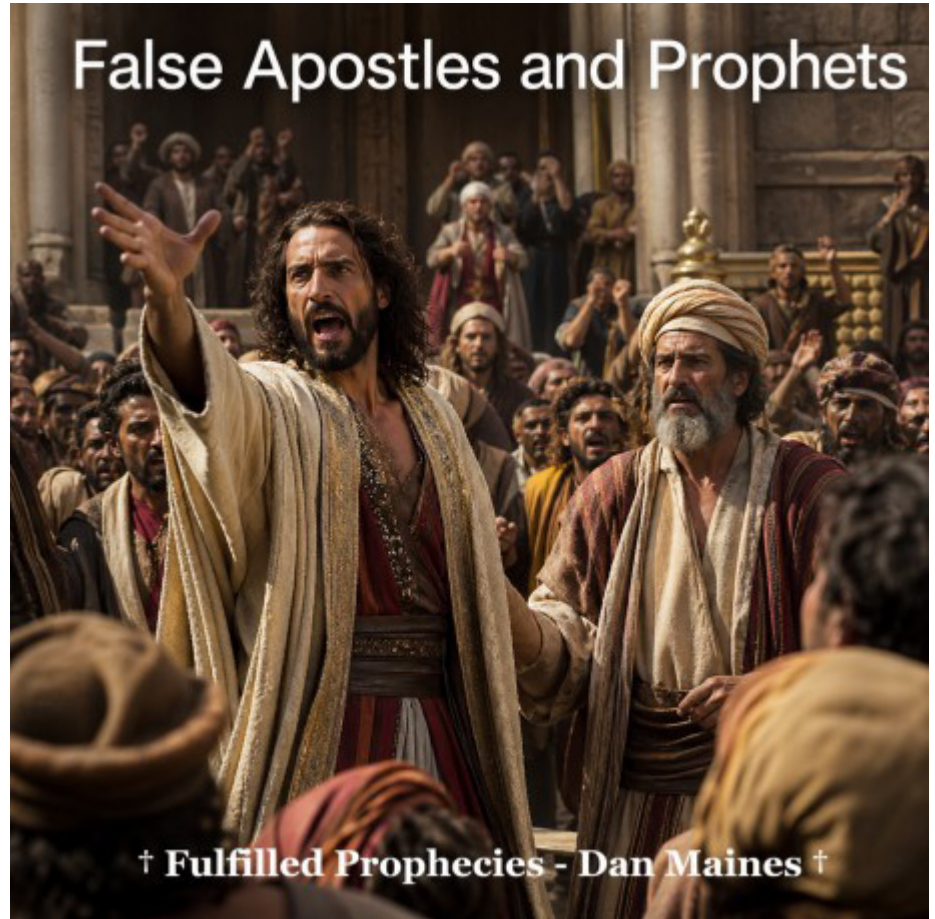


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Prophets - False Apostles and Prophets



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Introduction

† Jesus didn't give a vague warning about false prophets, He placed it directly in the timeframe leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem (Matthew 24:11, 34)

† The question isn't if false prophets would arise, it's when and for how long they would operate (Matthew 24:3)

† Scripture and history both show this was a first century reality that came to an end with that covenant judgment (Luke 21:22)

Matthew 24:11

And many false prophets will rise up and mislead many people.

† Jesus said many would arise, not over thousands of years, but within that generation (Matthew 24:34)

† This was tied to the fall of the temple, the very question the disciples asked (Matthew 24:2-3)

† The rise of false prophets was part of the judgment leading up to AD 70, not an ongoing pattern (Luke 21:20-22)

1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

† John confirms this was already happening in their day, not thousands of years later (1 John 2:18)

† The presence of many false prophets proves fulfillment was in progress (Matthew 24:11)

† This aligns perfectly with Jesus' timeline, showing His words were being fulfilled in real time (Matthew 24:34)

Zechariah 13:2

"And it will come about on that day," declares the LORD of armies, "that I will eliminate the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land.

† God promised a complete removal of both false prophets and the unclean spirit (Hebrews 8:13)

† That day is tied to covenant judgment and cleansing, fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem (Luke 21:22)

† This shows prophecy itself would come to an end, not continue indefinitely (1 Corinthians 13:8-10)

Luke 13:33

Nevertheless I must go on My journey today and tomorrow and the next day; for it cannot be that a prophet would perish outside Jerusalem.

† Jesus makes it clear that prophets are tied to Jerusalem, not Rome, not America, not anywhere else (Revelation 18:24)

† This destroys the modern idea of prophets scattered across the world (Matthew 23:34-37)

† When Jerusalem fell, that system of prophets ended with it (Luke 21:20-22)

Ephesians 2:20

having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone,

† Apostles and prophets were foundational, not permanent offices (Hebrews 2:3-4)

† Once a foundation is laid, it isn't laid again (1 Corinthians 3:10-11)

† That foundation was completed in the first century Church (Ephesians 3:5)

2 Corinthians 12:12

The distinguishing marks of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs, wonders, and

miracles.

† Apostles were identified by miraculous signs, not by titles or claims (Hebrews 2:3-4)

† If those signs are no longer present, then apostles are no longer present (1 Corinthians 13:8-10)

† This shows apostles belonged to the same foundational period as prophets, not an ongoing office (Ephesians 2:20)

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away with; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away with. For we know in part and prophecy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away with.

† Prophecy was never meant to continue forever, it had an expiration point (Hebrews 1:1-2)

† That completion came with the fulfillment of all things in that generation (Matthew 24:34)

† Once fulfilled, prophecy ceased because there was nothing left to reveal (Luke 21:22)

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world.

† God moved from speaking through prophets to speaking through His Son (John 1:17)

† This marks the transition away from the prophetic system (Hebrews 8:13)

† The last days spoken of here were their last days, not ours (Hebrews 9:26)

Luke 21:22

because these are days of punishment, so that all things which have been written will be fulfilled.

† Jesus said all things written would be fulfilled in that judgment, that includes prophetic activity itself (Matthew 24:34)

† Once all things were fulfilled, there was no role left for prophets or apostles (Hebrews 1:1-2)

† This seals the timeline to the first century, not beyond it (Luke 21:32)

Historical References

† Josephus records multiple false prophets and deceivers leading people astray before the fall of Jerusalem (Wars of the Jews, Book 6)

† Simon Bar Giora was called a savior and king, showing how deception reached its peak (Josephus, Wars of the Jews, Book 4)

† Tacitus also confirms unrest and false hopes among the Jews during this period (Histories 5.13)

How it applies to us today

† There are no true prophets today because the foundation has already been laid (Ephesians 2:20)

† Anyone claiming new revelation is speaking outside of what God has completed (1 Corinthians 13:8-10)

† Every modern prophet is false because prophecy itself has passed away (Zechariah 13:2)

† If prophecy has ceased and the foundation is complete, then any claim to be a prophet or apostle today must be false (1 Corinthians 13:8-10; Ephesians 2:20)

† We stand in a completed kingdom where Christ has already fulfilled all things (Luke 21:22)

Q & A Appendix

Q: Are there apostles today?

A: No, apostles were confirmed by signs and belonged to the foundational period (2 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 2:20)

Q: Are there prophets today?

A: No, prophecy was done away when fulfillment came (1 Corinthians 13:8-10)

Q: Why were there so many false prophets in the first century?

A: Because Jesus said they would arise leading up to judgment (Matthew 24:11)

Q: When did prophecy end?

A: When all things were fulfilled in that generation (Matthew 24:34, Luke 21:22)

Q: Can someone receive new revelation today?

A: No, God has already spoken fully through His Son (Hebrews 1:1-2)

Q: Why must all modern prophets be false?

A: Because the prophetic system was removed and completed

(Zechariah 13:2)

Q: What about people today who claim visions or words from God?

A: Those claims go beyond what has already been fulfilled and completed, so they cannot be from God (Hebrews 1:1-2; 1 Corinthians 13:8-10)

Q: Could God restart prophets or apostles in the future?

A: No, the foundation has already been laid and completed, it isn't laid again (Ephesians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11)

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† Matthew 24:11, 34; 1 John 4:1; Zechariah 13:2; Luke 13:33; Ephesians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 12:12; 1 Corinthians 13:8-10; Hebrews 1:1-2; Luke 21:22; Revelation 18:24

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