

# PROPHETS -True and False, Part 2

## Prophesied Rapture didn't happen



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**Summary:** *Though MANY “prophets” said God told them the rapture would happen in October 2024, it did not. Learn how to spot true prophets and how to beware of false ones, as Yeshua/Jesus warned us. Yeshua warns us to keep our guard up, as false prophets can be very convincing, and some will be within the Church – “wolves in SHEEP’S clothing”. We must be awake to have our guard up. But all ten virgins of Matthew 25 slumbered and slept!*

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Hello, this is part 2 on prophets and prophecies - -because people love talks on prophecy so much. *Be sure you study my part 1 sermon first.*

**Do a YouTube search on “Rapture”.** TV is FULL of prophets who for the entire month of Oct 2024 have been saying the RAPTURE is definitely about to happen, and then the Great Tribulation immediately starts after that.

***ALL of those preaching that we would all see the Pre-tribulation Rapture during this month of October 2024 -- are FALSE prophets!*** Their visions and dreams they claimed were from God, and what they claimed were God’s words to tell us – all proved to be false. Why do I say “false”? Simply because their prophecy failed. The rapture did NOT happen in Oct 2024. And they were so adamant it *would* happen.

**Deuteronomy 18:20-22** is clear – if a prophet claims to speak for God and it does not happen, he’s definitely a false prophet and should not even be allowed to live – at least in the days of ancient Israel

20 -“But the prophet who **presumes to speak a word in My name**, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

21 And if you say in your heart, '**How shall we know the word which YHVH has not spoken?**' — 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of YHVH, **if the thing does NOT happen or come to pass**, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; **the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.**"

***The Rapture that they said they got straight from God for specific dates, DID NOT happen. They are FALSE prophets.***

**Many were very adamant that it would for sure happen on Trumpets, or Atonement, or 8<sup>th</sup> day after the Feast...** that for sure it HAD to happen during God's fall feasts, though they *themselves don't even KEEP God's holydays*. Some claimed visions from God. Others claimed dreams from God. Others warned people they had better pay attention or they won't be raptured!

I wanted to address all this sooner but I was tied up with helping my dying brother and preparing for Hurricane Milton and its effects. But I'm handling Part 2 NOW.

*Folks, there will be NO pre-Tribulation rapture; certainly not in Oct 2024 or even 2025. They needed it to start on Trumpets or Atonement this year so their explanation of Daniel's 2520 days ends on Atonement 7 years from now. That's 1260 days twice. The PRE-TRIB Rapture is a false and dangerous doctrine anyway.*

Don't get me wrong. We're definitely in the end of days. There will definitely be the seals of God being opened soon, the 7 trumpet plagues and the 7 Bowl plagues... definitely. No question. And soon. But a pre-trib RAPTURE of all the saints and those who have died in Christ too – if they -use 1 Thes 4:16-17? Nah. Not going to happen. 1 Thess 4 and 1 Cor. 15 are about the first resurrection, not about a Pre-Trib rapture.

And if ALL those in Christ are raptured up BEFORE the Great Tribulation, how will there be any saints around for the anti-Christ Beast power to persecute and kill (**Rev. 13:7**)? The great False Prophet of Rev.13 hasn't yet appeared as of Oct 2024 – the one deceiving and calling fire down from heaven – so where would all the ELECT come from whom he almost deceives by his Satan-inspired miracles, if they were all to be raptured away right NOW? And where are all the SAINTS whom we're told in Rev. 13 would be killed by him if they don't take his name and 666 mark if we're all raptured away?

**SO WELCOME, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ. This is Philip Shields, host of Light on the Rock.** Thanks for coming.

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**So this is PART 2** about **RECOGNIZING** true prophets and to beware false Prophets. **Be sure to study part 1** – where I showed you the many verses of Yeshua’s warnings that there would be SO many false prophets and teachers. Some of them, see **Matthew 7:21-23** even do mighty wonders, healings, casting out demons – *in Yeshua’s name*, but Yeshua/Jesus will say to them, “I *never KNEW YOU*, you who practice LAWLESSNESS” (Teaching no law, or teaching we don’t have to keep God’s commandments, or teaching the law of GOD has been done away)

But I also showed last time that there would be some TRUE prophets and prophetesses within God’s church and among God’s children. So be sure to study Part 1 on Prophets.

And our God *does* hear his children and God also *speaks to* His children—not just to the top leaders, as some of you seem to believe. God wants to speak to YOU too, and will do so if you seek him with your whole heart.

But it’s been rather WILD lately with **DEFINITE prophecies of the Pre-Trib Rapture happening this date, then that date...** Dozens of them. Well known names like Perry Stone, David Jeremiah, Max Lucado and many more, plus dozens of ministers I don’t know.

They were saying:

- “Don’t miss it. The Rapture will likely happen tomorrow night – on Rosh Hashanah (Trumpets)...”
- And many “prophets” have posted definite prophecies of events which must happen, they say, in 2024. One says a dream told him Trump would die in 2024; definitely. That could happen to anyone his age. But we’ll see.

When the Rapture didn’t happen, these self-proclaimed prophets moved their date from Trumpets to Yom Kippur – Atonement Oct 12, 2024. Then when *that* didn’t happen, their prophecies moved to the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) Oct 17-23, 2024. Still no rapture happened, so then they said it was likely to be on the 8<sup>th</sup> day – Oct 24. Because they were so sure we are in the

final seven years (2520 days) before Christ returns, they *figured it just had to* happen this month, Oct 2024.

**But the Rapture still hasn't happened. It never did, this October. They were not God's prophets. God had not spoken to them.** Some even said the Feast dates on the Hebrew calendar started two days too early – so 8<sup>th</sup> day holyday will be Oct 26, Saturday night, they said – but that didn't happen either. THEN 1-2 started saying it will be on eve of All Saints Day, Oct 31, 2024 – which is Halloween here in America!

***NO, NO, NO – there will be no RAPTURE this Halloween 2024***

**Think of the DAMAGE they're causing** by getting Believers' hopes up – and then nothing happens. Maybe – maybe this could be one reason for the great “falling away” or “departing from the faith” that **2 Thess 2:1-4** speaks of. Read it! Those false prophets believe it *has* to happen this year!

Some big name preachers are saying that true believers will not be around in 2025 for sure – and probably well before then.

**They forget Yeshua/Jesus' clear statements** that *nobody* knows the day or hour. Plus his clear statement that He will “come at an hour *you do not expect.*” (Matt 24:44)

**Matthew 24:42-44**

**“Watch therefore, for YOU do not know what hour your Lord is coming.** 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

**44 Therefore you also BE ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”**

And they forget that WHEN the end events happen, they will come upon us *suddenly* – as in the days of Lot and the destruction that came to Sodom without any warning. Read Luke 17:28-30. It was SUDDEN, “out of the blue”.

**ALL TEN VIRGINS SLUMBERED AND SLEPT**

So it's time for you and me to wake up so we can be watching properly. Now, let Yeshua give you – and me – a warning: **the parable of the 10 virgins in Matthew 25 says ALL TEN of them SLUMBERED and SLEPT,** when the Bridegroom's coming was delayed. ALL TEN. Every single one.

**Matthew 25:4-5**

**“but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they ALL \*\* slumbered and slept.”**

Even the five wise virgins slept. The other five were not allowed into the wedding supper – v. 10-13. So wake up.

**That’s what it says. If we’re part of the 10 virgins - - then that means YOU and I are ALSO asleep and need to wake up spiritually.** We’re letting spiritual laziness in our lives. We’re not zealous. We’re Laodicean. We’re asleep.

**The very end time is described in 1 Thess 5:1-10, as a thief in the night – unexpected – or also as labor pains on an expectant pregnant woman.** Once a woman’s labor begins, the pains and contractions happen more and more frequently and increasingly more painful – until the baby is finally born.

SO it will also be in these last days. The events prophesied to happen in Matthew 24 (wars, earthquakes, famines, catastrophes), will happen more and more intensely and frequently. We’ll see wild and scary times coming – but God has not appointed us to wrath (1 Thess 5:9). *So actually children of God should be watching, wide awake, yet not afraid. Prepared, but not frightened.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

**“But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.****

**3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.”**

**So back to the FALSE PROPHETS.** You’ll find many of them will be powerfully exciting speakers. You must be awake enough to still recognize when you’re not being preached to by a true minister.

**WE MUST get REALLY GOOD at telling the difference  
between true and false prophets**

*True prophets will be truly teaching you to OBEY God, to repent of our lukewarm semi-obedience to God, to seek God, to accept Jesus, to keep God's commandments, to keep the Sabbath, to seek to truly let Yeshua LIVE inside you and me and CONVERT us into HIS NEW Creation (2 Cor. 5:17). **If they're not doing all that, you're listening to a false prophet.** – or you have a false prophet on your hands. As nice as they are, they must be leading you to full repentance.*

So indeed, Yeshua/Jesus warned us all to beware of them, as there will be so many false prophets. So did the apostles all warn us – Paul, Peter, John, Jude and James.

**Especially the very end time false prophets will deceive us by their powerful miracles** that Satan lets them have power to do, as I explained in Part 1.

Even prophets within the CHURCH can deceive you if they're false – because our guard is down since we see them attending as one of us.

Remember Jesus/Yeshua warned us about how false PROPHETS can be dressed like SHEEP, like members of the church. Ravenous “wolves in Sheep's clothing”, he said (Matthew 7:15). Not just some appearing as false *shepherds*, but as false SHEEP. Do you see the difference? So our guard must be up! *He* said to BEWARE of false prophets! ARE you obeying him – and on your guard against them?

Remember especially to be on guard against the great False Prophet of Revelation 13. Recognize him early. He'll be very convincing by his incredible miracles. He'll kill those who won't come under their 666 demands or take on his mark on their hands and forehead. But those who take his mark will be thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 14:9-11), but those who reign with Christ and are his true servants, have victory over the Beast and his mark (Rev. 15:2 20:4-6).

Can the Bible be any more clear than that, how important it is to spot the true and false prophets?

I'm NOT saying we shouldn't or can't EVER listen to or watch people speaking on prophecy who are really just trying to tie in world events to the scriptures –

and they're sharing their ideas. They might talk about the Gog and Magog war, for example, or the Psalm 83 group of nations that will attack Israel. But many of those aren't *claiming to speak directly from God. And yes – their speculation CAN end up being right or wrong. It wasn't a prophecy – so there's no issue.*

***Speculating is not prophesying*** as long as the speaker is clear it is speculation. But do be on guard especially when anyone claims he is telling you what God told him to tell you. Or that God gave them a dream. BUT... ALSO realize THAT GOD WILL speak to his servants, his prophets (**Amos 3:7**). So we have to be super alert and awake and not slumbering or sleeping to be able to do this right, and to discern the true prophets from false ones.

***Here's what GOD says in Jer 23.***

**Jeremiah 23:25-26 God speaking:**

**"I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy LIES, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart,"**

And again in **Jeremiah 23:30-32** God says clearly He is against the prophets who falsely claim God spoke to them. If indeed God spoke to his true prophets – like he did Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel – and will again to the 2 Witnesses at the end time – that's fine. God WILL speak to his true prophets and prophetesses, as I covered last time. Philip in the Bible had 4 virgin prophetesses (Acts 21:8-11). Anna – Luke 2 was a prophetess. So we have to get really good at telling the true prophets apart from the false ones.

**OF course God DOES speak to his true prophets. He won't do anything until he first tells HIS servants, the prophets (AMOS 3:7)**

**What are the main DIFFERENCES between the true and false ones?**

- *The true prophets prophecies come to PASS! Always.*
- *They themselves are living lives of obedience, even though no one lives perfectly*
- And they point their listeners to repent and turn back to God, to OBEY God, have faith in him, and TURN from their wicked ways.
- They don't just talk about prophecy ONLY -- but about CHRISTIAN LIVING as well.

**There WILL BE TRUE Prophets in the church among the brethren**

Let's read some scriptures about prophets among the brethren of the church, not necessarily just the leaders. **Remember God gave some to be apostles, some prophets**, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for ministry (**Eph 4:11-12**).

The Corinthian church had quite a FEW who could prophesy as well as speak in tongues! To "**Prophecy**" could mean to **FORETELL – or to speak under God's inspiration**. That's all through 1 Cor. 12 and 14. *Prophets do not come just from the leadership of the church as many came to believe.*

**So MANY Church of God folks were taught that God speaks only to the one leader over the church. Just to him. Not true.** God wants to speak to each, and every one of his children, in God's own way.

**1 Corinthians 14:1**

**"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."**

Look how much *Paul encourages some to use* their gift of prophecy. I don't think enough of us are ready to accept this among regular brethren. **Joel 2:28-29** says it's coming, and we should be ready for men and women to prophesy. Compare what Paul describes as "church services" compared to what you experience in your church service.

**1 Corinthians 14:1-5**

**"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. 2** For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, *for no one understands him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. 4 *He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.* **5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues,** unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

**1 Corinthians 14:29-32**

**"Let two or three prophets speak,** and let the others judge. 30 But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. 31 **For you CAN ALL prophesy one by one,** that all may learn and all may be encouraged. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets."



**1 Corinthians 14:39**

**“Therefore, *brethren*, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.”**

Are you all ready to accept that kind of church service? Even I have to re-condition and unlearn some things I used to believe on this point and others.

**But if any of you DISLIKE prophecy, you need to unlearn that!**

**Revelation 1:3**

**“*Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:19-21**

**“Do not quench the Spirit. *Do NOT despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good.*”**

**IDENTIFYING TRUE AND FALSE PROPHETS**

Some have asked me my opinion on whether certain ones on TV are true prophets or not. Names come up like Perry Stone, Jonathan Cahn, Max Lucado, RC Sproul, David Jeremiah and many more.

If someone is preaching on prophetic events or world news events – I’m OK to hear their insights and opinions, but I get a lot more cautious when I start hearing them say “GOD spoke to me and said...”. If they don’t say that, I’m more willing to listen to their speculation. ***But they also MUST be teaching us to OBEY God and KEEP his commandments. Their messages should be a balance of Christian living and not just on prophetic events.***

I would put someone like Jonathan Cahn in this group of tying in world events with parallels to scripture. He mostly ties *past* events to scripture and not as much prophesying of what is yet to come. BUT – I think he’s doing more of that lately. **But he does warn the president and the nation to repent. And that’s a GOOD thing.** I don’t believe he calls himself a prophet, though others do. He does teach obedience and repentance.

Jonathan Cahn does speak on how our nation is paralleling ancient Israel – though **he seems not to recognize that America is ancient Ephraim of the Bible** – the greatest of the 12 tribes of Israel. The ten tribes that made up “The House of Israel” are not “lost” – they are powerful nations today in

northwestern Europe, Canada and America and Australia. Even James addressed “**to the twelve tribes** which are scattered abroad” (James 1:1). In the south was “the House of Judah” – made up of Judah and Levi and parts of Benjamin, which was very close to Jerusalem.

It frustrates me greatly that Cahn seems so close to seeing the above, but doesn't quite come out and say, “Hey you guys, America IS the Israel of the Bible. Jacob put his name Israel on Ephraim in Genesis 48. So yes, the prophecies about “Israel” pertain to America as well!”

AND – to the best of my **knowledge, Jonathan Cahn does keep sabbath but not the holydays. DID they KEEP the FEAST of Tabernacles? I doubt it.** Though he's a RABBI – a JEW – *he does preach Jesus as Messiah*. He does have a Friday night service, but not a Saturday sabbath service, but does hold a large SUNDAY service. *That bothers me*. To me he also seems to dabble more than I'd like into Judaism mixed with Christianity. He wears a tallit shawl like in Judaism and prays the Jewish prayers that aren't from the Bible but from Jewish prayer books. SO – I'm cautious.

Plus, some of Cahn's definite prophecies like **the 2015 Shemitah** and his prophesied subsequent total collapse of our economy and US Dollar – never happened IN 2015, though those things will happen in the soon coming years. He also tied some things about the near-assassination of Trump and the blood on his ear and foot from it – to something to do with the priests in Lev. 14. *I thought it was a ridiculous tie-in and made me realize he's not a prophet.*

## **HOW TO IDENTIFY TRUE AND FALSE PROPHETS**

So now let's learn how to be crystal clear who are true prophets and false prophets. Obviously, never listen to or seek out PSYCHICS or mediums who speak to the dead through demons. NEVER go to palm readers and crystal ball gazers. DON'T go to them at all. God totally forbids it and warns against those things. TEST every spirit, every thought, using God's word as your guide.

### **1 John 4:1-2**

**“Beloved, do NOT believe every spirit, but TEST the spirits, whether they are of God; because MANY false prophets have gone out into the world.”**

- 1. If someone does not teach the Biblical truths to their listeners, I cannot accept them as an ACTIVE true prophet of God.**

**Isaiah 8:19-20**

And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?

**20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."**

**A TRUE ACTIVE prophet will preach God's word truthfully and accurately. He/she will NEVER STEER YOU away from GOD and submitting to Him and all ten of his commandments, for example.**

When I see/hear a person some proclaim to be a great prophet – but who doesn't **wholeheartedly teach the 7<sup>th</sup> day sabbath and the holydays, for example**, I have to wonder about him.

2. **A true prophet will confess Jesus/Yeshua as being the Messiah and son of God. There's a Karaite Jew teacher, for example**, who has some truths, but refuses to preach Jesus is the son of God and the promised Messiah/Christ that Jews are looking for – but who came 2000 years ago to them already! So I don't listen to him much anymore.

**1 John 2:22-23**

**"Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also"**.

Also **1 John 4:2-3** is worth reading on your own – acknowledging Christ has come in the flesh.

3. **True prophets point us to repenting of SIN and OBEYING GOD. TO becoming a new, converted person in Christ, not staying as we have always been before. People CHANGE when they hear true ministers and prophets.**

**Jeremiah 23:21-22**

**"I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran.  
I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.**

**22 But if they had stood in My counsel,  
And had caused My people to hear My words,  
THEN they would have turned them from their evil way  
And from the evil of their doings."**

**Combine that notion also with Deut. 13 below.**

4. **What about when a prophet foretells something that DOES come to pass perfectly? Does that make him a TRUE prophet? No, even that's not enough. He MUST still teach people to be seeking after the one true God.**

**Deuteronomy 13:1-5**

"If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, **2 and the sign or the wonder COMES TO PASS**, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods' — which you have not known — 'and let us serve them,' **3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams**, for YHVH your God is testing you to know whether you love YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. **5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death**, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from YHVH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which YHVH your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst."

5. **IF WHAT they say DOESN'T come to pass – then that's for sure a sign he is not speaking for God (v. 21-22), for true prophets' prophecies always come to pass perfectly and exactly.**

**Deuteronomy 18:19-22**

"And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. **20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.**'

21 And if you say in your heart, '**How shall we know the word which YHVH has not spoken?**' 22 When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, **if the thing does not happen or come to pass**, that is the ***thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.***"

**True prophets telling you what God has revealed to them, will not miss. Not in any detail.** One man foretold Trump would be shot

in his right ear, for example – but added that the bullet would destroy Trump's ear drum, which did not happen.

Let me add this point: God can tell us what's going to happen – but upon man's repentance, God can change HIS mind, and the original prophecy won't happen – like in the story of Jonah and Nineveh. Or the story of Isaiah telling King Hezekiah to get his affairs in order as he would die soon (2 Kings 20:1) but God reversed that. But the reversal should also be clearly from God in those cases..

But let me warn again: many false prophets are coming out of the woodwork. Wake up. Watch. Beware. But also remember there will be **true** prophets prophesied in Joel 2:28-29 to also appear. Test them. May God bless you as you discern the false from the true prophets.