moral conduct, the Bible specifically states that false prophets are false because they tell lies, speaking in the Name of the Lord when He did not send them. In the Book of Jeremiah, we read:

> Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they are deluding you. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.
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> (Jeremiah 23:16-17)

Scripture also informs us that false prophets are motivated primarily by their lust for money. Luke says it was this which prompted the Pharisees to sneer at the Son of God and ridicule His parable of the dishonest manager. And Jude writes, "They go the way of Cain, and abandon themselves to Balaam's error for the sake of gain."
Concerning the fruit false prophets produce in their followers, Jeremiah goes on to say their utterances give false assurance that minimizes the consequences of sin, preventing people from repenting and avoid the sword. We read:

> They keep saying to those who despise the word of the LORD, "It shall be well with you." And to all who stubbornly follow their own stubborn hearts, they say, "No calamity shall come upon you."
>
> (Jeremiah 23:17-18)