

False Prophets of the Last Days

Part 1 (of 2)

Last Days

1Jn 2:18 Little children, it is the last (*Gk.2078 εσχατος–farthest, final [of place or time]: -ends of, last, latter end*) time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there **many** antichrists; **whereby we know that it is the last time.** (*Emp. added*)

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days (*Gk.2250 ἡμερα –figuratively a period [always defined more or less clearly by the context]: -age*) scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this they willingly (*their choice*) are ignorant of, that **by the word of God** the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with **water**, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, **by the same word** are kept in store, reserved unto **fire** against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (*Emp. added*)

These passages along with others give the definite time frame of the “last days”. We are living in the last dispensation (*Christian age or dispensation*) and there will be no other. There were two others which comprised the Old Testament: the Patriarchal age (*from Adam to the cross*) and the Mosaic age (*from the giving of the Old Testament law of Moses to Israel to the cross*).

How to recognize a false prophet.

Deu 18:20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. 21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? 22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, **if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken,** but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously (*in arrogance*): thou shalt not be afraid of him. (*Emp. added*)

False Prophets

2Co 11:13 For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming (*Gk.3345- disguise*) themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Ignorance with apathy is an open door to slavery and final destruction.

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the **love of the truth, that they might be saved.** 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: (*for their believing the lie – YLT*) 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (*Literally, **because** they believed the lie, not **so that** they would.*) (*Emp. added*)

Cult: a system of religious worship, a sect. Sect: a religious denomination, a group of people having a common philosophy. Webster

To the true Christian (*and some others claiming to be*) a cult is made up of people who practice a sort of counterfeit Christianity/religion. Their doctrines misinterpret the true teachings of scripture, in one way, by making the line between the testaments invisible in order to **twist** the **real** truth (*2 Pet 3:16*) to their favor all the while with the goal to place their subordinates under their complete control through ignorance and lack of serious investigation. They still seem to have a following that blindly gives allegiance to a false interpretation instead of the One True Word. We will consider three of the countless false (*according to scriptural interpretation*) religions.

Muhammad Bin-Abdullah (Apr 20, 570-June 8, 632 A.D.) – Islam (Bible Probe)

Jud 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and **denying** the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Emp. added*)

“... Muhammad posed as an apostle of God. Yet his life is filled with lustfulness (12 marriages and sex with a child, slaves and concubines), rapes, warfare, conquests, and unmerciful butcheries.” “What Muhammad produced in the Qur’an is simply a book of gibberish consisting of later evil verses abrogating (superseding) earlier peaceful verses. These verses in Arabic ‘tickle’ the ears of Arab listeners. Islam is a **caustic blend of paganism and twisted Bible stories**. Muhammad, its lone ‘prophet’, who made no prophesies, conceived his religion to satiate his lust for power, sex, and money. He was a terrorist.” (*Emp. added*)

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

“Muhammad **claimed** the angel **Gabriel transmitted** the entire **Koran** to him from Allah while he was living **in the Hira Cave**.” (*2 Pet 1:21*) His wife “Khadijah encouraged him that his visions were indeed from God and that he had been chosen as his special messenger.” He “began to preach his new religion in 610 A.D.” “Hoping to garner Jewish support for ... military campaigns, Muhammad had yet another vision that his **Allah wanted Muslims to do their praying facing the then Christian city of Jerusalem**.” He “stopped this practice when he realized there was no hope the Jews would join Islam. Henceforth Muhammad and his Allah stopped the practice of facing Jerusalem and ordered all prayers ... to be said while facing in the direction of Mecca.”

One of the many passages that Muhammad plagiarized.

Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his **windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem**, he kneeled upon his knees **three times a day**, and **prayed**, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. (*Emp. added*)

Joseph Smith (Dec 23, 1805-June 27, 1844) – Mormonism (Wikipedia)

“According to Smith, beginning in the early 1820s he had visions, in one which **an angel** (Angel Moroni) **directed him to a buried book of golden plates** inscribed with a Christian history

of ancient American civilizations. (*2 Pet 1:21*) In 1830, he published what he said was an **English translation of these plates** as the Book of Mormon, and organized the Church of Christ (Latter Day Saints) as a restoration of the early Christian church. Church members were later called Latter Day Saints, Saints, or Mormons.” (*Emp. added*)

Jud 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for **the** faith which was once (*Gk.530- one [or a single] time [numerically or conclusively]*) delivered unto the saints. (*Emp. added*)

“That faith was delivered "once for all," which Vine says means, "of what is perpetual validity, not requiring repetition." All of that which Christians believe has been delivered for all time.”

Gary Hampton

Charles Taze Russell (Feb 16, 1852- Oct 31, 1916) - Jehovah’s Witnesses (Wikipedia)

“Christ’s Second Coming. Russell believed that Christ had returned invisibly in 1874, and that he had been ruling from the heavens since that date. He predicted that a period known as the “Gentile Times” would end in 1914, and that Christ would take power of Earth’s affairs at that time. He interpreted the outbreak of World War I as the beginning of Armageddon, which he viewed to be both a gradual deterioration of civilized society, and a climactic multi-national attack on a restored Israel accompanied by worldwide anarchy.”

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

“Christian Zionism. Expanding upon an idea suggested by Nelson Barbour, Russell taught as early as 1879 that God’s favor had been restored to Jews as the result of a prophetic “double” which had ended in 1878 (favor from Jacob to Jesus, then disfavor from Jesus until 1878). In 1910, he conducted a meeting at the New York Hippodrome Theatre, with thousands of Jews attending. Jews and Christians alike were shocked by his teaching that Jews should not convert to Christianity. Russell believed that the land of Palestine belonged exclusively to the Jewish race, that God was now calling them back to their land, and that they would be the center of earthly leadership under God’s Kingdom. Early in Russell’s ministry, he speculated that the Jews would possibly flock to Palestine and form their own nation by the year 1910. Shortly before his death, he utilized the Jewish press to stress that 1914 prophetically marked the time when Gentile nations no longer had earthly authority with the result that all Jews were, from that time onward, permitted and guided by God to gather to Palestine and boldly reclaim the land for themselves.” (*Many other denominations swallow this “hook, line and sinker”. If only they would become as the “little children” spoken of by Jesus in Matt 18:2-3. With such a pure mind they would understand scripture without preconceptions and bias. This teaching is a misinterpretation of Rom 11:26.*)

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is *that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a **Jew**, which is one **inwardly**; and circumcision is *that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. (*Emp. added*)

Eph 3:2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:
3 How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the **mystery of**

Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That **the Gentiles should be fellowheirs**, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power. (*Emp. added*)

Six True Biblical Events & One Yet Unfulfilled Prophecy

When we look at a time line of Biblical events that shaped the history of man as we know it we find:

1st. The creation and fall of man with God's promise of a Redeemer. Gen 3:15

2nd. The event and purpose of the flood of Noah's day. Gen 6:5-13

3rd. The tower of Babel as it relates to Acts 2. Gen 11:1-9

4th. Abraham, his faith and the sign of circumcision. Gen 17

5th. Israel through whom God would give the law of Moses. Ex 19, 34

6th. The coming of the kingdom. Dan 2, 7

7th. Christ's second coming, final resurrection, judgment and end of the world. 2 Pet 3

We will deal with the first two in this lesson. The other five will be part of lesson 2.

#1. Creation, Fall of Man and the First Prophecy of Redemption

Free agency: The choice to love God through obedience (*in the case of Adam & Eve to only one law*).

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food (*lust of the flesh*), and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes (*lust of the eyes*), and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise (*pride of life*), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (*1 Jn 2:16*)

Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? 10 And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. 11 And He said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Gen 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and **between thy seed and her seed**; it (*He*) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel. (*Emp. added*)

This is the first prophesy of the coming Messiah. The seed of Eve was/is Jesus in the flesh; the seed of Satan are all those who blindly believe his lies.

Joh 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer **from the beginning**, and **abode not in the truth**, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he **speaketh of his own**: for **he is a liar**, and the **father of it**. (*Emp. added*)

The very first prophesy of the coming of the Savior to redeem mankind from the power of sin shows where Jesus had to die (*bruise His heel*) thus dealing a crushing blow (*bruise thy head*) to the power of Satan and his offspring when Christ resurrected.

#2. The Flood

Gen 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. 26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon (*Heb.3588- invoke/ Apostolic Bible Polyglot-Gk.1941- to entitle*) the name (*Gk.3686- authority: -[sur-] name [-d]*) of the LORD. (*Literally; men began to call themselves the sons of God.*)

Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2 That the **sons of God** (*offspring of Seth*) saw the **daughters of men** (*offspring of Cain*) that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. 3 And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be **an hundred and twenty years** (*the time left until when the flood would come*). 4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the **daughters of men**, and **they bear children to them**, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown. 5 And GOD saw that **the wickedness of man** *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart (*Heb.3820- the feelings, the will and even the intellect*). 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth Me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. (*Emp. added*)

“When repentance is attributed to God, it implies a change in His mode of dealing with men, such as would indicate on their part a change of purpose.” Samuel Davidson

Jon 3:9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we perish not? (“Who can say if maybe God might change His way of dealing with us if we turn from our evil ways?”)

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

Gen 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* everything that *is* in the earth shall die. 18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Gen 7:5 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him. 6 And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. 8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of everything that creepeth upon the earth, 9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

Gen 7:23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark. 24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

It was at this point that the earth changed from a single continent paradise to the broken, multi-continental globe that it became and now is through the shifting of the earth's plates (*tectonics*) by such a cataclysmic event. Peter used this event to show how baptism has the same effect as did the flood. As the flood separated Noah and his family from the corrupt and sinful world beneath them, so the penitent sinner is separated from his sin and the world around him by obediently entering the ark of safety, Jesus Christ.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by **the Spirit**: 19 **By which** also He went and preached unto the spirits (*presently*) in prison; (*Emp. added*)

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* **moved by the Holy Ghost**. (*Emp. added*)

The same Holy Spirit that guided Noah to preach for the hundred plus years through which he warned of the then coming flood, was the same Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead. And He is the same Holy Spirit Who can give the gift of life to anyone who obeys the message of the gospel.

1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 21 The **like figure** whereunto *even* **baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) **by** the resurrection of Jesus Christ: 22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him. (*Emp. added*)

1Co 15:16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, *your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, Which hath *made us meet (*Gk.2427- to enable, that is, qualify*) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of His dear Son: 14 In Whom we have redemption through His blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

*Heaven cannot be occupied by anything or anyone that is less than perfect. Our perfection is only found in Christ. And as Gal 3:27 states, to be **in** Christ we have to be immersed into Him through obedience in the act of baptism.

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