

Do you follow False Prophets?

(“Appendix A” from my book,
“Jesus Brings Freedom to the Captives”)

The Lord Jesus knew that Satan would try to mislead His saved followers by sending them false prophets and false christ. For this reason, Jesus warned them:

“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there: believe it not. For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold I have told you before. 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” (Matthew 24:23-27).

The above admonition of the Lord is not to be taken lightly by those who value their spiritual wellbeing and by those who want to do His will.

Jesus did not say that false christ and false prophets would use force and say to His followers, “**We are false prophets! We are false christ! Follow us!**” If they were to do this, perhaps nobody would ever follow them. The words of our Lord, “... *if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect*”, signify that the false prophets and the false “anointed” ones, that is, the false christ, would be slick,

polite, Christian-like, having a form of godliness, always showing an ever-burning desire to come to the “full knowledge of the truth”, to “serve” and to “please” God. For this reason, the Lord’s admonition should not be ignored.

Today, there are millions of people who have been misled by those who were proven **false prophets** since the 1800’s, such as C.T. Russell of the Jehovah’s Witnesses. However, there is no reason for anyone to continue to be misled by them because today there is enough information and evidence available to expose their given false prophecies. Those who have been misled should become responsible before the Lord and, after they check out the facts carefully as the Bereans did (Acts 17:11), make a serious decision to follow the True Prophet and Christ, in order to be set free.

The false prophets have many common characteristics. **Even after their prophecies fail**, they continue to:

- a) Present themselves as **God’s “anointed”**.
- b) Present **false doctrines**.
- c) **Present extra-Biblical knowledge** which they say they have received through dreams, visions, or **angels**, but which **contradicts** the Bible.
- d) **Change the Bible** or add to it in order to make it agree with their false doctrines.
- e) **Exercise authority** over those they have misled.
- f) Condition their followers to **depend on them**.

g) Impart **guilt**.

h) Instill religious **fear**.

i) Instill **religious fanaticism**.

j) Undermine and **pervert the gospel of Jesus Christ that liberates** those who follow Him from all kinds of **religious slavery**.

k) **Pervert the gospel of the glory of Jesus** (2 Corinthians 4:4), who is God over all and blessed forever (Romans 9:5; Greek text). They try to demote Him from His Godly glory and **present Him as a created being, the brother of Satan, or as Michael the archangel**. They ignore the fact that Michael's authority was less than Satan's because **he did not dare** to rebuke Satan, but said, "**Let the Lord** (another Lord) **rebuke you!**" (Jude 9; author's parenthesis).

The Jehovah's Witnesses fulfill all of the above. **The foregoing is not an exaggeration**. Allow me to present a few examples. For instance, let us examine the characteristic **(d)**, where I said that they "**Change the Bible** or add to it in order to make it agree with their false doctrines."

The Jehovah's Witnesses, who do not believe that Jesus is God by nature, have **altered** their "Bible" in many places. One of them is **John 1:4**. There, we read from the text of the Koine Greek:

“ἐν αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν”
in him life was

The above should be translated into English as:

“In Him was life”

The Greek word “ἐν» (en) means “*in, inside*” (See Greek dictionary Dimitrakou, page 528). Also, the word “ἦν” (een) means “*was*” and it refers to the **unlimited past** (always was).

The Jehovah’s Witnesses do not wish to admit that **life was always “in” (within) Jesus**. To do so, would confirm the fact that **Jesus is God** and this truth would conflict with their false doctrine that Jesus is a created angel, the brother of Satan. For this reason, in their “bible” they have correctly translated **only the last three words**, i.e., “*Him was life*”. What happened to the word “*In*”? What did they do to this word?

Without a trace of responsible scholarship, without any respect for the original Greek text and without fear of God, they got rid of it and **replaced it with a completely new phrase** which **is not** the English translation of the Greek word “ἐν” (in). The new phrase reads:

“What has come into existence by means of”!

I wonder, which Greek-English Dictionary informed them that the Greek word “ἐν” (in) actually means “*What has come into existence by means of*”!

Very deviously, they have not included the foregoing phrase in verse 4, neither have they included it in verse 3! They left part of it hanging between verses 3 and 4, and their complete sentence now reads:

“What has come into existence by means of him was life”.

The above sentence does not contain, neither does it express, the truth of the written word of God which tells us that *“In Him was life”!* I hope that those of the Jehovah’s Witnesses **who know the Greek language and who love the truth**, will get rid of the religious fear the organization of the publishing house they follow has instilled in them, and that **they will defend the written word of God.**

Here is a photocopy of their intentional mistranslation:

1 In [the] beginning^a the Word^b was, and the Word was with God,^c and the Word was a god.^d 2 This one was in [the] beginning^e with God.^f 3 All things came into existence through him,^g and apart from him not even one thing came into existence.
→ What has come into existence 4 by means of him was life,^h and the life was the lightⁱ of men. 5 And the light is shining in the darkness,^j but the darkness has not overpowered it.

I do not wish anyone to think that the above photocopy presents an accidental error they’ve made in their English translation only. For this reason, on the next page, I present

to you a photocopy of the same verse from their **Greek edition** of their Bible (as if the Greek people needed a translation of the Bible from an English version of the New Testament into Greek! I wonder if someone forgot that the New Testament was first written in the Greek language!) Anyhow, again, here is a photocopy of their intentional mistranslation:

1 Στην αρχή ήταν ο Λόγος, και ο Λόγος ήταν μαζί με τον Θεό, και ο Λόγος ήταν Θεός. 2 Αυτός ήταν στην αρχή μαζί με τον Θεό. 3 Τα πάντα ήρθαν σε ύπαρξη μέσω αυτού, και χωρίς αυτόν δεν ήρθε σε ύπαρξη ούτε ένα πράγμα.

→ Εκείνο που έχει έρθει σε ύπαρξη 4 μέσω αυτού ήταν ζωή, και η ζωή ήταν το φως των ανθρώπων. 5 Και το φως λάμπει μέσα στο σκοτάδι, αλλά το σκοτάδι δεν έχει περιοχώσει εναντίον του.

6 Εγέρθηκε ένας άνθρωπος ο οποίος στάλθηκε ως εκπρόσωπος του Θεού: το όνομά του ήταν Ιωάννης.

How could those who are Truth-lovers **trust** the above so-called Bible “translation”? How could one trust his/her eternity in the hands of men who do not have any respect for the biblical truth? How is it possible to trust false teachers? Is it possible that false teachers will lead their followers to the True Jesus of the Bible who is **“God over all and blessed forever”** (Romans 9:5; from the Greek text) **in order to pray to Him, in other words, to call on His name in order to be saved** (Romans 10:13)? If the answer is “Yes!”, then how is it that the Bible warns us that false

teachers will be among us “*who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, and denying the Master who has bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves.*” (2 Peter 2:1)?

Although it is hard work for those who do not know the koine Greek to detect translation errors, it takes less effort to recognize false prophets. Let us consider the following:

To prophesy (Greek: “προφητεύω” [prophitevo]), means to foretell a future event. Therefore, all we have to do in this case is **to review the record of those who pose as prophets**. In fact, this is what the Watchtower advised their followers to do! In the Watchtower 4/1/72, page 197, they wrote:

“However, Jehovah...had a “prophet” to warn them. This “prophet” was not one man, but was a body of men and women...Today, they are known as Jehovah’s Christian Witnesses....Of course, it is easy to say that this group acts as a “prophet” of God. It is another thing to prove it. **The only way that this can be done is to review the record.** What does it show?” (Author’s emphasis)

All right then, **let us review their record:**

In their book “The Time is at Hand”, 1908, page 101, they wrote: “...the Kingdom of God is already began in A.D. 1878, and that the “battle of the great day of God Almighty” (Rev. 16:14), which will end in A.D. 1914 with the overthrow of earth’s present rulership is already commenced.” **Definitely, a false prophecy!**

In the same book, page 170, they wrote: "...the Times of the Gentiles...will run fully out with the year A.D. 1914, and that at that time they will all be overturned and Christ's Kingdom fully established." **Definitely a false prophecy!**

In "The Golden Age", 6/6/23, page 563, they predicted a new date. They wrote: "The dissolving of Satan's empire began in the world war; and there is no possible restoration of any crumbling kingdom, but rather the crushing, disintegrating process continues until all shall cease to function. The Scriptures seem to limit this transition period to eleven years, from 1914 to and including 1925." **Definitely a false prophecy!**

In the WT 9/11/22, page 262, they wrote: "The date 1925 is even more distinctly indicated by the Scriptures than 1914." **Definitely a false prophecy!**

In the WT 4/1/23, page 106, they wrote: "Our thought is, that 1925 is definitely settled by the Scriptures...As to Noah, the Christian now has much more upon which to base his faith than Noah had upon to base his faith in a coming deluge." What was their prediction about **1925? Definitely a false prophecy!**

In 1921 and 1922, they prophesied that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and other faithful ones **would be resurrected in the year 1925**. They wrote:

"The chief thing to be restored is the human race to life; and since the other Scriptures definitely fix the fact that there will be a resurrection of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and other faithful ones of old, and that these will have the first favor, we may expect 1925 to witness the return of these

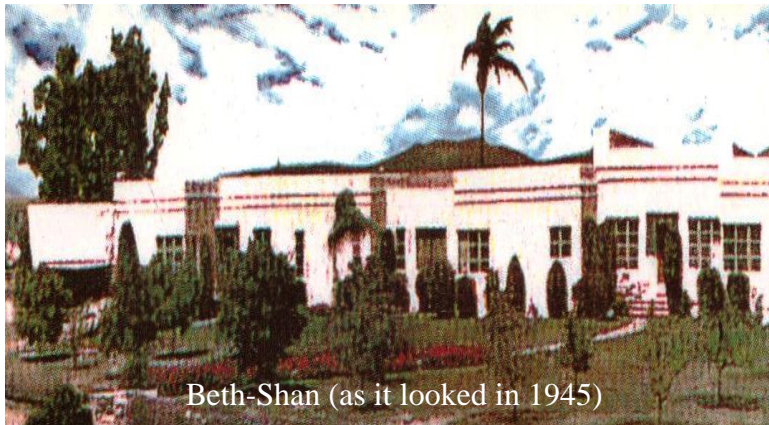
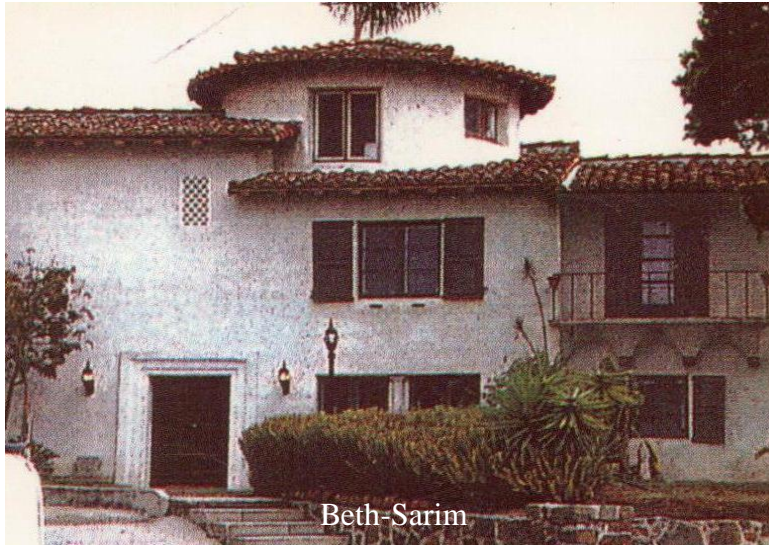
faithful men of Israel from the condition of death, being resurrected and fully restored to perfect humanity and made the visible, legal representatives of the new order of things on earth, right here in Jerusalem.” (The Golden Age, 3/18/21, page 381, under the subtitle “The Jubilee”, paragraph 3).

And in “The Golden Age”, 3/1/22, page 350, paragraph 1, they wrote: “...lo, our King is here, and the year 1925 marks the date when all shall see His mighty power demonstrated in **the resurrection of the ancient worthies**, and the time when **‘millions now living will never die.’**” **Definitely, the above paragraph contains two of the greatest false prophecies of the last two thousand years!** (Author’s emphasis)

The foregoing false prophecy regarding the resurrection of the “ancient worthies”, i.e., Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc., was firmly believed by the leaders of the organization at that time. They put their beliefs into tangible practice. They built two mansions in San Diego, California, in order to house the resurrected “ancient worthies”. They even titled these properties to the ancient worthies! The first mansion was called “Beth-Sarim” which means **“house of Princes”** and the second “Beth-Shan” which means **“house of security”**.

Here I present a picture of “Beth-Sarim” and one of “Beth-Shan”:

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The above mansions became monuments to their false prophecy!

How many times does a person have to commit murder in order to be a convicted murderer? **Once!** How many times does a person have to prophesy falsely in order to be a convicted false prophet? **Once!** Now that we have reviewed their record, as they encouraged us to do, what does it show? I will let **you** be the judge!

At this point it would be interesting to read their comments from the Awake 10/8/68, page 23. They wrote:

“True, there have been those in times past who predicted an “end” to the world, even announcing a specific date ... Yet, nothing happened. They were guilty of false prophesying. Why? What was missing? ... Missing from such people were God’s truths and the evidence that He was using them.”!!! (Author’s emphasis)

And Jesus said, ***“...by your words you will be condemned.”*** (Matthew 12:37)

Jehovah’s Witnesses who fanatically wish to defend their Mother Organization are saying that their leaders had never prophesied falsely, that they only had **“wrong expectations”**. To these people I will say: “If you were to apply the same excuse to all the false prophets of all ages, there would not be one false prophet - **ever!**”

Other Witnesses have told me about their leaders, **“Our brothers are very humble. They admit that they have made mistakes in the past.”** To those who think likewise I will say: **“Jesus did not make any distinction between**

humble false prophets and arrogant ones. In Matthew 24 He did not say to his followers that it is o.k. to follow or to believe humble false prophets!”

False prophets are false prophets! Whatever excuses they might give after their “prophecies” fail to be fulfilled, they should never be able to get rid of the stigma. When their “prophecies” fail to be fulfilled, they should be marked, at once, as false prophets so that they will not be believed or followed by those who wish to know and to serve God.

Those of the Jehovah’s Witnesses who love the Truth (John 14:6), should cast out their religious fear (1 John 4:18) and **obey** the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:23-27). It is then that they will stop believing, following, supporting and exulting false prophets.

Now is the time for them to study the Holy Scriptures (not the translation of the false prophets), in order to recognize the True Jesus of the Bible. Now is the time to stop believing and following the false Jesus the false prophets have presented to them. The false Jesus of the Watchtower who is a created being, Michael the archangel and the brother of Satan (Watchtower 3/1/1932, page 76, paragraphs 2,3), does not have the power to save anyone! Only those who believe in God’s **only begotten** (not only created) **Son** have everlasting life (John 3:16; 8:24). “**Only begotten**” does not mean “**only created**”! Those who do not believe in the True Jesus of the Bible cannot honor the Son **exactly the same** as they honor the Father (John 5:23). Those who have not recognized the fact that Jesus is God in the flesh (John 1:1,14), cannot confess with their mouth that **He is the “Lord”, the YHWH of Romans 10:9,13 whose Name they must call upon** (in other words, to pray to Jesus) **in order to be saved.** Now is the time to believe, to follow, to obey,

to support and to exult the True Jesus of the Bible who is the True Prophet and Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity (2 Peter 3:18; Revelation 5:13)!