

**EQUIPPING THE SAINTS**  
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**LESSON STUDY: *Simplicity of the Gospel***  
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**WARNING SIGNS OF THE FALSE PROPHET**

**The Gospel Simplified: Jesus In, Satan Out**

**SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 16:13-14**

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**Jesus has warned us that there will be false prophets in the last days.**

1. Matt 24:3-5,11,23-26: “<sup>3</sup> And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. <sup>5</sup> For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. <sup>23</sup> Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. <sup>24</sup> For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. <sup>25</sup> Behold, I have told you before. <sup>26</sup> Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.”
2. 1 John 4:1: “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

**People would rather believe a lie than the truth.**

3. 2 Tim. 4:3-4: “<sup>3</sup>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; <sup>4</sup> And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

**The love of money will be the false prophet’s motivation.**

4. 1 Tim. 6:10: “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”
5. Eze. 22:25-28: “<sup>25</sup>There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. <sup>26</sup> Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. <sup>27</sup> Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. <sup>28</sup> And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.”
6. Matt. 7:21-23: “<sup>21</sup> Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? <sup>23</sup> And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

7. Matt 15:8,9: “<sup>8</sup>This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. <sup>9</sup>But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

### **What did God warn his people about in the Old Testament?**

8. Deut. 13:1-4: “<sup>1</sup>If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, <sup>2</sup>And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; <sup>3</sup>Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>4</sup>Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.”

**Protestant America will be the main one leading out in false worship and working miracles to deceive the masses. God’s saints will not conform. The government will make a decree; worship on Sunday or be put to death. The devil is behind it all.**

9. Rev. 13:11-15: “<sup>11</sup>And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. <sup>12</sup>And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. <sup>13</sup>And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, <sup>14</sup>And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. <sup>15</sup>And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

**Even while the plagues are falling, Satan will still be using his false prophets to deceive the kings of the earth.**

10. Rev. 16:12-14: “<sup>12</sup>And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. <sup>13</sup>And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup>For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”

### **What type of false prophets are specifically condemned in the Bible?**

11. Deut. 18:10,11: “<sup>10</sup>There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. <sup>11</sup>Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.”

- A. User of divination – fortune teller vr. 10
- B. Observer of times astrologer vr. 10
- C. Enchanter on who cast spells, or use charms vr. 10
- D. Witch female psychic
- E. Necromancer – one who claims to contact spirits of the dead. Those who does these things are abomination to the Lord.

12. Deut.18:12: “For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.”

### **What will happen to those who continue these practices?**

13. Rev. 21:8: “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

### **How can you and I determine whether a prophet is true or false?**

14. Isa 8:20: “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” 1 John 2:3,4: “<sup>3</sup>And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup>He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

### **What was God’s main purpose for giving his gifts to the remnant church?**

15. 1 Cor. 1:4,7,8: “<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; <sup>7</sup>So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>8</sup>Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
16. Eph. 4:11-14:” <sup>11</sup>And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; <sup>12</sup>For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: <sup>13</sup>Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: <sup>14</sup>That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”

### **God’s End Time Church (which keep the commandments of God) will also have “the Gift of Prophecy”.**

17. Rev. 12:17: “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”
18. Rev. 19:10: “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”
20. John 8:32,36: “<sup>32</sup>And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. <sup>36</sup>If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”