

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 43

# THE FALSE PROPHET



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In Matthew 24:24, Jesus warns us that many prophets will arise in the End Times, moving in great signs and wonders, and deceiving even the elect.

Revelation 13:11-18 talks about that one **False Prophet** who will arise at the End of the Age and work hand-in-hand with the Antichrist. He will be a real person and not just an ideology or a system of philosophy. He will be a powerful and strong adversary whom we must take seriously. He will be demonically empowered to deceive many people to worship the Antichrist; this includes believers!

Satan's two main strategies are to raise up the Antichrist, and the False Prophet to support him. The False Prophet himself has **three main strategies**:





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**HE WILL SEDUCE THE DECEIVE THE NATIONS  
TO FOLLOW AND WORSHIP THE ANTICHRIST.**

The False Prophet is described as having **two horns** which are **two spheres of influence** – they are the **religious** and the **economic sphere**. A possible scenario is that he will be a prominent leader of the Harlot Babylon, which is a powerful world religious and economic entity. The Harlot Babylon will play an important role in **preparing the ground for the ultimate worldwide worship of the Antichrist**.

Revelation 17:16 describes a time when the Antichrist and the ten-nation confederation will crush the **Harlot religious network**. It is likely that the False Prophet then “defects” to the side of the Antichrist and shifts into promoting the worship of the Antichrist. He brings along with him the Babylon economic system and turns it into the Mark-of-the-Beast economic system.

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**THE FALSE PROPHET WILL ESTABLISH A WORLD-  
WIDE ANTICHRIST WORSHIP MOVEMENT BY  
CREATING THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST.**

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**HE WILL CREATE THE MARK-OF-THE-BEAST  
ECONOMIC SYSTEM.**

**THE FALSE PROPHET HAS FIVE PRIMARY ACTIVITIES:**

# **1**

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**HE WILL GIVE DEMONICALLY EMPOWERED MESSAGES THAT WILL MOVE MANY.**

**This is the counterfeit of true Apostolic Preaching.**

**God will release the grace of Apostolic Preaching upon the Church in the End Times. The sick will be healed, demons cast out and hearts pierced at the preaching of the Word. The False Prophet will speak eloquently and convincingly and move in great power. Many will be deceived and will worship the Antichrist!**

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**HE WILL PERFORM POWERFUL DEMONIC SIGNS AND WONDERS.**

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**HE WILL ESTABLISH A COUNTERFEIT WORSHIP AND PRAYER MOVEMENT OF THE ANTICHRIST.**



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**HE WILL LEGALIZE PERSECUTION,  
OPPRESSION AND MURDER OF THOSE  
WHO REFUSED TO WORSHIP THE BEAST.**

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**HE WILL SET UP THE  
MARK-OF-THE-BEAST ECONOMIC SYSTEM.**

**This will control the world's finance and trading.  
No one will be able to trade without the mark.**

Revelation 13:11-18 is the **primary core passage** that describes the False Prophet. **It describes his nature, origin and spheres of authority and power.** In this passage, he is called “*another beast*”. There are three other passages in the Book of Revelation that addresses him as “*the False Prophet*” but none of them uses the phrase “another beast” (Rev. 16:13; 19:20; 20:10). This phrase alludes to his nature which is like that of the Antichrist; he is cruel, brutal and he will have no mercy. Outwardly though, he will be “*like a lamb*”. He will appear to be humane, kind and compassionate.

Revelation 13:11 describes him as “*coming up out of the earth*”, which means that **his rise will be gradual**; people would have already known or heard of him. This is in contrast to the Antichrist whose emergence is sudden. The False Prophet “*speaking like a dragon*” means that **he is Satan’s mouthpiece**; he will proclaim and promote Satan’s agenda. Many will be convinced because of his eloquence and charisma.

Verse 12 speaks of the **goal and agenda** of the False Prophet. He will exercise all the authority of the Antichrist. His goal is to promote the Antichrist. The False Prophet will cause the inhabitants of the earth to worship the Beast and raise up a powerful worship movement for the Antichrist.





Verse 13 tells us that the False Prophet will perform great signs and wonders. They are great in power, great in significance and great in deception. One particular miracle, the calling down of fire, is emphasized because he will be a counterfeit of Elijah.

Verse 14 tells us the two purposes of the False Prophet, why he performed such great signs and wonders. It is **to deceive the nations to worship and follow the Antichrist, and to convince people all over the world to make the image of the Beast to worship the Antichrist.** There will be one main image in the temple of Jerusalem and multiple duplicates situated in Antichrist sanctuaries all over the world.

***THE FACT THAT MANY WILL  
BE DECEIVED IS A WARNING  
FOR US TO DEVELOP  
DISCERNMENT.***



**What is a true prophet and what is a false prophet? A false prophet can perform great signs and wonders and give very accurate prophetic words.** If we only look for the anointing of the prophet or the prophetic words and we open ourselves to everything without discernment, we can be deceived!

What does the Bible say about false prophets? Matthew 7:15-20 teaches us to test them by their fruits. Here are **three tests of the fruits** we can use to discern between true and false prophets:

- 1. Do they motivate people to love Jesus more?**
- 2. Do they inspire people to worship Jesus (Rev. 19:10)?**
- 3. Do they turn people to obey Jesus?**



Deuteronomy 13:1-5 defines false prophets as those who **turn people away from the Lord**. We cannot judge merely by their anointing alone; we have to learn to discern.

The Biblical function of a prophet is not primarily to foretell events. Seldom do we find prophets in the Bible giving words to individuals, unless it is for the setting apart of key people such as apostles and prophets.

**The Biblical function of a prophet is to forthtell, to speak forth the heart of God, what He is saying and what he is doing.** The foretelling of events is for the secondary purpose of authenticating the message of God.



**REVELATION 19:10 GIVES US  
THE HIGHEST DEFINITION OF WHAT  
A TRUE PROPHETIC MINISTRY IS ABOUT:**

**1** THE HIGHEST PURPOSE OF ANY  
PROPHETIC MINISTRY IS TO REVEAL  
JESUS (REV. 1:1; 19:10).

**2** THE HIGHEST CALL OF A PROPHETIC  
MINISTRY IS TO IMPART THE HEART  
OF JESUS (REV. 1:1).

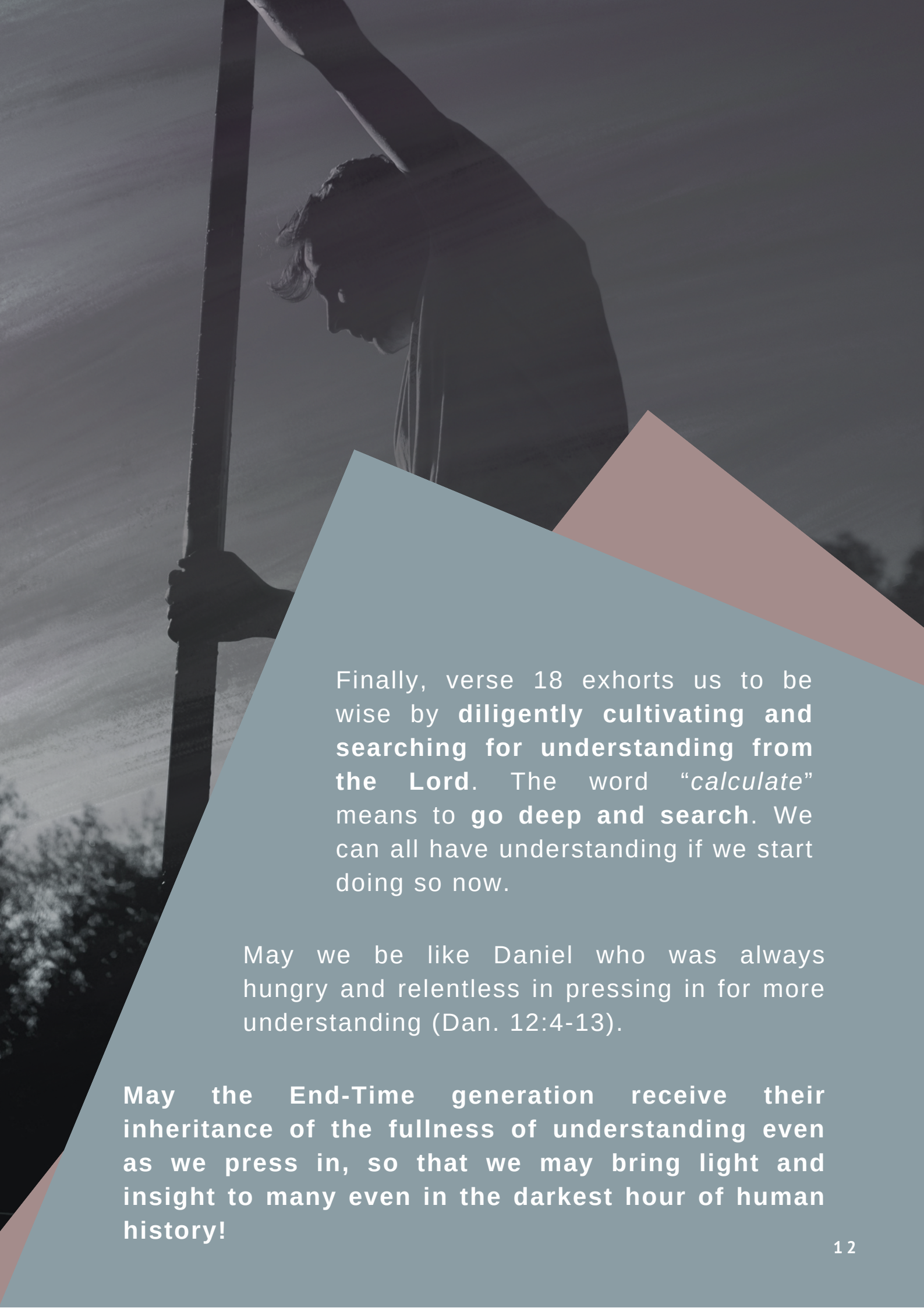
**3** THE HIGHEST TEST OF A PROPHETIC  
MINISTRY IS WHETHER IT INSPIRES  
EXTRAVAGANT WORSHIP (REV. 19:10).



Revelation 13:15 tells us that the Image of the Beast will be demonically empowered by the Antichrist and the False Prophet to **talk, prophesy and even enact laws**. The ability of the Image of the Beast to do so is not by the enablement of technology but by demonic supernatural empowerment. This will cause awe and fascination and deceive many to pledge their allegiance to the Antichrist.

Verses 16 and 17 tell us that the False Prophet will establish the Mark-of-the-Beast economic system that requires all to put on the mark in order to trade. We will talk about this more during the next session.



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Finally, verse 18 exhorts us to be wise by **diligently cultivating and searching for understanding from the Lord**. The word “*calculate*” means to **go deep and search**. We can all have understanding if we start doing so now.

May we be like Daniel who was always hungry and relentless in pressing in for more understanding (Dan. 12:4-13).

**May the End-Time generation receive their inheritance of the fullness of understanding even as we press in, so that we may bring light and insight to many even in the darkest hour of human history!**





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