There are two men who claim they are “THAT PROPHET”, and by so doing, they are saying, “I am the Christ!” And their followers believe them! Are you one of them?

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Shortly before Jesus Christ was arrested, beaten, and crucified, He was asked by His disciples:

“Tell us, what will be the SIGN of Your coming, and of the END of the age?” *(Matthew 24:3).*

Before answering their questions, and knowing the very hard trials that would come upon His true people, He first WARNED them of the greatest trial and danger of all that would always be there before them to try and abort them as begotten children of God the Father *(cf. I Peter 1:3):*

And Jesus answered and said to them, “Take HEED that NO ONE DECEIVES you. For MANY will come in My Name *(claiming to be His ministers),* saying, ‘I AM THE CHRIST,’ and will DECEIVE many” *(Matthew 24:4-5).*

“**I AM THE CHRIST**”

In former years this was always thought of and taught to be the ministers of this world. And largely this was true.

However, recent times have revealed this Scripture also applies to former ministers of the Worldwide Church of God who were scattered before and after 1994-1995, and afterwards developed their own churches.

Two of these ministers of larger churches are now claiming to be Jesus Christ, not by actual name, per se., however by claiming to be “**THAT PROPHET**,” this Heavenly Office for themselves, is the same as saying, “**I AM THE CHRIST!**”

Some may wonder – how can this be? How could anyone who has known the TRUTH of God’s teachings have the audacity to say they are the Christ! Yet, it has happened! Why? Because they ignored the WARNING by Jesus Christ of the **POWER OF DARKNESS AND DECEPTION BY SATAN THE DEVIL** that could befall anyone—even the true ministers of Jesus Christ!
They never gave serious and reflective thought to that warning (Matthew 24:4-5) — never believing this could happen to them! But it did! And they continue in error! Sadly, their membership is in grave danger of going into the Great Tribulation for having accepted this erroneous claim made by these men and continuing to follow them.

*Perplexity by Members*

Due to there being perplexity by some members as to whom this Scripture is referring to as “THAT PROPHET”, while trying to bring understanding to the unbiased, this is being written while being guided by God’s Holy Spirit of TRUTH (cf. John 16:13), to make known these leaders have presumptuously taken unto themselves that CELESTIAL OFFICE for themselves that only belongs to the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

During this writing a close look will be taken of the Scriptures that speaks of this HIGH OFFICE and they will reveal the TRUTH of it being fulfilled by none other than Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry.

*Religious Seducers*

Among the many Scriptures warning the people of God about the false ministers (cf. II Peter 2:1-3; Jude 3-4), the Apostle Paul wrote:

“Now the Spirit expressly (margin: explicitly) says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to DECEIVING (Greek: seducing) SPIRITS and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron” (I Timothy 4:1-2).

Soncino Commentary, volume 1, page 805, ‘Religious Seducers’ False Prophet:

“Against the danger of religious seduction on the part of false prophets, self-deluded visionaries, and base men . . . “

[Deuteronomy 4:2] “Thou shall not add thereto, nor diminish from it”] “. . . The various attempts by revolutionary religious leaders . . . have all suffered spiritual shipwreck, because they acted in defiance of either ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, or of neither shall you diminish from it . . .” End of Quotes

Jesus Christ made known the greatest danger to His true people would be false prophets (aforetime respected and known ministers from the now defunct Worldwide Church of God), who will be given the power of miracles by Satan the devil (Matthew 24:24-25)!

*Two Men Now in Place to Receive Miracles*

Presently, these two men who claim that OFFICE that only belongs to Jesus Christ, are now being set up to do the work of Satan the devil to deceive all but the true Elect (Matthew 24:24).
Their membership has already been deceived by them (cf. Ephesians 4:14). And it appears because of Satan’s use of them, in short time to come, they will further be given the power of the illusions of miracles and wonders to deceive all of the members of the corporate churches.

It should be realized due to their being deceived by Satan, they do not realize they are being used by him to eventually seek their own destruction together with their congregations (II Peter 2:1-22). Their minds are clouded over by Satan’s power of darkness due to their desires to gain followers and fame (cf. I Timothy 4:1).

The Pied Piper and his Followers

Their use by Satan can be likened to the legendary Pied Piper, who like this imaginary person, without grasping what they are being used to do by Satan the devil, will take their membership into the darkness of deception to destroy them—with horrible deaths in the Great Tribulation.

The Only Means of Escape

The only ones to escape this very cunning and powerful deception will be the very Elect of God (Matthew 24:21-28). Their escape will be made possible only by heeding the warning Scriptures—while having a close and abiding relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:24-25).

The Claim of other Lofty Offices from Scripture

In addition to taking for themselves the prophesied office of Jesus Christ of being—"THAT PROPHET", these two men have presumed wrongly to take upon themselves other lofty titles taken from Biblical prophecies they have applied to themselves with the purpose of showing their importance, while trying to attract other members as can be seen from the following quotes:
Gerald Flurry and the Philadelphia Church of God

Exit and Support Network:

**Biblical Titles Gerald Flurry Has Appropriated for Himself**

In the July-August 2000 issue of PCG's Royal Vision magazine on the inside of the front cover it is written:

"About our cover. The various biblical titles associated with an end-time prophet who comes on the scene just before Jesus Christ's return."

On the front cover the following titles are illustrated:

- Malachi
- The Knocker
- Joel
- Watchman
- Teacher of Righteousness
- Elisha
- Lawgiver
- King
- THAT PROPHET
- Ambassador
- A Voice
- Zechariah
- Counselor
- Micah
- Breaker
- Habakkuk

In his booklet, who is That Prophet? Flurry has also given himself further titles:

- Ezekiel
- God's Chief Ruler
- Amos
- Eliakim
- Father
- The Elder
- Obadiah
- Messenger

In the magazine (and the booklet) Flurry attempts to link himself to all these titles. Here is an astounding statement he has made:

"God's ministers must understand this concept deeply and lead God's people to magnify my office—which is really God's office." *(Royal Vision, July-Aug. 2000 issue, p. 30)*

The previous statement is an exact quote.

**Update:** Flurry has also given himself the title of "**The Nail in a Sure Place**" and "Joshua."

End of Quotes
David Pack – Restored Church of God

David Pack presumptuously took unto himself the office of an Apostle some few years ago. Since then he has also made the claim he is the promised Elijah to Come, and not Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

And of recent date (as made known by one of his elders), he is teaching his membership that he is— “THAT PROPHET”.

In his other writings, he claims his membership has no ownership or control over all their assets, rather they belong to his church.

Therefore, he can continue demanding from them at any time whatever he chooses from those assets –milking them of all they own!

Though there may be other lofty titles he has appropriated to himself, these are the only ones that have come to be known at this time.

Sadly, the membership of both these men appears to be totally deceived by Satan the devil. Those who may not be are offering little fuss, if any.

“I AM THE CHRIST”

Giving them the benefit of a doubt, their claim of being THAT PROPHET, without the full realization what they now boast before their congregations, is saying they are in reality the CHRIST! Their foolish egotistical error is fully made known by the following Scriptures that portrays them as false prophets.

Jesus Christ gave advance warning to all of His true people about these men and all others who are of the synagogue of Satan (cf. Revelation 3:9):

And Jesus answered and said to them, “Take HEED that NO ONE DECEIVES you. For MANY will come in My Name (claiming to be His true ministers), saying, ‘I AM THE CHRIST,’ and will DECEIVE many” (Matthew 24:4-5).

The following Scriptures and comments make this Scripture come alive.

The Warning from God through Moses

The warning is given by the LORD God against the false prophets – the religious seducers prior to their receiving the power of miracles:

vs. 1-2 “If there arises AMONG YOU a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a SIGN or A WONDER, and the Sign or 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.’

It is a Scriptural fact (cf. Acts 8:9-11) by many people seeing the magic will follow the one being used by Satan to perform wonders not caring whether the person is keeping God’s laws or whatever their lifestyle might be. In actuality they are following Satan and he then becomes their god (cf. Acts 8:9-11).

To any man who has been given this power from Satan the devil to mislead God’s true people—as will the false prophet in the future (Revelation 13:11-18), God’s explicit command to His people is as follows:

v.3 “You shall NOT LISTEN to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is TESTING you to know whether you LOVE the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul (cf. Matthew 22:37; I Kings 13:8-26).

v.4 “You shall walk after the LORD your God and FEAR Him (His lifestyle, I John 2:6), and keep His commandments and OBEY His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.”

History: Though there have always been the men and women, such as Nimrod and his mother-wife Semiramis who began the Babylonian Mystery Religion (Genesis 10:8-10; 11:1-9). It was perpetuated by Balaam the soothsayer (Joshua 13:22), later Jezebel the murderess with her 850 prophets (I Kings 18:13, 19).

They were used by Satan the devil to palm themselves off as representatives of God, some even being used by Satan to perform miracles (cf. Simon Magus, Acts 8:9-11), the same is taking place here in the end-time, though short of miracles for now.

Satan the devil will soon give the power of miracles to the False Prophet to perform miraculous signs and wonders by which the whole Christian world will be deceived into believing he is God (Revelation 13:11-18; II Thessalonians 2:1-4).

Shortly before that time, there will be those of the former ministry of the Worldwide Church of God who will also be given the power of miracles from Satan to deceive all of its former membership.

Discernment Needed from God’s Laws

God’s prophet, Isaiah, makes known how to recognize the false prophets by the following Scriptures:
Isaiah 8:19-20.

v.19 “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?” (cf. Moffatt Translation)

v. 20 “To the LAW and to the TESTIMONY (cf. Deuteronomy 8:16)! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is NO LIGHT (truth) in them.”

Comment: People seek out mediums through whom they supposedly receive communication from the dead. The reality is their contact is with demons who imitate the dead.

A Scriptural example is that of King Saul who sought out the witch at En Dor (I Samuel 28:3-10).

The Warning from the Apostle Paul

Jesus Christ led the Apostle Paul to WARN ministers and members alike of this sinister, insidious, danger:

II Corinthians 11:2-3.

vs. 2-3 “For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I FEAR, lest somehow, as the serpent DECEIVED Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be CORRUPTED from the simplicity and purity (margin) that is in Christ.”

The Apostle Paul then followed up by writing how Satan would use his human instruments who would be – virtually exact counterfeit – so close to the truth that only the true servants of God, His chosen ELECT members would be able to discern the real difference between them:

II Corinthians 11:12-15.

v.12 “But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast.

v.13 “For such are FALSE APOSTLES, deceitful workers, TRANSFORMING themselves into APOSTLES of Christ.

v.14 “And no wonder! For Satan himself TRANSFORMS HIMSELF AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT.

v.15 “Therefore, it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS also TRANSFORMS themselves into minister of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”
It must be emphasized it will only be those of the Elect of God who will be able to discern the difference between those of God and those belonging to Satan the devil.

The Warning from the Apostle Peter

In his writings, the Apostle Peter left no doubt but that these false ministers would be present in the end-time!

**II Peter 2:1-2.**

*vs. 1-2* “But there were also FALSE PROPHETS among the people even as there will be FALSE TEACHERS among you who will SECRETLY bring in destructive heresies, even DENYING the Lord who BOUGHT THEM and bring on themselves swift destruction and MANY will follow their destructive ways [approximately 100,000-plus members followed in one way or another], because of whom THE WAY OF TRUTH WILL BE BLASPHEMED.

**Note: v.1 “Bought”:** This is scary for it is saying a few of them were purchased with the precious Blood of Jesus Christ—converted—received God’s Holy Spirit! This means they possibly could be facing the third resurrection—the Lake of Fire and the Second Death—unless they either sought repentance before they died or will seek repentance from God before it comes to be too late *(Hebrews 6:4-8).*

**Recent History**

Apostate ministers of the Worldwide of God Church of God were used by Satan the devil and his demons to seek the destruction of God’s true people during the years of 1986-1995 by deceiving, seducing, ministers and members alike to become the daughters of the Catholic Church, Protestants!

They were enamored by the seductive personified spirit of Jezebel of the Thyatira Church Era to be embraced by her arms and brought into her adulterous bosom of belief and practice *(Revelation 2:20-23; cf. I Kings 16:30-33; 18:17-19).*
It would seem all of us should have learned from that tragic experience of how any minister since might become an apostate and lead people astray; but looking around at what has happened since with the many churches off-track, hardly anyone has learned the needed lesson. As the result they are headed for the Great Tribulation, unless they wake up in time and repent.

The following review of past history will explain how Satan used the administration of the apostate pastor general to seduce all but the true people of God.

**A Brief Look at Past Years**

A few of the top administrative assistants to Mr. Joseph Tkach, Sr., attended Azusa Pacific College, a Trinity College, in Azusa, California, after 1986.

These men were taught the pagan doctrines of the Catholic and Protestant Churches. Then they influenced Mr. Tkach, Sr., into making the change from God’s true teachings to the pagan doctrines of Protestantism. And he agreed this should be done.

They were also aided by the Bible Answer Man – Hank Hanegraff (cf. The Journal Church News Paper of Big Sandy, Texas, publications: April 30, 2015; May 31, 2015; June 30, 2015), how to teach the ministry and the membership these erroneous pagan teachings of Protestantism.

**The Fallout**

Having been well educated in the art of deception by the Trinity College of the Pacific, and aided by Hank Hanegraff, the top apostate ministry began their persuasive work with skill in speech and writings on the ministry and membership. History reveals they were very successful for Protestantism was fully accepted by virtually the total membership in one way or another.

At the same time this also affected adversely many of the former ministers who did not fully accept the pagan teachings; though they did some of them.

**The Continued Danger of Deception**

These men have come to be even more dangerous than the others due to palming off themselves as God’s true and faithful ministers while saying they are following the true teachings as taught by Mr. Armstrong, which they do in part.

By these sayings, they are being used even more skillfully by the personified spirit of Jezebel of the Thyatira Church Era (*Revelation 2:20, 29*) by persuading their membership all of their teachings are just as they were before Mr. Armstrong died, but with just a few needed corrective changes; changes to suit their own erroneous beliefs! Sadly, they are believed and have large followings.
The evil murderous spirit of Jezebel, as represented by the Catholic and Protestant Churches (Revelation 17:1-6), continues to seek the seduction of God’s true people. This is with the intention of massacring them in the Great Tribulation; as she formerly massacred the prophets of God during her lifetime as the queen of Israel (I Kings 18:4).

A Reflective Historical Review of Recent Past

The false ministers came among the true ministers and members of God’s true Church as early as the 1950s.

It began with the son of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in the early 1960s. Over the next few years Garner Ted Armstrong brought about liberal changes within the Church while elevating himself. He was finally put out of the Church for a number of reasons. It was then that others began their insidious work.

These men began coming into the Church in the late 1950s. Some few years later they were ordained into the ministry.

They brought with them a few wrong beliefs but remained quiet until after the death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. After his death in 1986, these men began coming out of the closet to begin methodically dismantling the rulings, true doctrinal teachings, and ultimately—teaching against the Commandments and laws of God!

They were successful—leaving the corporate Worldwide Church of God an empty shell of what it once was before the death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong! God permitted this to take place to fulfill prophecy.

A Prophecy was Fulfilled

The death of Mr. Armstrong brought about the fulfillment of the prophecy of the Falling Away that could not happen as long as he remained alive and these false teachers knew it (II Thessalonians 2:1-3, 7-8). In the interim, they waited!
The Man of Sin

This prophecy of the Man of Sin has a two-fold meaning, the lessor:

1) Mr. Joseph Tkach, Sr.; the lessor one; the Apostate Pastor General.
2) The False Prophet – the Pope in Rome; the primary one, who is yet to be revealed, but will through his use by Satan to perform miracles and bring about the Revival of the Holy Roman Empire (Revelation 13:11-18; 17:1-18).

Mr. Tkach was not recognized as a wolf in lamb’s clothing even by Mr. Armstrong nor was he by anyone else. He appeared honest and genuine even standing up for the Church in a leadership position during the receivership placed on the Church by the State of California in 1979 (cf. II Corinthians 11:14-15).

History reveals Mr. Joseph Tkach, the Apostate Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God, remained undetected until after the death of Mr. Armstrong.

The Treacherous Subtle Work of Destruction

It was then that Satan the devil began using Mr. Tkach to destroy the work of the God that covered the years from January 17, 1986 to December 1994. And in retrospect one can see the effort was very successful!

During the last part of December 1994, the Apostate Pastor General declared all of the laws of God were done away – no need to obey them any longer! And the masses believed him!

The Scattered True Members

Approximately 7,000 true members of the Church of God survived the falling away of over 100,000 members of the Worldwide Church of God by removing themselves from the defunct Corporate Church and scattered (cf. Romans 11:1-7); a duality of the scattering in the early Church (Acts 8:1).

v.1 “Woe to the (false) shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” says the LORD.

v.2 “Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: “You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,” says the LORD.

v.3 “But I will GATHER the REMNANT of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

v.4 “I will set shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed nor shall they be lacking,” says the LORD. (cf. Ezekiel 34:1-22).

For the most part they remain scattered unto this present time.

However, the time will soon come when the Elect will need to FLEE to the place God will have provided for them (Revelation 12:6, 14). It will be at that time they will all come together as ONE BODY—ONE CHURCH—of the Philadelphia Church Era (Revelation 3:7-13; cf. Ezekiel 34:11-13).

Covetousness Prevailed

The Apostle Peter made known the reality of their deceptive works:

“By COVETOUSNESS they will EXPLOIT you with DECEPTIVE WORDS for a long time their JUDGMENT has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber” (II Peter 2:3).

Covetousness and Possession> It happened just the way this Scripture makes known: In 1986, the apostate pastor general came into total possession of all the properties worth many millions of dollars. Only his signature was required to do as he so desired with the money and properties.

However, he paid a horrible price for his satanic work (cf. Jeremiah 23:2).

The Horrible Death of Mr. Tkach, Sr.
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia —Joseph Tkach, Sr.:

“On May 12, 1995 Tkach had surgery to remove his gall bladder. Shortly thereafter he was
readmitted to the hospital because of severe intestine and back pain. Surgeons then removed a grapefruit-size tumor from his intestines and discovered he had colon cancer.

“In a letter to ministers dated September 6, Tkach announced that he was also diagnosed with bone cancer. He elected not to undertake radiation treatments.

“As Armstrong had done before him, Tkach named a successor to become pastor general in the event of his death. In this case, it was Tkach’s son, Joseph Tkach Jr.[33][34] Tkach died on September 23, 1995.”

End of Quotes

The Finality of Judgment

It is interesting to note the reign over the Worldwide Church of God by the apostate pastor general, Mr. Joseph Tkach, Sr., was exactly nine years and nine months, the number of the ‘finality of judgment’ (cf. Companion Bible, Appendix 10, page 14).

The Vengeance of God

Scripture reveals there are the times when God exacts vengeance on those who trifle with His teachings and laws:

Considering the horrible death of Mr. Tkach, one cannot help but believe this was an act of vengeance by God for his yielding to Satan the devil and being used by him to dismantle the true doctrinal teachings together with his arrogant and very strong declaration to all of the ministers and the local churches, the laws of God had been done away – no longer a need to obey them!

This he did in December, 1994. First to the Big Sandy, Texas Congregation and College and followed up by making this known to the assembled ministry in Santa Barbara, California and dared anyone to challenge him. Then he preached this to the headquarters Church in Pasadena, California. The tape of that sermon was sent to the local churches to be played.

God killed him for fighting against Him! Others have been killed by Him in past history as Scripture makes known for their terrible actions.
Herod Agrippa – King of Judea

Due to his own pomp and ego, Herod was killed by God:

Acts 12:23 An angel of the Lord struck him (Herod the Great), because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

Experimental Commentary, volume 5, page 83, Herod’s Miserable end> “. . . he was seized with violent pain in his bowels . . . to such a height did the pain rise, that he had to be carried hastily into the palace, where after five days’ torture, he expired in his fifty-fourth year . . .”


End of Quotes

The Suicidal Death of the Apostle Judas Iscariot

Clarke Commentary volume 5, page 680, Acts 1:18, The Death of Judas Iscariot:

For he (Judas) was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of his iniquity (30 pieces of silver, Matthew 26:14-16); and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out” (Acts 1:17-18).

“. . . The passage will bear a very consistent interpretation without the assistance of this conjecture; for in ordinary conversation, we often attribute to a man what is the consequence of his own actions, though such consequence was never designed nor wished for by himself; thus we say of a man embarking in a hazardous enterprise, he is gone to seek his death; of one who whose conduct has been ruinous to his reputation, he has disgraced himself – the consequence of Judas’s treason.”

It should be realized God is no respecter of persons whoever it may be:

“For there is no partiality with God” (Romans 2:11; cf. Deuteronomy 10:17).

A Needed Lesson from the Death of Judas

From Scripture, and from human life, it should be realized once Satan is through using a man, such as Mr. Tkach, Sr., he leaves them an empty shell – the victim of a tormenting conscience – as did have Judas! (Matthew 27:3-10).
It has been reported by three high-up ministers that just before Mr. Tkach died he whispered in his daughter’s ear that he had been a fool!

Normally such people are unable to live with themselves and will often commit suicide as did Judas and Ahithophel who betrayed King David (II Samuel 17:23).

“Vengeance is Mine,” says the LORD

The Apostle Paul warned those who would elevate themselves to such lofty heights by taking the name of “THAT PROPHET” – the name that only belongs to Jesus Christ, that unless there is repentance, God Himself will deal with them in no uncertain terms.

The warning is also there for the many thousands of former members and their pastors who have gone off-track from the true teachings of God while representing themselves to be of the true Church of God:

Hebrews 10:30-31.

v. 30 “For we know Him who said, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the LORD, and again, The LORD will JUDGE His people.”

v.31 “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands into the hands of the living God.”

It is interesting to note that in contrast to the horrible death of Mr. Tkach, God blessed Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong with a peaceful death – leaning back in his chair and going to sleep. This should be a learning lesson by itself.

An Overview of This Writing

These examples should be sufficient to fear doing what these two ministers are now doing, as well as others, knowing a man will reap what he sows (Galatians 6:7-8). A terrible time is coming on all who in essence say they are the Christ!

This also applies to all those who profess to be the true ministers of God, as many are now doing, and being used by Satan to deceive thousands of the former members of the Worldwide Church of God and leading them into the soon-coming Great Tribulation.

Again, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God,” as some have done, and others will, unless they plead with God for forgiveness.

“THAT PROPHET”

Based on this end-time prophecy, these two men who have been deceived by Satan the devil into believing they are— “THAT PROPHET”—makes known the rapid approach of the closing time of this age.

This prophecy, together with other prophecies, has to be fulfilled (cf. Matthew 24:23-24).
And based on it, it appears these two men will be given the power to perform miracles by Satan the devil and will deceive all of the former members and ministers of the Worldwide Church of God (cf. Matthew 24:4-5).

Shortly thereafter the False Prophet will deceive the Christian world into following him via the miracles Satan the Devil will perform through him (cf. II Thessalonians 2:1-4; Revelation 13:11-14).

There may be other ministers from the corporate churches of God in short time to come who will also proclaim they have the same High Office; if so, they may also be given the power of miracles by Satan!

Satan’s End-Time Plan is Proceeding on Time

In addition to God’s Master Plan and His Perfect Time Table into which all prophecies and events must take place at specific times, Satan the devil has his own plan for seeking the destruction of God’s true Church in the final stages of the end-time.

And the final and greatest parts of his plan will pose very critical TESTS for all of the Elect! Among the tests, Jesus Christ makes known the first one will take place shortly before the Elect flees to the Place of Safety.

This will be a time that will require precise timing based on understanding prophecy at the needed time and also by visual sight.

The Flight of the Elect to the Place of Safety


vs. 15-16 “Therefore WHEN you SEE the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy Place [the newly built temple] (whoever reads, let him understand), THEN let those who are in Judea FLEE to the mountains . . . [cf. II Thessalonians 2:1-4; Daniel 11:31]

vs. 20-21 “And pray that YOUR FLIGHT may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be GREAT TRIBULATION [famine and disease epidemics with severe persecution, cf. Ezekiel 6:11], such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. [cf. Daniel 12:1]

v. 22 “And UNLESS those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved [alive]; BUT for the Elect’s sake those days will be shortened.”

False Christs and Prophets to Arise

vs. 23-24 “THEN [during this time] IF ANYONE says to you, ‘LOOK, here is the
Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do NOT believe it. For False Christs [saying they are the Christ] and false Prophets will ARISE and SHOW GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS SO AS TO DECEIVE, IF POSSIBLE, EVEN THE ELECT!”

v. 25 “See, I have told you before-hand.”

The Deceptive Misleading by these False Prophets

v. 26 “Therefore, IF they say to you, ‘Look, He [has returned and] is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms (secret chambers)!’ do not believe it.”

There were many deceived in the final days before Jerusalem was attacked with full force by Titus and his massive Roman armies in 70 A. D. The following quote reveals one such example:

Clarke Commentary, volume 5, page 231, Matthew 24:26, “The Desert: “Also, one Jonathan, a weaver, persuaded a number to follow him to the DESERT but he was taken and burned alive by Vespasian (Roman General before coming to be the Caesar).

“As some conducted their deluded followers to the DESERT, so did others to the secret chambers. Josephus mentions a false prophet, WAR, b. vi, c. 5, who declared to the people in the city, that GOD commanded them to go up into the temple, and there they should receive the signs of deliverance.

A multitude of men, women, and children, went up accordingly; but instead of deliverance, the place was set on fire by the Romans, and 6,000 perished miserably in the flames; or in attempting to escape them.” End of Quotes.

ANCIENT HISTORY IN BIBLE LIGHT, Dorothy Ruth Miller, Pages 261-262, The Date of the Beginning of the siege.

“The siege of Jerusalem began by Titus began at the Passover season, on the 14th of Nissan, 70 A. D.

The Terrors of the Siege, “None of the previous calamities which had befallen Jerusalem is to be compared with this terrible siege. It lasted 134 days . . . On the 134th day, the 9th of AB, the Temple and the lower city was burnt. The daily sacrifice had ceased three weeks before, on July 17th. The 134th day found the whole city in flames . . . End of Quotes.

History to Repeat Itself Again

Church history makes known this will occur again in the future with very little differences! As have others in Church history deceived their people, so will these two men, or others, deceive their members into believing Christ has returned and is in the secret chambers of their buildings;
or, He will meet with them at some designated place in the desert away from the population.

Based on what Christ said in those Scriptures (Matthew 24:23-26), the followers of these false prophets will be taught there will be no need to flee anywhere for Jesus Christ is already here and will protect them.

Sadly, they, too, will be massacred as did others at that time by the Roman armies in 70 A.D. This time it will by the Revived Roman Empire.

**Surely this Couldn’t Happen by These Men?**

One might think this could not possibly happen with, Mr. Flurry, Mr. Pack, or anyone of the former ministers! But it did take place with one pastor in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

In the late 1970s-early 1980s, a former pastor-rank minister, Mr. Cecil Battles of the Worldwide Church of God, formed his own group, it was called “The Song in the Night.” The name was taken from the following Scripture:

> “You shall have a song as in the night when a holy festival is kept, and gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute, to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel” (Isaiah 30:29).

Mr. Battles erroneously believed and taught his followers that fiery chariots were going to come down on one of the Days during the Feast of Tabernacles (he kept changing to the next Feast date when it didn’t happen on the current one), and take his members away from earth—to Mars. This was his demonic interpretation of the Place of Safety.

He urged them to quit their jobs, rid themselves of their possessions, and fast and pray. One man had a prosperous business that made him very wealthy by developing a craft business that was based on crochet patterns his wife had invented as a little girl. They divorced and she had to buy him out of his business in order to keep it.

The followers of Mr. Battles were taught by him not to have anything to do with anyone outside of their group—friends or relatives.

Needless to say, Mr. Battles and his followers remained on earth—no fiery chariots came to take them up into the heavens or anywhere else. After a couple of years of disappointment most of them had to go back to work because they had no money.

The fall-out from this caused a lot of heartbreak, divorces, bankruptcy, loss of friendship, and separation from close relatives. It was said Mr. Battles then left his ministry and his followers went elsewhere.

**Mr. Battle’s Source of Inspiration**

While serving in the Baton Rouge, LA Church area (1982-1987), I was told by one of the elders in
that congregation that Mr. Battles (*the pastor at the time*), would come and spend the night with them on Friday nights.

He would spend a lot of time in their bathtub—saying, this is where he got his inspiration for his sermons!

One of the deacons said to me that he would rather hear Mr. Battles preach than Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. Realizing the source of the inspiration for Mr. Battles, this made sense.

**Reflective Thoughts Concerning These Men**

While considering the similarities concerning Mr. Flurry and Mr. Pack, regarding their appropriation of the lofty divine names of God to elevate their leadership over and above all other former pastors, has had to come from a lying evil spirit as this writing makes known about their coming to believe as they now do.

This also connects with Mr. Battles regarding the inspiration coming from the same source though used by an evil spirit in a different way.

The belief by Mr. Battles that Christ was going to send fiery chariots to take his group up into the heavens for their protection also elevated his leadership over and above all other pastors as it has with these two men. Their erroneous teachings had to come from a lying spirit for it conflicts with the teachings of Holy Scripture.

It becomes easy to believe, based on the teachings of Scripture, that each one was either directly involved with Satan the devil, or one of his higher ranking lying demons. Remember, Jesus Christ said Satan was a liar and the father of lies—no truth in him (*John 8:44*); the same is true with his demons.

Jesus Christ led the Apostle Paul to FOREWARN His people what to expect in this time of the end of those being used by Satan the devil with very strong deceptive and persuasive words:

> “Now the Spirit *(of the Father or Christ)* expressly *(Margin: explicitly)* says that in the latter times SOME will depart from the Faith *(Greek: apostatize)*, GIVING HEED TO DECEIVING SPIRITS, and doctrines of devils *(working in their own heretical beliefs and teachings, II Thess. 2:3-8)*, speaking LIES in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron” (*I Timothy 4:1-2*; cf. *II Timothy 3:13; II Peter 2:1-3*).

**The Return of Jesus Christ to Earth**

To His true and faithful people, Jesus Christ made known how His coming back to earth would be recognized so as not to be deceived by the false prophets:

> “For as the Lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be” (*Matthew 24:27*).
And to leave no doubt whatsoever about His return to this earth, He further said about Himself:

“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will SEE Him . . .” (Revelation 1:7).

All humanity, whoever they are, and wherever they may live, will SEE Jesus Christ returning to this earth. This will be made possible by His orbiting this earth, not just once, but based on duality, probably seven times before He sets foot on the Mount of Olives (cf. Joshua 6:1-5, comparing Jericho to the Battle of Armageddon).

The Body of the True Church of God

Jesus Christ makes known where His true and faithful people will be at the time of the battle of Armageddon:

“For wherever the Carcass is, there the eagles [vultures cf. Job 39:27-30] will be gathered together” (Matthew 24:28).

“CARCASS,” Young’s Concordance, Carcass, Greek, ‘Ptcma’ = fallen thing.

“CARCASS (BODY) Strong’s Concordance, number 4430, “Carcass, Greek, ‘Ptcma’ = a ruin, i.e. a lifeless body, corpse While considering this Greek Word, ‘Ptcma’, ‘a fallen and lifeless thing.’

Comparing what Matthew wrote with what Luke wrote can only apply to the Church Era of the Laodiceans. People who will die as martyrs in the Great Tribulation (cf. Revelation 3:14-22; Revelation 6:9-11).

The following Scripture in the Book of Luke reveals the use of a different Greek word than that used by Matthew (24:28):

“. . . Wherever the Carcass (body) is, there the eagles will be gathered together (Luke 17:37).

CARCASS (BODY) Strong’s Concordance, 4983, 4982, Carcass or Body, Greek ‘soma’, “the body” “to save, (deliver or protect) to heal, preserve, save.”

This applies to the Elect of the Philadelphia Church Era (Revelation 3:7-13). For they are promised safety – to preserve their lives – in a special place that will be prepared for them (cf. Luke 21:36; Revelation 12:6, 14).

“. . . the eagles will be gathered together [cf. vultures cf. Job 39:27-30]”

NOTE: The blood sucking eagles, vultures [cf. Revelation 14:14-20] – are the leaders of the Roman Empire and leaders of the Asian forces who will be gathered together for battle against
each other in the Valley of Jehoshaphat just outside the City of Jerusalem – the battle that is called Armageddon.

This will take place less than one hundred miles from where the BODY OF CHRIST (Cf. I Corinthians 12 12-14) will be located in the Place of Safety. This is where they will live for three and one-half years to await the coming of Jesus Christ back to this earth and then rise to meet Him in the clouds (I Thessalonians 4:13-18).

The Fulfillment of this Prophecy by Jesus Christ

The Messiah, Jesus Christ, preached the fulfillment of the Glad Tidings to the assembled Jewish people that would reach out to all of mankind in time to come:

**Luke 4:16-30.**

**vs. 16-17** So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was (Luke 4:15), He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book (scroll) of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

**vs. 18-19** “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor, He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed (margin: downtrodden); to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

**vs. 20-21** Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing . . .”

This is additional proof the Messiah was “THAT PROPHET”.

**NOTE: Luke 4:18** – Jesus Christ spoke to the assembled Jewish people in that Synagogue of the Good News of a future age when all hopes and dreams will be realized. The hope of a future with abundant living for all. The hope of seeing the dead living again, A time of deliverance from all sorrows. The hope of true freedom. The hope of seeing as others see.

The Year of Jubilee

**Luke 4:19** “. . . The acceptable year of the LORD”] The year of Jubilee – that will begin on the Feast of Trumpets, picturing the return of Jesus Christ back to this earth, and freedom proclaimed on the Day of Atonement as excerpts from the following commentary makes known:

*Soncino Commentary, Leviticus 25:8-10-17*, horn. Hebrew Shofar, volume 1, page 532:

“In the Day of Atonement. Although the year commenced on the first of Tishri, Rosh
Hashanah, it was not until the tenth of the month, Yom Kippur, that the proclamation of the Jubilee was made. The Day of Atonement and the Jubilee had much in common. The passage of both was ‘a new birth’. The Day of Atonement freed man from slavery to sin and enabled him to start life anew, at one with God and with his fellow man . . .” End of Quote.

**Blindness Removed from the Gentiles**

During the same time, the Prophet Jeremiah makes known the Gentiles will have their eyes opened to realize they had accepted the wrong teachings from their forefathers, and then with heartfelt repentance before God they will confess their sins for having believed and practicing these wrong beliefs and teachings:

> “O LORD, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction. The Gentiles shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, ‘Surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthlessness and unprofitable things’” *(Jeremiah 16:19-20).*

**No Human Prophet Greater than Moses**

Note the following excerpts about Moses:

*The Interpreter’s DICTIONARY of the BIBLE*, volume 3, page 906, “PROPHET”:

[. . . a Prophet like me”]

> “But since then there has not arisen in Israel A PROPHET LIKE MOSES, whom the LORD knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, and by all that mighty power and all the terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel” *(Deuteronomy 34:10-12).*

> “. . . Moses is the performing prophet, actively intervening in events. In this Moses towers [his use by the LORD God] above all other prophets *(Numbers 12:7-8).* If mediation and intercessory are here *(Exodus 18:19; 32:11-13; Numbers 12:11)*, these qualities are heightened, augmented, in the extreme; in order to save Israel. Moses is prepared to become anathema for the people of Israel *(Exodus 32:32; cf. Romans 9:3).*

In the Deuteronomic perspective Moses is the model, the ideal, prophet. In *Deuteronomy 18:18*, he reports what Yahweh has told him: “I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren; and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him . . .” End of Quotes.

**Moses Wrote of “THAT PROPHET”**

The LORD God spoke to Moses of the coming of “THAT PROPHET”—one that would be far greater than himself—meaning the Messiah—as a Human Being—would prophesy to them of the meaning of the Gospel, the Glad Tidings, prophesying of a wonderful future in time to come.
Deuteronomy 18:15, 17-19.

v.15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren (in Judah, 27 A.D).

Note: Aaron was the spokesman to the people while Moses fulfilled the role of God to him on the human level (Exodus 4:16).

vs. 15-16 “Him, you shall hear (Matthew 17:5), according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die (Exodus 20:20-22).’

v.17 “And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good.’

vs. 18-19 “I will RAISE UP for them A PROPHET like you from among their brethren and will put MY WORDS in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will NOT hear My Words (John 12:48-49; 17:8), which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him” (cf. Luke 19:21).

NOTE: Christ was born into the Tribe of Judah; He was a Jew in the Human Flesh (John 4:24; Matthew 1:16, 18).

The nations in the land that Israel would come to inhabit had their prophets, diviners, consultors with familiar spirits and were rife among them! They were being used by demons to keep people in ignorance to the truth of God’s teachings (Deuteronomy 18:9-14).

These nations knew how to contact the demons by Consultations, Channeling, Séances, Water Witching, etc.

The same is taking place by many in America, including those in high offices as the internet makes known, men and women, such as Hillary Clinton talking to Eleanor Roosevelt (internet), and the late Nancy Reagan talking to her deceased husband, President Reagan, etc. This also occurs in the other nations of Israel.

Israel Following the Pagan Teachings of the Gentiles

This was said in the context of the previous verses in which God, through Moses, was warning Israel not to learn to follow the Satanic teaches and practices of the nations in the land in which they were going:


v.14 “For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners (as do many leading men and women today), but as for you, the LORD your God has NOT appointed (Margin: allowed) such for you”

God then says in time to come instead of the soothsayers and diviners being used by
Satan to influence them with lies, He will provide One who would be proclaiming the truth of God *(John 1:14; 3:19-21)*:

**v.15** “The LORD your God will RAISE UP for you **A PROPHET** like me from your midst, from your brethren, **HIM YOU SHALL HEAR.**”

Many Scriptures make known the LORD God spoke through Moses using him as a human instrument to teach the people of Israel. In this context the following comments are well worth noting regarding this Scripture:

*Clarke Commentary, volume 1, page 786:*

“The LORD thy God will RAISE UP unto you of your brethren] instead of diviners, observers of times, &c., God here promises to give them an **INFALLIBLE GUIDE**, who should tell them all things that make for their peace, so that His declarations should completely answer the end of all the knowledge that was pretended to be gained by the persons specified. [like unto me] Viz, a prophet, a legislator, a king, a mediator, and the head or chief of the people of God.

“This was the very person of whom Moses was the TYPE of, and who should accomplish all the great purposes of the Divine Being. Such a prophet as had never before appeared, and who would have no equal till the consummation of the world.

“This Prophet is the Lord Jesus, who was in the bosom of the Father, and who came to DECLARE Him to all mankind. Every word spoken by Him is a living infallible oracle from God Himself, and must be received and obeyed as such, on pain of the eternal displeasure of the Almighty (see Deuteronomy 18: 19, Acts 3:22-23).

“Dr. Jortin, in his remarks on Ecclesiastical History, has drawn a parallel between Moses and Christ in a great number of particulars, which he concludes thus: “Let us search all the records of universal history, and see if we can find a man who was so like to Moses as Christ was, and so like to Christ as Moses was. If we cannot find such a one, then have we found HIM of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write to be Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God.” End ofQuotes.

**The Apostle Peter Wrote About “THAT PROPHET”**

In the following Scriptures, the apostle Peter also makes very clear that it is Jesus Christ who fulfilled that Divine Office:

*Acts 3:20-26.*

**vs. 20-21** “And that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before whom heaven must receive **UNTIL** the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.
v.22 “For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The LORD your God will RAISE UP for you A PROPHET like me (a human birth from the Virgin Mary, Messiah), from your brethren (Tribe of Judah). Him you shall hear in ALL THINGS (no mistakes), WHATEVER He says to you.

vs. 23-24 “And it shall come to pass that every soul who WILL NOT HEAR THAT PROPHET shall be utterly destroyed from among the people (judgment was given to Jesus Christ by His Father, John 5:22).’ Yes, AND ALL THE PROPHETS, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, HAVE FORETOLD THESE DAYS.

vs. 25-26 “You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant, which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ To you first, GOD HAVING RAISED UP HIS SERVANT, JESUS, SENT HIM TO BLESS YOU in TURNING AWAY everyone from your iniquities”

Infallibility Not Possible With Human Beings

Think about the following Scripture in the context of infallibility:

And it shall come to pass that every soul who WILL NOT HEAR THAT PROPHET shall be utterly destroyed from among the people’ (Acts 3:24).

This Scripture is speaking of one who is infallible! And as such, this can only be referring to Jesus Christ who never sinned—nor will He ever!

The Two Men claiming to be THAT PROPHET are sinners like everyone else (I John 1:8-10) They make mistakes and sin! It is ONLY Jesus Christ who could be THAT PROPHET – as the Scriptures clearly make known! He was perfect – never made mistakes—never sinned once!

Clarke Commentary, volume 5, pages 707-708:

[“Moses truly said unto the fathers”] ... From this appeal to Moses it is evident that Peter wished them to understand that Jesus Christ was come, NOT AS AN ORDINARY PROPHET, to resort to repentance and amendment, but as a legislator, who was to give them a new law, and whose commands and precepts they were to obey, on pain of endless destruction. . .”

The New Law

That new law did not replace God’s spiritual laws, but magnified it (enlarged, added to, the existing laws), as the prophet Isaiah was led by God to write:

“The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness sake; He will MAGNIFY THE LAW AND MAKE IT HONORABLE” (Isaiah 42:21).
Magnifying the law. The influence of the law extended to include our intent, thoughts, and attitude (Matthew 5:21, 27, 31, 33, 38, 43).

In magnifying the law, Christ first made it abundantly clear that in no way was the Spiritual laws to pass away:

**Matthew 5:17-19.**

vs. 17-18 “AND DO NOT think that I came to DESTROY THE LAW, or the PROPHETS. I did NOT come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one title will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled (by everyone).

v.19 “Whosoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least [by those] in the kingdom of heaven (those who teach otherwise will not be there); but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great [by those] in the kingdom of heaven.”

Christ is speaking of the commandments, statutes and judgments, He had given through Moses to Israel (Exodus 20-24; Leviticus 23, etc.)

The everlasting spiritual laws of God, and their magnification can be seen clearly in what is called the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5 - 7). For example, notice:

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ BUT I SAY TO YOU that whoever is angry with his brother ... shall be in danger of the judgment. ...” (Matthew 5:21-22).

Please note the following comments from the Experimental Commentary regarding what the apostle Peter wrote in Acts 3:22-25:

**Experimental Commentary, volume 6, page 21:**

[For] Moses truly said: ... “A Prophet shall the LORD your God RAISE UP unto you of your brethren, like unto me (i.e. Moses) particularly in intimacy of communication with God and as the mediatorial Head of a new order of things! (See Hebrews 3:2-6).

“The apostle takes for granted that, in the light of all that he had just said, IT WOULD BE SEEN AT ONCE that One only had any claim to be that Prophet. Him shall you hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people.

“This part of the prediction is emphatically added, in order to shut up the audience to the obedience of faith, on pain of finally being ’cut off ‘from the Congregation of the righteous (Psalm 1:5). “Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those who follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold these days.” End of Quotes.
Jewish People Believed Christ to be “THAT PROPHET”

“THAT PROPHET” who was to come was being looked for by the Jewish people during the time of Christ. The question was asked of John the baptizer:

And they (Priests and Levites) asked him (John), “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” (John 1:21).

After having miraculously fed the five thousand men by Jesus Christ, the people exclaimed:

Then those men, when they had seen the sign (miracle) that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world!” (John 6:14; cf. John 5:43-47).

Another time the same was said by the Jewish people shortly before Christ was crucified when they saw Him coming into Jerusalem riding a colt of a donkey, and the people were praising Him.

All the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?” So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, THE PROPHET from Nazareth of Galilee” (Matthew 21:1-11).

Question: Would Jesus Christ have been relegated to the same office as all of the other prophets He used to prophesy to the Children of Israel? No! His office was a far greater office—“THAT PROPHET”; as will He be as KING of Kings and LORD of Lords in time soon to come (Revelation 19:16).

Clarke Commentary, volume 5, page 202:

“That Prophet whom Moses spoke of, Deuteronomy 18:18. I will raise them up a Prophet like unto thee, &c. Every expression of the multitude plainly intimated that they fully received our blessed Lord as the promised Messiah – ... “Not just a prophet as had been known, but “THAT PROPHET”! [Emphasis mine]

“This was fully recognized by Christ’s disciples as well for after His crucifixion, Jesus appeared to two of His disciples and in a form in which they did not recognize Him. Christ asked them what they were talking about and why they were so sad:

And they (the two disciples) said to Him (Jesus), “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, WHO WAS A PROPHET mighty in deed and word before God and all the people” (Luke 24:19).

Experimental Commentary, volume 1, page 664:

“But Christ, the further His claims are investigated appears the more clearly a Prophet; for not only was the name given to Him, but multitudes concluded that He was the THAT PROPHET that should come (John 1:21; 6:14)
“Then those men, when they had seen the SIGN (Miracle) that Jesus did, said, “This is truly THE PROPHET who is to come into the world” (John 6:14). [Emphasis mine]  

Stephen Spoke of “THAT PROPHET”

When Stephen made his defense before the high priest and the council, he also made a very pointed reference to God making Himself known to Moses and the mission he would have in bringing Israel out of Egypt.

He then spoke of “THAT PROPHET”, and a few verses later connecting Him with the MESSIAH, who the Jews had crucified.

“This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, ‘The LORD your God WILL RAISE UP A PROPHET like me from your brethren. HIM YOU SHALL HEAR,” (Acts 7:37-39).

Moses said, “Him you shall HEAR!” This is exactly what was said by God the Father through a very high ranking angel to the disciples right after the transfiguration (cf. John 5:37):

“... a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED, HEAR HIM” (Matthew 17:5-6). End of Quotes.

The following comment was well made concerning the standing of Moses with God (Acts 7:37):

Experimental Commentary, volume 6, page 43:

“Moses himself, in his grand testimony, had held himself forth, not as the last great prophet of Israel, but only as a precursor and small model of Him to whom absolute submission was due by all.” End of Quote.

Jesus Christ Stated that He Himself was “THAT PROPHET”

The witness of Jesus Christ that He was the Messiah and THAT PROPHET who was to come into this world came from His Father (cf. John 5:37-44).

“Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father, there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust for He WROTE ABOUT ME. But IF you do NOT believe His writings, how will you believe My Words” (John 5:45-47).

 Afterwards, Jesus Christ miraculously fed the five thousand men from five barley loaves and two small fish (cf. John 6:9). They were astonished and could hardly believe that such a miracle actually happened:
Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the PROPHET who is to come into this world” (John 6:14).

Proof Positive!

By His own words, Jesus Christ made known He was “THAT PROPHET” that Moses wrote about who was to come into this world. Therefore, these men who are claiming that OFFICE for themselves are Charlatans:

Merriam Webster’s Dictionary, “Charlatans”, Definition: “Killing their patients (followers) with empirical procedures; showy pretenses to knowledge and ability.”

Exactly the same as the Apostate Pastor General and his administration in the World Wide Church of God: They are Deceivers – apostates – appearing as angels of light (cf. II Corinthians 11:13-15) – men who are leading their followers into the Great Tribulation – and will, unless they repent!

We pray these men and their followers will come to see their tragic error and repent before it becomes too late.

Scriptures are Abundantly Clear

The Scriptures by themselves are so very clear as to whom “THAT PROPHET” was – Jesus Christ and no other!

And with that understanding from them there should be no question or doubt whatsoever but that this is speaking of the Messiah!

The Writings of God’s Late Apostle

In conjunction with all that has been written in this article, please consider a quote from the writings of Mr. Armstrong regarding prophets in New Testament times:

Mystery of the Ages (original writing, 1985 ISBN 0-396-08773-6, Pages 244-245), Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong:

“The prophets set in the foundation of the Church are those of the Old Testament, whose writings were used to form a considerable part of the New Testament and gospel teaching and functioning.

“NO PROPHETS ARE MENTIONED AS HAVING EITHER ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE OR PREACHING FUNCTIONS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.”
Mr. Armstrong also said since we have the New Testament that reveals the prophecies there is no need of a prophet in this time.

**Disagreement with Mr. Armstrong**

Mr. Flurry re-wrote the Mystery of the Ages with edits that disagreed with this writing by Mr. Armstrong, page 245; ISBN 0-9745507-0-1, 2003

David Pack also disagrees with Mr. Armstrong. As far as is known at this time, he has not re-written the original Mystery of the Ages, but he will have to deal with his own disagreement in one way or another to satisfy his followers and those he is trying to attract.

**Concluding Comments**

"The Scriptures by themselves are so very clear as to who THAT PROPHET was there should be no question or doubt whatsoever. My feelings based on these Scriptures is one of fear for anyone who might take this title for himself.

To summarize these writings, the urgent plea is not to let anyone deceive you with persuasive words, Mr. Flurry, Mr. Pack, or anyone else into believing they have that Divine Office!

The foregoing Scriptures and comments clearly make known to the unbiased reader THAT PROPHET was NO ONE, but Jesus Christ Himself!

Anyone who makes that claim is on very dangerous ground with God! For when we consider the fact that Jesus Christ Himself is "THAT PROPHET", though the man may not realize it, he is in reality saying that he is Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:24)! That borders on blasphemy!

**Judgement is Now on the House of God**

I Peter 4:17-18

It needs to be stressed, in short time to come, God will judge the false prophets and ministers as the Apostle Paul wrote:

*Hebrews 10:30-31.*

v. 30 “For we know Him who said, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the LORD, and again, The LORD will JUDGE (Greek: krima – greater judgment) His people.”

v.31 “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands into the hands of the living God.”

**Judgment to Befall the Followers of the Apostates**

Those who accept this preposterous claim made by these men of being in that Divine Office, and remain with them are a party with them! They will suffer the same fate – unless there is godly repentance and a turn-around away from them.
Even more serious is the fact to follow and obey these men is to make them their gods instead of the true God as did the followers of Simon Magus (Acts 8:9-11).

This is deadly serious! It can mean dying horrible deaths in the Great Tribulation—and worse yet—the possibility of experiencing the second death in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:14-15).

The choice is yours and mine to make as to who we should follow—God and His true and faithful ministry (Revelation 3:7-13), or Satan’s use of men who are clearly off-track from God’s true teachings!

No one can make the choice for you! Each one of God’s true people has to work out his and her own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12-13). No one else can do it for us:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20.

vs. 15-16 “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to LOVE the LORD your God, to WALK in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes and judgments, that you may live . . .

vs. 17-18 “But if your heart turns away so that do not HEAR, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely PERISH . . .

vs. 19-20“. . . I call heaven and earth as WITNESSES today against you, that I set before you LIFE and DEATH, Blessing and Cursing; therefore, CHOOSE LIFE, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may LOVE the LORD your God and that you may OBEY His voice, and that you may CLING to Him for He is your LIFE and the LENGTH of your days . . .”

Think very seriously about it! This is YOUR life that is in question!

Who will you follow—the counterfeits—your gods, or the true God, Jesus Christ Himself, and His true and faithful ministers He is using in this end-time. Hopefully, your choice will be to fully follow Jesus Christ who is within His True Church (Revelation 3:7-13).

Jesus Christ makes known time is fast running out.

“Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that NO ONE may take your crown” (Revelation 3:11).