

False Prophets of the Last Days

Part 2 (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.**

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

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

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

Six True Biblical Events & One Yet Unfulfilled Prophecy

Biblical events that shaped history along with one event that is yet to happen:

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; Acts 2

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

#3. The Tower of Babel

Gen 11:1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. **2** And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. **3** And they said one to another, Go to (*Heb.3051- come on*), let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. **4** And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us **make us a name, lest we be scattered** abroad upon the face of the whole earth. **5** And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the **children of men** builded. **6** And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now **nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.** (*Gen 6:6 ...imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*) **7** Go to, let Us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. **8** So the LORD **scattered them abroad** from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. **9** Therefore is the name of it

called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

- As one people, if one fell they would all fall. This was the avenue where God would begin to separate from among the nations a people, later to be Israel, to fulfill His will through whom He would send the Messiah. Once the Christ came and fulfilled His mission, the message of the gospel would be spread to people of **all** languages and to **all** nations of the earth, beginning at Jerusalem. The stage was now set.

Act 2:4 And they (*the 12*) were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other **tongues** (*Gk.1100- language*), as the Spirit gave them utterance (*Gk.669- to enunciate plainly, that is, declare*). 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of **every nation** under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard (*Gk.191- understood*) them speak in his own **language**. 7 And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? 8 And how hear we every man in our **own tongue, wherein we were born**? 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them **speak in our tongues** the wonderful works of God.

Luk 24:46 And said unto them, **Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

#4. Abraham, the Seed Promise and Circumcision

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram (*Heb.87- high father*), but thy name shall be Abraham (*Heb.95- father of a multitude*); for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Gen 17:9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep My covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. 10 This *is* My covenant, which ye shall keep, between Me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Rom 4:11 And he received the **sign** of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of **all** them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: 12 And the father of circumcision to them (*Gentiles*) who are not of the circumcision (*Jews*) only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which *he had* being *yet* uncircumcised.

Gal 3:17 And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was **four hundred and thirty years after**, cannot disannul, that it should make

the promise of none effect. 18 For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

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 (*of a Heavenly home*) according to the promise (... *our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession... Eph 1:14*).

#5. Israel and the Law of Moses

- From Abraham to Isaac to Jacob (*Heb.3290- heel catcher*). Jacob (*later Israel [Gen 17:5]- Heb.3478- he will rule as God*) became the father of the twelve patriarchs, one of which was Judah through whom Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah (*Rev 5:5*), would come. Moses came through the priestly tribe of Levi.

Exo 34:27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a **covenant with thee and with Israel**. 28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

- The law of Moses was a covenant between God and the Israelites. It was not between God and the nations of the Gentiles. It is what separated them and gave them their status as God's holy people. The Gentiles weren't without the grace of the law though.

Rom 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me **above all people**: for all the earth *is* Mine: 6 And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

- But it was a covenant that was only to last "forever" (*Heb.5769- [practically] eternity*) as long as Israel obeyed and kept the ordinances therein. Once the "New" Covenant was in effect, the Old was considered obsolete and its existence only for instruction.

Heb 8:7 For **if that first covenant had been faultless**, then should no place have been sought for the second. 8 For **finding fault with them (Israel and Judah)**, He saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: 9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; **because they continued not** in My covenant, and **I regarded them not**, saith the Lord. 10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel **after those days**, saith the Lord; I will put My laws (*Gk.3551- law, specifically [of the Gospel]*) into their mind (*Gk.1271- deep thought: -understanding*), and write them in their hearts (*Gk.2588- [mind]*): and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest. (*Under the Old Covenant one was born into the nation of Israel before understanding who God is and then was taught. Under the New,*

one is taught the gospel before being born into it. Thus, those in the New Covenant relationship will already have known the Lord because of the faith needed to “believe that He is” [Heb 11:16].) 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember (*Gk.3415- recollect*) no more. 13 In that He saith, A new covenant, He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away. (*And it did so in 70 AD.*)

- **Jesus removed the Old Covenant by...** “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances (*Law of Moses*) that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross;” Col 2:14 ...but...

2Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Gal 3:19 Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed (*Christ*) should come to Whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

#6. The Kingdom Prophesied/Fulfilled

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings (*Roman Caesars*) shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom (**the church**), which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

- **Jesus was born during the reign of Augustus Caesar (27 BC- 14AD) and the kingdom (church) was established during the reign of Tiberius Caesar (14-37 AD).**

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14 And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, Whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise (*the same one Jesus was promised in Dan 7; the kingdom/church*) is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

- On the day of **Pentecost** when the kingdom came with power, **3,000** people were saved. Is it just coincidental that **3,000** people died at the giving of the law? (*Ex 32:28*)

Act 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord **added to the church** daily such as should be saved.

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, Which hath made us meet 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:

- Thus the church and the kingdom are one and the same. Her message to the world outside is the gospel of **Christ**. What was once said of physical **Israel of Old** can now be said of the church, the spiritual **Israel of the New**.

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a **peculiar treasure** unto Me above all people: for all the earth *is* Mine: **6** And ye shall be unto Me a **kingdom of priests**, and an **holy nation**. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, an **holy nation**, a **peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The hour is coming, and now** (*Gk.3568- henceforth, hereafter*) **is**, when the dead (*Gk.3498- [literally or figuratively]*) shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear (*Gk.191- understand*) shall live.

- When those “who were dead in their trespasses and sins” (*Eph 2:1*) would hearken to and obey the gospel, the saving message of the death, burial and resurrection of **Christ**, they would be saved.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.** **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

 #7. Christ's Second(*and final*) Coming, The Resurrection, Judgment and End of The World

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection (*Rom 6:4*): on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

- When a person takes part in the first “*death, burial and resurrection*” (*baptism- Rom 6:4*) they escape the eternal punishment of the second death, known as the lake of fire. **Christians** are the priests of the last dispensation, the figurative 1,000 year reign of **Christ**.

2Pe 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that **by the word of God** (*Gen.1:3 “And God said...”*) 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 (*destroyed by the flood*): **7** But the heavens and the earth, which are now (*after the flood*), **by the same word** are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (*Just as God spoke things into existence He will speak them out of existence.*)

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

- According to the millennialists doctrine of the rapture, the “New Jerusalem” will be planted in Palestine. But Palestine won’t even exist since it’s part of the “earth also and works therein”. Only two realms will exist after the judgment. Heaven and Hell.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17** Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour **is coming**, in the which all that are **in the graves** shall hear His voice, **29** And shall **come forth**; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Mar 13:32 But of that day and *that hour knoweth no man (although many still try to say they know but prove themselves false prophets)*, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. **33** Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from Whose face the (*physical*) **earth and the heaven fled away** (*2 Pet 3:10*); and there was found no place for them (*spoken out of existence according to 2 Pet 3:7*). **12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books (*containing the names of the lost*) were opened: and another book (*containing the names of the saved*) was opened, which is *the book of life (of which Moses spoke in Ex 32:32)*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. **13** And the sea (*according to v. 11 John was not referring to the physical sea since the physical sea is part of the physical earth which will be destroyed by this time – Lk 16:22 -Abraham’s bosom & Lk 23:43 -paradise- Rev 4:6; 7:15;15:2*) gave up the (*righteous*) dead which were in it; and **death and hell (Lk 16:19-31 –torments, where the rich man was sent)* delivered up the (*unrighteous*) dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **14** And death and hell (*Gk.87- Hades*) were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

**Rev 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.*

- Is **your name securely** written in the **Lamb’s book of life**? Where do you want to spend eternity? It takes more than a “want”. It takes an obedient faith in **His word** to save you.

Hear: **Romans 10:17** ... "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of **God**."

Believe: **Heb 11:6** ... "for he that commeth to **God** must believe that **He** is" ...

Repent: **Lk 13:3** ... "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: **Mat 10:32** "Whosoever shall confess **Me** before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: **Acts 22:16** "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the **Lord**."

Remain faithful: **Rom 6:4** ... "even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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