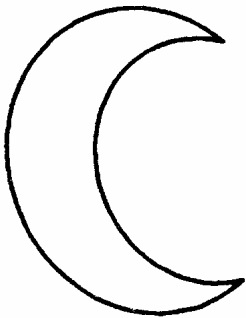


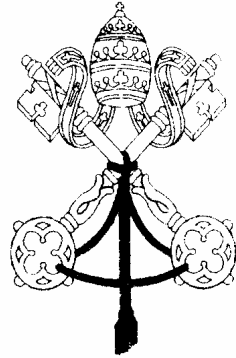
**W H O I S
T H E F A L S E
P R O P H E T ?**

ISLAM



OR

PAPACY



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Who Is The False Prophet?

In seeking to answer this question, we need firstly to consider the Scriptural use of the term 'False Prophet':

In the Greek "**false prophet**" is "**pseudoprophetes**" (Strong's 5578) it means *"one who, acting the part of a divinely inspired prophet, utters falsehoods under the name of divine prophecies."*

The word comes from '**pseudes**' (5571) meaning *lying, deceitful, false.* and '**prophetes**' (4396) that is *one moved by the Spirit of God and hence an inspired speaker. Hence an interpreter or spokesman for God, one through whom God speaks.*

Here then is the Scriptural definition of "**the false prophet**", as

- a) one who claims to be **an inspired speaker or teacher**,
- b) one known for lies or "**lying wonders**" literally 'wonders of falsehood, i.e. wonders calculated to deceive. (2 Thess. 2:9).

In the days of the apostles **false prophets** had association with the community of believers. It is stated there were

"false prophets also among the people." (2 Peter 2:1),

The term also relates to those who had departed from the faith:

"...because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1)

In Old Testament times the prophets declared God's Word to the people and the requirement was:

"The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully." (Jeremiah 23:28)

Instead of speaking that Word faithfully there were those **"that prophesy lies...., they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart."** Jeremiah 23: 25, 26

So from the Scriptures, we determine that **false prophets** were associated with **the teaching of God's Word** and an **apostasy** from the Community of believers, who had at one time had The Truth, as revealed in the Bible.

Does the Papacy or Islam answer the Scriptural definition?

I S L A M

Islam is a major world religion; it was promulgated by the Prophet Muhammad in Arabia in the 7th century AD. The Arabic term Islam, literally means "surrender," and illuminates the fundamental religious idea of Islam--that the believer (called a Muslim, from the active participle of islam) accepts "surrender to the will of Allah (Arabic: God)." One who has thus surrendered is a Muslim. In theory, all that is necessary for one to become a Muslim is to recite sincerely the short statement of faith known as the *shahadah*: *I witness that there is no god but God (Allah) and that Muhammad is the Messenger of God.*

Muhammad was born in Mecca in 570. (The epoch of the Trumpets not the 6th Vial when the term 'False prophet' occurs for the first time in the Apocalypse) His father, 'Abd Allah., died before he was born..

Allah is viewed as the sole God--creator, sustainer, and restorer of the world. **The will of Allah, to which man must submit, is made known through the sacred scriptures, the Koran, which Allah revealed to his messenger, Muhammad.** Muslims; believe that Muhammad was a prophet sent by God to mankind; and that the Koran is the collection of the revelations which God made to Muhammad. **The Koran thus contains the words of God in a literal sense and is often referred to as the Speech of God (*kalam Allah*).**

In Islam Muhammad is considered the last of a series of prophets (including Adam, Noah, Jesus, and others), and that there can be no other after him, (The Koranic phrase "the seal of the prophets" is understood by them in this sense) and **his message simultaneously consummates and abrogates the "revelations" attributed to earlier prophets.**

Thus Muslims do not teach from the Bible, their authority is the Koran. Muhammad was never associated with the community of believers who at one time had the Truth, as revealed in the Scriptures, so Islam was not an Apostasy - a falling away.

Does Islam answer the Scriptural definition of The False Prophet?

THE PAPACY

The Papacy is the system of central government of the Roman Catholic church, which is the largest single Christian body, composed of those Christians who acknowledge the supreme authority of the bishop of Rome, the Pope, in matters of faith. The word *catholic* means "universal" and has been used to designate the church since its earliest period, when it was the only Christian church. The Roman Catholic church regards itself as the only legitimate inheritor, by an unbroken Episcopal succession descending from Peter to the present time, of the commission and powers conferred by Jesus Christ on the 12 apostles.

The papal system, developed over the centuries since the early church until 1870 when the first Vatican Council officially defined as a matter of faith the absolute primacy of the Pope and his infallibility when pronouncing on "matters of faith and morals." According to this definition the Pope exercises judicial, legislative, and executive authority over the church as the direct successor of Peter, who is thought to have been the head of the apostles and the first bishop of Rome. It is claimed **his authority rested on the words of Jesus quoted in Matthew 16:18-19** ("*You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church...*") **that have been interpreted as giving him authority in Heaven and on Earth in the place of Jesus.** The early history of the papacy can be told as the history of the development of this Petrine theory and the later history as the development of the papal claim to both spiritual and temporal authority over Christian society.

The Papal Coat of Arms, depicts the Triple Crown and **KEYS**. The symbol of Papal Authority, but their origin goes back to the pagan god Janus, the Keeper of the door, to whom was given authority to open or to shut.

The Pope has many official titles: bishop of Rome, vicar of Christ, (a substitute or one who takes the place of Christ) successor to the prince of the apostles, supreme pontiff (Pontifex Maximus) of the universal church, patriarch of the West, primate of Italy, archbishop and metropolitan of the Roman province, sovereign of the state of Vatican City, servant of the servants of God.

Thus The Papacy claims to teach from the Bible, it claims descent from the apostles, or association with the community of believers who once had The Truth, and so because it is shown to teach lies it can be termed an Apostasy.

**Does The Papacy answer the Scriptural definition of
The False Prophet?**

THE TESTIMONY OF SCRIPTURE CONCERNING THE ROMAN POWER

The rise and fall of nations and empires is detailed in the Word of the Living God. Great detail is revealed in both Old and New Testaments concerning the development of the Roman power in its civil and military and ecclesiastical aspects. The religion of the Roman Empire was Pagan but the Emperor Constantine embraced false Christianity, and the Empire in both its Eastern and Western divisions acknowledged a form of Christianity, and thereby gave ascent that the Scriptures were God's Word.

The development of this power, is briefly detailed:

DANIEL CH. 7: THE LITTLE HORN OF THE 4th BEAST:

v. 25: **And he shall speak great words against the most High**, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

DANIEL CH. 8: THE LITTLE HORN OF THE GOAT

v. 25: And through his policy also he shall cause craft (deceit or fraud) to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

DANIEL CH. 11: THE KING

v. 37 **Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.**

v. 38 **But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.**

2 THESSALONIANS CH. 2: THE MAN OF SIN

v. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a **falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**

v. 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; **so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

v. 7: For **the mystery of iniquity doth already work:** only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

v. 8 **And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his verse 8:** mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

v. 9 **Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

THE APOCALYPSE Details The Development of the 4th Roman Beast of Daniel Ch. 7: through its various phases, (East & West Civil, Military & Ecclesiastical) Ch. 12: The Dragon. Ch. 13 The Beast of The Earth, The Beast of The Sea and The Image of The beast. And then a new term is introduced Ch. 16: **THE FALSE PROPHET:**

THE FALSE PROPHET

The term false prophet only occurs 3 times in the Apocalypse and a correct understanding of the power to whom it relates must be determined by the context in which the term is found and its relation to other Scriptures. The term **'false prophet'** first occurs under the outpouring of the 6th Vial which concerns the drying up of the River Euphrates (or Ottoman Empire), surely suggesting its particular applicability to that time period..

Re 16:13 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**.

Re 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him **the false prophet that wrought miracles** before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Re 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast **and the false prophet are**, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

For centuries the Papacy exercised temporal power, as The Image of The Beast but when in 1870 the Papal states were lost the change was marked in the Apocalypse by the introduction of a new symbol **The False Prophet**.

Moreover in 1870, in the very epoch that the Apocalypse commences to use the term **"false prophet"**, there was proclaimed:

THE DECREE OF PAPAL INFALLIBILITY

*"We teach and define as a divinely revealed dogma, that when the Roman pontiff speaks **"ex cathedra"** (from his seat or throne) that is, when he, using his office as pastor and **teacher** of all Christians in virtue of his Apostolic office, defines a doctrine on faith and morals to be held by the whole Church — he, by the Divine assistance promised to him in the blessed Peter, **possesses that infallibility** with which the Divine Redeemer was pleased to invest his Church in the definition of doctrine on faith and morals, and that therefore such definitions of the Roman pontiff are irreformable (unalterable) in their own nature and not because of the consent of the Church."*

In this proclamation, the claim is made to possess **infallibility**, and thereby when the Roman Pontiff speaks **"ex cathedra"** he claims to be a prophet, that is *one moved by the Spirit of God and hence an inspired speaker. Hence an interpreter or spokesman for God, one through whom God speaks.*

Yet because he proclaims falsehood and by signs and lying wonders deceives many, he must surely be **The False Prophet**.

THE FALSE PROPHET

Protestant and Papal scribes are in the habit of applying the epithet "false prophet" to Mohammed and therefore do not perceive its applicability to the Roman bishop. But neither Mohammed, nor his successors, are termed "the false prophet" in the Apocalypse. The Arabian was false enough, doubtless, but he was a far more respectable character than any Pope that has ever reigned; and were I to choose between the two superstitions, I would rather be a Moslem than a Papist. It was the glory of Mohammed to destroy idolatry: it is infamy of the Popes to be the high priests of "the queen of heaven". The Saracens were God's locusts to torment, and the Ottomans God's cavalry to slay with political death, the Catholic image-worshippers of the Asiatic third part of the Roman dragon. Mohammed was the star; and his successors, the "commanders of 'the faithful', " the "angel of the bottomless pit; whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon". These names in English signify *Destroyer*, which is indicative of the mission of those who marshalled themselves under the standard of the Arabian.

The epithet "false prophet" is singularly applicable to the Roman bishop. It is a part of his function to preach or prophesy; that is, to "speak unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" From him these blessings are supposed to flow to all " his children" Aaron was given to Moses to be his prophet because he could speak well. As Aaron, then, was speaker, mouth, or prophet, to Moses; so the Pope is now the mouth, or prophet, or speaker, of the Papacy, and no more. He is virtually stripped of his dominion; he can prophesy, but his rule is a thing of name, and not a fact. A false prophet is he; truthless as Satan; sporting himself with his own deceivings, and thereby provoking a speedy fate, which is "capture and destruction".

Elpis Israel pages 376-377

“THE KING”
OR
“CONSTANTINOPOLITAN AUTOCRACY”

But the time is not far off, when the Latin Bishop may have to seek again to the Constantinopolitan Imperial Autocracy for protection. Daniel's prophecy of "the king" required this; for he is to "*cause to prosper till the indignation be accomplished*".....

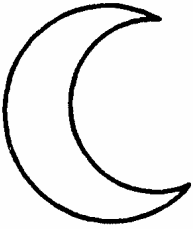
But, for this manifestation to appear, the Ottoman dynasty must of course be driven out of Europe. The occupation of the Dragon's throne by a non-Catholic royalty is clearly exceptional. The Ottoman has never, as a matter of fact, "*magnified himself above all*"; nor has he honoured the Latin Bishop as a god in his dominion, or shown himself at all a gracious patron of his saints and their temples.

The power causing falsehood, or False-Prophetism, to prosper, must hold Jerusalem at the crisis of the accomplishment of the indignation. By False-Prophetism, I mean, Papalism. Hence, the Sultan must be ejected that a dynasty patronizing a High Priest, who forbids to marry, may come in.

When, therefore, the Czar gets possession of Constantinople he will not be hostile to the Pope. On the contrary, he will honour and acknowledge him, and be the enemy of the Holy Land.

Exposition of Daniel page 58

ALLAH THE MOON GOD



The crescent moon symbol is associated with Islam. However, history and archaeological evidence testifies that long before Islam came into existence, **the symbol of the worship of the moon god** in Arabian culture and elsewhere throughout the Middle East was **the crescent moon.**

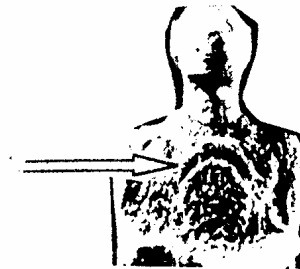
The cult of the moon god was the most popular religion throughout ancient Mesopotamia. A favourite name for this moon god was Sin, but his title was 'Al-ilah' meaning 'the deity' or 'the god' indicating that he was the chief or high one among the gods. **This name was shortened to Allah in pre-Islamic times.** For example Mohammed's father had Allah as part of his name, indicating the devotion of the family to **the moon god.** So Mohammed continued to worship the pagan deity '**Allah**'.

Archaeological evidence of the crescent moon symbol of the moon god abounds. e.g.

The Babylonian Moon-god.



Idols of the Moon god were found in 1950 when a temple to the moon god was excavated at Hazor. Each was a statue of **a man upon a throne with a crescent moon carved on his chest.**



Islam continues to this day worshipping the god Allah, and has the symbol, the Crescent Moon of its pagan deity the Moon god Allah. **So unlike Roman Catholicism, which is an apostasy from the Truth, as taught in the Scriptures** in incorporating paganism into False Christianity **Islam has remained a Pagan religion.**

I S L A M

Islam does not fit the Scriptural definition and requirements to fulfil the role of the False Prophet. However the Apocalypse which God gave unto his servant John did foresee the rise of Islam and the work it would accomplish under the sounding of the woe Trumpets of chapter 9:

What then of the rising tide of Islamic militancy that is so evident, in the world today?

The power of Islam is seen in the very name *Islam*. The meaning of the word "Islam" is usually given as "submission". However the word Islam did not originally mean submission. Instead it referred to that strength which characterised a desert warrior who even when faced with death, would fight to the death for his tribe.

"It was originally a secular concept denoting the virtue in the eyes of the primitive Arab; defiance of death, heroism, to die in battle." (*The spiritual Background of early Islam* by Dr. M. Bravmann)

"The word Islam only slowly developed into meaning submission."
(Dr. J. Smith) Quoted from *The Islamic Invasion* by Robert Morey

This is the power that is so evident today, and for the moment Islam still occupies the Dragon's throne, in Constantinople, or the city of Istanbul. While it does so it may yet have a role to fill, (but not as the False Prophet). It may join forces with the Russian power that is soon to fully assume the Dragon's role and take possession of the Dragon's throne, and complete the drying up of the Eupratean power of the 6th Vial, in accordance with the requirements of Holy Scripture.

Consider the following quotation 

THE OTTOMAN POWER

A SPLINT:

This existence of the Ottoman *regime* in the Kingdom of Babylon, may be regarded by way of illustration, as a splint upon a broken leg. It remains therefore the support of the limb until the fractured ends shall be reunited by *callus*, (*an area of bony tissue formed during the healing of a fractured bone*) after which it is removed as useless.

The brass and iron eastern limb of Nebuchadnezzar's Image received a fracture at the juncture of the two metals. The sovereignty of the kingdom of Babylon was no longer Greek and Latin; but as at the present time, Latin and Ottoman.

In "the time of the end", however, when the Image stands complete upon its Feet of Iron and Clay, sound constitutional limbs are indispensable.

The time is now about come, when the Ottoman splint may be removed, and the Latino-Greek Leg of the Image repaired by Russian *callus* be permitted to stand under a *regime* more in consonance with the catholic constitution of the kingdom of Babylon. The unbinding of the splint is the current mission of "the Powers".

Extract from page 59 of Exposition of Daniel

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mouth of the dragon, and out
of the mouth of the beast, and
out of the mouth of the false
prophet.

Rev 16:13