

End-Time False Prophet

Ron Weinland – A False Prophet with Destructive Heresies

A new “prophet” has come on the internet – a man who claims he is one of the “two witnesses” of Revelation, and who claims God speaks to him and says he is the one end-time prophet – “me.” But what are his “fruits”? Jesus Christ said, “You will KNOW them by their fruits” (Matt. 7:20). Do the teachings and prophecies of this man stack up in comparison to the Bible – the Word of God?

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“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. . . Therefore by their fruits you will know them” (Matt.7:15-20).

I recently received an email from a church member in Australia. In it he wrote:

“On our Sabbath morning in Australia I have adopted the custom of logging into the Media Archive page on the TPM website and listening to your Bible study of the previous week.

”Today it was the study of January 5, 2008, concerning the one who calls himself ‘one of the two witnesses’. I had previously been made aware of his name and claims through another source and, as what I had read appeared to be a somewhat bold approach, I decided to do some research of my own concerning this individual. What I found was substantiated through your study and I had already seen through this person’s masquerade. Your confirmation was quite encouraging.

“When ever I am made aware of others who profess to be this or that in such circumstances I always use three basic measuring sticks or guides to determine if I should make further examination of claims that are made by such people. The guides I use are these:

1. How does the individual, or group, determine Passover?
2. How does the individual, or group, count Pentecost?

3. How, and when, does the individual, or group, present the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples.

“If they don’t measure up to what I SEE to be the truth of scripture and history in these three areas, then what they proclaim can be largely ignored. Such is how I see Ron Weinland.”

“Many Shall Arise”

Ophra Winfrey (a long time New Age advocate) and friends are promoting the teaching of a New Age Course entitled “Reflection on the New Age Christ” which is dramatically advancing the appearance of a New Age Christ. She has a following of millions. This “new age Christ,” however, is nothing less than the antichrist!

Today many false prophets are multiplying rapidly as indicated in the scriptures. Christ warns that *many* would come in his name, that is, claiming to represent Him. He added, “and will DECEIVE MANY” (Matthew 24:5 (Olivet Prophecy)).

At this end-time, many people will be offended and betray one another and hate one another (verse 10), and “MANY false prophets will rise up and deceive MANY” (v.11). Because lawlessness (lack of following Torah – God’s law) will abound, the love of many people will grow cold (verse 12). Because people are lawless (disobedient to God, who have no right foundation on God’s law), they will not recognize false prophets and false teachings. They will not know good from evil, or right from wrong. Therefore, many will welcome and be seduced by false prophets! Christ foretold that it would happen! And it is the truth.

The apostle Peter also foretold, “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” II Peter 2:1). “And MANY will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words . . .” (verses 2-3).

There were false prophets/teachers in Christ’s time who brought deceptive, damnable heresies into the church, and it is happening today.

Ron Weinland’s Claims

There is a man who has been read or heard by people in 140 countries, who was a minister for 25 years, the first 23 years in the Worldwide Church of God, who then joined the United Church of God when Worldwide went astray, and remained in United for two years. Then he had a falling out with them over “misuse of funds” and resigned.

He is now claiming to be a prophet. He started his own ministry emphasizing prophecy. He has written a book, *Final Witness – 2008* on his Internet website. His website shows his picture in the same formal dress CEO “photo op” image that Herbert

Armstrong used and he claims to be following in his footsteps yet going a few steps beyond calling himself the great “end time prophet” since 1997. He has been interviewed by some hosts of radio and TV stations and says he travels to Australia, New Zealand, America, and Canada, as a guest speaker at various churches warning people about these traumatic times and events.

This man is Ron Weinland. He claims God made him a prophet in 1997 and that God has given him warnings of things to occur at this end-time. He claims that six of the seven seals of Revelation have already been opened, and we are now on the verge of the opening of the seventh seal.

Weinland claims to one of the two witnesses of the book of Revelation. Proof? He offers no proof, but makes the claim “right in your face.”

He also states his church is the *only true church* of God, calling it the “Church of God PKG” (that is, “Preparing for the Kingdom”) – according to him, those not in his church are lost and will perish.

Weinland also states that all those coming out of the WWCG are of the end-time Laodicean Church, and unless they repent and join his church, they are doomed.

Says Weinland, the 7th seal and 7 trumpet-plagues of God begin April, 2008.

How can we know whether this man is truly of God or not?

What Weinland Teaches

Before proving whether or not Ron Weinland is a false prophet or a true servant of God, let’s examine some of his basic, underlying teachings and errors in doctrine. If he teaches the truth, then we need to give serious attention to his prophecies. But if he teaches spiritual error, heresy, and false doctrine, then that would prove he is nothing but a sham – a fraud – a false, counterfeit “prophet”!

Error #1

Ron Weinland does not teach or follow the *true* calendar of God. He follows the Jewish calendar which was created in 358 A.D., long after the time of Christ, which added postponements to the calendar based on Jewish traditions, and merely “averages” the sighting of new moons, to begin each month. Therefore it leads to many problems, including observing God’s annual holy days on the wrong dates!

Who had the authority to change God’s true calendar? No man has that authority from God to change his calendar. It was divine in its origin, divine in its maintenance remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. God’s law changes not. God says, “I change not” (Mal.3:6) Jesus Christ is “the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb.13:8). The law of God endures *forever*. And that includes *His divine Calendar!*

Write for our free booklet, *A New Look at God's True Calendar*. Also, write for the articles, "What's All This about Postponements?", "Why Does God Say, 'I HATE Your Holy Days?', "When Does the Year Begin?", and "Just What Is a 'New Moon'?"

Without the true calendar of God, it is *impossible* to observe His correct holy days *on the God-appointed days!*

Error #2

Passover he keeps on the beginning of Nisan 14 twenty four hours before the Jews do, who observe it at the END of Nisan 14 and eat it at the beginning of Nisan 15, the first Feast Day of Unleavened Bread.

Thus he confuses the "Lord's Supper" of the New Testament with the Old Testament Passover celebration.

Weinland misinterprets the Hebrew word "erev" for "evening" saying it means after sundown, "night." So he says the term *ben ha arbayim*, "between the two evenings" means between one sunset and the next sunset! By that reasoning, since the Passover is to be slain "between the two evenings," you could kill the Passover *at any time between* sunset of the 13th of Nisan until sunset on the 14th of Nisan – a period of 24 hours, whether daylight or nighttime! – even at midnight!

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of *lengthening shadows* which begin in the afternoon and when the sun goes down, as occurring during "even" (Jer.6:4) – he speaks of "shadows of the evening" (Hebrew, *erev*). Since Weinland says "erev" means nighttime, after sunset, then Jeremiah must have been totally ignorant of when "shadows" occur!

But wait! "Shadows" are cast by the sun and only occur in daylight, in the natural world! Shadows of "evening" refers to shadows cast by the waning sun as it descends in the western sky! They do NOT occur at "night"! So Weinland once again shows his own ignorance and misinterprets the Scriptures badly!

The Hebrew term *erev* or "evening" therefore is or can be BEFORE SUNSET, while the sun still casts shadows! The late afternoon is also called evening when the shadows are lengthening.

At the Temple, in ancient Israel, the Jews sacrificed the Passover lambs in the afternoon after 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. then they took them home and roasted them and ate them. By that time, the sun had set, and Nisan 15 had begun. How simple it is!

The Jewish historian Josephus of the first century confirms this fact! He wrote in *Wars of the Jews*, that during the time of Christ, "So these high priests, upon the coming of their feast which is called the **Passover, when they slay their sacrifices, from the**

ninth hour to the eleventh [3:00 pm to 5:00 pm], but so that a company not less than ten belong to every sacrifice . . . and many of us are twenty in a company, found this number of sacrifices was two hundred and fifty six thousand five hundred: which, upon the allowance of no more than ten that feast together, amounts to two million seven hundred thousand and two hundred persons that were pure and holy” (*Wars of the Jews*, Book VI, 9:3).

For proof that Weinland’s opinion and teachings about Passover are in great error, write for our booklets on “When Should the Passover Be Observed?”, “The New Testament Passover,” “A New Look at the Passover,” “The Great Quail Question,” and “The Passover Plot – How the Passover Was Changed.”

Since Weinland is wrong about this crucial holy day of God, and how to observe it, and when, it becomes obvious that his teachings cannot be inspired by God.

Perhaps, then, his prophecies come from an *altogether different* source!

Error #3

Weinland’s third basic error involved the holy day of Pentecost. He counts the holy day from the weekly Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, instead of counting from the day after the first *annual* Sabbath of Passover. He follows the old Worldwide Church of God teaching, and that of most of those churches who split off from Worldwide after Herbert Armstrong died and Joseph Tkach led the church into rampant apostasy.

Josephus, himself a Pharisee, in the first century, tells us:

“But on the second day of unleavened bread, *which is the 16th day of the month*, they first partake of the fruits of the earth, for before that day they do not touch them. . . . They offer the first-fruits of their barley . . . and after this it is that they may publicly or privately reap their harvest. They also at this participation of the first-fruits of the earth, sacrifice a lamb, as a burnt-offering to God.

“6. When a week of weeks has passed over after this sacrifice, (which week contains forty and nine days,) on the fiftieth day, which is PENTECOST, *but is called by the Hebrews Asartha*, which signifies PENTECOST, they bring to God a loaf . . .” (Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, bk.III, x, 5-6).

Counting Pentecost from the weekly Sabbath was the teaching of the ancient Sadducees, who were a political bunch of priests who did not believe in angels, a resurrection, or an after-life. They were worldly, cosmopolitan – the “elite” aristocrats in the days of Christ. He rebuked them for their “ignorance of the Scriptures” (Matt.22:29).

The Pharisees counted Pentecost from the day after the first holy day of Passover – and so did Christ and the apostle Paul (see Matt.23:2-3 and Phil.3:4-6).

The Jewish historian Josephus of the first century was also a Pharisee. They all kept Pentecost on the same date, and counted from the same day – the the day after the first day of Unleavened Bread!

The controversy between Sadducees and Pharisees is discussed by Alfred Edersheim in his book *The Temple: Its Ministry and Services* –

“The expression ‘the morrow after the Sabbath’ (Lev.23:11), has sometimes been misunderstood as implying that the presentation of the so-called ‘first sheaf’ was to be always made on the day following the weekly Sabbath of the Passover-week. This view, adopted by the ‘Boethusians’ and the Sadducees in the time of Christ, and by the Karaite Jews and certain modern interpreters, rests on a misinterpretation of the word ‘Sabbath’ (Lev.23:24, 32, 39). As in analogous allusions to other feasts in the same chapter, it means not the weekly Sabbath, but the day of the festival. The testimony of Josephus . . . of Philo . . . and of Jewish tradition leaves NO ROOM TO DOUBT that in this instance we are to understand by the ‘Sabbath’ the 15th of Nisan, on whatever day of the week it may fall” (p.203-204).

Many ministers like Weinland have the wrong belief that Pentecost cannot be on Sivan 6. Since 1988 I have heard the argument that if the wave sheaf was waved on the day after Passover in the Spring, then Pentecost would always be on the fixed day of Sivan 6 and there would be no need to count. Since we are commanded to “count” to the day of Pentecost, this fact “proves” – according to them – that the count cannot begin on the day after Passover or first Day of Unleavened Bread.

This shows how ignorant these churches and ministers are of the calendar. In the days of Christ and Moses the calendar was a calendar of observation of the new moons. The month began with the new moon. Each succeeding month would begin with the new moon which could have 29 or 30 days. Usually they would alternate. A linear month would be about 29.5 days, so to stay accurate required this adjustment, because you cannot have “half days.” If you are counting days from the new moon and one month has 30 days and the next month has 29 days, then when you get to 50 days which is Pentecost it could fall on Sivan 5, 6, or 7 depending on the length of Nisan and Iyar the first two months of the year. So to say there is no need to count is incorrect and shows ignorance of the calendar.

For the truth about Pentecost, read our articles, “How Should We Count Pentecost?”, “Pentecost – Its Deep Meaning and Significance,” “The Incredible Truth about Pentecost,” “Luke 6 and New Testament Proof of Pentecost,” “When Should Pentecost Be Observed?”, “The Apostle Paul on Pentecost,” and “Pentecost – the Final Analysis.”

Error #4

Among other things, Weinland teaches that Herbert W. Armstrong was the “Elijah” to come before the coming of the Messiah. He therefore joins Gerald Flurry in this belief, although he claims Flurry is a “false prophet.”

This teaching is also in great error, although many former Worldwidiers believe it to this very day. For the TRUTH about Herbert Armstrong’s numerous failed prophecies, which preclude his being a true prophet in the “spirit of Elijah,” write for our articles, “The Prophetic Errors of Herbert W. Armstrong,” and “Was Herbert W. Armstrong the Elijah to Come?” And, for the truth about Herbert Armstrong’s own ministry and its blemishes and scars, write for “How Have the Mighty Fallen!”

Error #5

Weinland claims, in bold audacity, “There is one true baptism into God’s **one true Church.**” He asserts, “the Church was scattered and over 500 smaller groups have emerged (ranging in size from less than a dozen to nearly 20,000), **but only one has continued as God’s true Church.**” What church is that? Why his own church, of course!

Thus he gives no credit for any other church for being a part of the body of Christ – no matter how much truth they understand, whether they keep the Sabbath, or holy days, just as his church keeps them! How bodacious! How ludicrous! How insane!

For the truth about God’s church, and what has happened to it during these END TIMES, write for our free articles:

Where Is God’s True Church?
The Seven Churches of Revelation!
End-Time Apostasy!
Which Church Is God’s Church and Which Work is God’s Work?
Where the Church Went Wrong
Where Is the Laodicean Church?

Error #6

Among the other errors of Weinland, the self-professed “prophet” of the end-time, is his ignorance of the right time of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. He claims it was in 31 A.D., as many others who used to be in Worldwide believe, and that the crucifixion was on a Wednesday and resurrection Saturday at sunset.

These ideas have been promulgated for many decades, but they have been proven false. History shows that the real year of the crucifixion was 30 A.D. and that the proven, true date of the crucifixion was Thursday, not Wednesday, at all. See our articles “The

Incredible Year 30 A.D.,” and “How Long Was Jesus in the Grave?” Also read “A Profound Look at Jesus’ Last Week.”

Error #7

Most astonishing of all, Weinland denies that Christ had any prior existence or Pre-existence as the Logos or Word of God in heaven before being born of a virgin on earth.

We read in the gospel of John, “In the beginning was the Word [Logos], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. The light shone in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not” (John 1:1-3).

In John 8:54-58, Christ was telling the Pharisees that he was the Messiah and that Abraham looked forward to the coming of Yeshua the Messiah. Christ said to them “before Abraham was, **I am.**” He existed before Abraham, and was one of the ‘I AM’ beings of the Godhead!

Zechariah 14 also proves that Messiah is God = YHVH = Logos = Christ who existed *before* the days of Abraham (see verses 1-4; compare with Acts 1:9-11).

For more proof of Christ’s pre-existence, read our articles, “The Only True God,” “Christ’s Pre-existence – Fact or Fable?”, “Who Was Jesus Christ Before His Human Birth?” “Was Christ Created?”, and also the article, “What Is the Spirit of Antichrist?”

Paul’s Warning Words

The apostle Paul warned the church of God, “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity of Christ” (II Cor.11:3). Paul warned men would come preaching a different “Jesus,” and a “different gospel” or message, causing people to receive a “different spirit” (verse 4).

Paul said of such ministers, “For such are FALSE apostles [or “prophets”], deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles [and “prophets”] of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose END will be according to their works” (II Cor.11:13-15).

The seduction began in Paul’s own day and time. He wrote to the Galatians, “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – not that there is another gospel, but there are some who confuse you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to

you, let that one be ACCURSED! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you have received, LET THAT ONE BE ACCURSED!” (Gal.1:6-9, NRSV).

Phillips Translation is even plainer. He wrote, “I am amazed that you have so quickly transferred your allegiance from him who called you in the grace of Christ to another ‘gospel’! Not, of course, that it is or ever could be another gospel, but there are obviously men who are upsetting your faith with a travesty of the gospel of Christ. Yet I say that if I, or an angel from Heaven, were to preach to you any other gospel than the one you have heard, MAY HE BE DAMNED! You have heard me say it before, and now I put it down in black and white – may anybody who preaches any other gospel than the one you have already heard BE A DAMNED SOUL!”

Strong words, those! Beware of these monsters of spiritual madness!

Weinland’s Boasts

Weinland reports that God has revealed to him personally (not to John, but to him) what the 7 thunders said, and says that by April 2008 the world will be shaken to its foundations and the Great Tribulation will start!

He claims that he has been brought on the scene today as God’s end-time revelator to reveal the book of Revelation. Weinland elects arbitrary and subjective “dates” as fulfillment of Bible prophecy. For example, he states the countdown for the end-time began when Christ began to open the seven seals of Revelation the first of which was opened on “12-17-94”.” Why that date? He says it was the beginning of a great apostasy!

Actually, in fact it was the date when Joseph Tkach led Worldwide Church of God into rejecting the weekly Sabbath and holy days, as it had previously taught them under the leadership of Herbert Armstrong. However, *Joseph Tkach’s apostasy began long before that date! He was already teaching the pagan Trinity doctrine, disavowing the Ten Commandments, and obedience to God’s Law, years before that date!*

One could much more accurately state that the “great apostasy” began when Joseph W. Tkach took over the Worldwide Church of God in 1986, at the DEATH of its founder, Herbert W. Armstrong!

Weinland boasts on page 16 of his book, “It is now with boldness, confidence and great clarity that I give to you what God has given to me. I am to announce, through God’s direct revelation, *that I am one of those two witnesses.*” The other one, he says, will be revealed during the Great Tribulation.

Boasts Weinland, “For that matter, none of the Book of Revelation was written so that just anyone reading it could understand. It has to be revealed through God’s servants, and most of it was reserved to be revealed at this end-time through God’s end-

time prophet – **me.**” The bold letters are of his own choosing! (page 87 of his book *2008 – God’s Final Witness*).

Such credentials! But – where is the proof? As the old hamburger ad says: “Where’s the Beef?”

Weinland’s Prophecies Examined

We read in Ron Weinland’s book *2008 – God’s Final Witness*, “When the Seventh Seal is opened, the first four trumpets of that seal will announce the final demise of the United States and her closest allies. The opening of this seal will be the beginning of the final three and one-half years of great worldwide tribulation” (page 90).

He writes, “The first four trumpet blasts will announce four powerfully destructive events that will bring about the total collapse of the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and some countries of Western Europe” (p.116).

Thus Weinland states categorically that the first four trumpet plagues of the book of Revelation deal with the destruction of the United States. Have you read those pages of Revelation, chapter 8? Nowhere do they mention the United States and its allies in particular. Rather, it describes plagues which will be sent “TO THE EARTH” (Rev.8:7), burning up grass and forests, “the SEA” (v.8), with its turning to blood, the “rivers” of the earth (v.10), and signs and wonders in the heavens, with a third of them darkened!

These describe WORLDWIDE, GLOBAL CATCLYSMIC PLAGUES! They are not centered on the United States and its allies!

I won’t go into them here, but read our articles, “The Book of Revelation Decoded,” and “Daniel’s Mysterious 1260, 1290 and 1335 Days Revealed.”

The Sixth Seal

Weinland claims the “sixth seal” of the book of Revelation – which describes “a great earthquake,” the sun becoming black, the moon like blood, and the “stars of heaven” falling to the earth, is nothing other than the catastrophe of “9-11” when the terrorists attacked the twin trade towers and the Pentagon. He writes, “This was the very day the Sixth Seal of the Book of Revelation was opened” (p.92).

Just a cursory reading of the Biblical passage in Rev.6:12-17 clearly shows that Weinland is way “out to lunch.” No doubt, 9-11 was prophetically very important. But it in no way resembles the passage describing the “Sixth Seal” in Revelation itself! Again, read our article “The Book of Revelation Decoded.”

Weinland claims the “7 thunders” which John was told to keep sealed (Rev.10:4) and not to write them are now revealed to *him*, of course. He says the 1st thunder was the

terror war beginning 9-11-01, the 2nd thunder he describes as increasing earthquakes, the 3rd thunder as destructive weather, the 4th thunder as economic upheaval, the 5th thunder as “death” – escalation of death in the world due to plagues. To me it is interesting that all these things are occurring currently, at the same time, around the world – they are not following one another as the cars on a train! Yet it is plain that the seven thunders occur one after the other – they don’t all thunder together at the same time!

The 6th thunder, he says, is “the growing revelation of God’s end-time witnesses.” He boasts, “That revelation is that I am the spokesman of God’s two end-time prophets – the spokesman of His two end-time witnesses” (page 109).

And the 7th thunder, he says, “is the accelerated revelation of God to man.”

Of course, since the Bible says the seven thunders are “sealed,” these very arbitrary, hand-picked, cherry-picked “revelations” of Weinland are nothing more than his own ideas or imaginations – from his own mind. These ideas are certainly NOT “proof” that he is any kind of “prophet” from God, much less one of the two witnesses!

The Fifth Trumpet

The fifth trumpet (Rev.9:1-4), says Weinland, “will announce the emergence of a great political power and a great religious power on earth.” As I show in the article “Revelation Decoded,” that is essentially true – but at that point Weinland departs into error! He writes, that it describes “the emergence of a fully-united European union of ten nations” which will destroy “several hundred million people” (page 123).

The fact is, Weinland is all mixed up. The “locusts” arising from the abyss in Revelation 9 do constitute a great military power – end-time Babylon (Rev.13:1-6), composed of seven “heads” and ten ‘horns” – a great military behemoth. However, it will not be composed of ten nations of Europe! The European Union already has 25 member nations!

The offshoots of the Worldwide Church of God all seem to speak with one voice and erroneously believe that the Beast of Revelation will rise up in Europe and will be formed by ten nations of Europe. This common fallacy is also believed by many evangelical Christians. It was Herbert W. Armstrong who latched onto this theory, in the 1950’s, and propounded it with fervor and enthusiasm until he died in 1986.

The many churches and groups that came out of the wreckage of the Worldwide Church of God, after his death, all agree that this scenario is correct – they seemingly cannot get past the errors and contretemps of their original leader and his mistakes and false conclusions.

However, one good look at Europe today reveals that it is not a mighty military power of itself; nor is it comprised of “ten horns” or possess “seven heads”!

It should be obvious that Europe will not and cannot fulfill this prophecy of a Beast or World ruling Kingdom composed of “ten kings” or kingdoms. Europe cannot be the fourth “Beast” of Daniel or the Beast of Revelation 13. They both have “ten horns,” representing ten kingdoms. A quick tally reveals that the European Union today already has 25 *nations* in its membership, and Turkey, a Muslim nation, is knocking at the doors. And even so, Europe is nowhere near a great military power.

As for who this “Beast” power is, or will be, read our articles “Who Is Babylon the Great?”, “Daniel 7 and the New World Order,” and “Coming Soon – a New Roman Empire?” Also write for the article, “The Beast of Seven Heads and Ten Horns.”

Exposing a False Prophet

Weinland’s internet ministry is drawing a lot of people’s attention. It is controversial. Many could be deluded and deceived. If you REALLY want to know what God’s word says, you have to *study the scriptures!* as Isaiah says. “To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to THIS WORD, it is because there is NO LIGHT IN THEM” (Isaiah 8:19-20. If one speaks not according to the word of God there is no light in them!

Weinland is a false teacher and false prophet.

The apostle Paul says, “Prove all things, hold fast to what is good” (I Thess:5:21).

. If you want to be kept safe from false prophets, then do as the Bereans did. “These were more faithful than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES DAILY to find out whether these things were so” (Acts 17:11).

Do NOT take these things for granted! Be sure to study the scriptures intensively daily, use commentaries, Bible dictionaries to understand context and history of the times, and various Bible translations, including the *Septuagint*. Follow the instructions of the apostle Paul who wrote to Timothy: “Be diligent [STUDY, says the KJV] to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed [a slothful or careless student], *rightly dividing* the word of truth” (II Tim.2:15).

Wienland says, “Teachings that distort and falsify the truths that have been revealed to us are *turning brethren away* from God and *moving* them toward sin. . . . Some of our church history should sober us to understand *what it means to move* away from God by not holding to basic truths that He has revealed to us about Passover and other holy days.”

But the truth is those who are unwilling to REPENT and TURN FROM ERROR, AND MOVE AWAY from error, are the ones who are stuck in spiritual MUD, and in danger of SPLIRITUAL DEATH! That is what true repentance and turning back to God are all about!

Weinland basically says, “Stick with what you got – period.” But what if what you’ve “got” is full-blown ERROR? He says “don’t move” from what you’ve received in the past from what Worldwide taught in the Armstrong era. But what if he was WRONG on some point or issue of doctrine?

“*Don’t move,*” he says. This is BAD ADVICE! If what you’ve got is ERROR, and you “stick with it,” then you will DIE! As Solomon wrote, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its END is the way of DEATH” (Prov.14:12).

Those who are unwilling to “move” or don’t “move” are DEAD. The definition of “LIVING” includes movement – LIVING THINGS MOVE! But “dead” things, or people, “don’t move.” Jesus Christ tells us, “BE ZEALOUS, AND REPENT” of sin (Rev.3:19). That means GET MOVING! *Run from error, sin, evil, false teachings, false doctrines!*

Christ warned the Sardis church, “you are dead” (Rev.3:1). He commanded and exhorted them, “Be watchful, and strengthen those things that remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God” (v.2).

Friends, if you are NOT *moving* you are dead! Every living person has to breathe. One of the definitions of being alive is moving. We must be willing to move. We are humans and have inherited lies from our ancestors; our churches are full of lies. We need to be on the lookout and alert to recognize these lies so that we don’t get hooked into following some false prophet.

Jeremiah warns, “How can you say, ‘We are wise, for we have the law of the LORD,’ when actually the *lying pen of the scribes has handled it falsely?* The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and trapped. Since they have rejected the word of the LORD, what kind of wisdom do they have?” (Jer.8:8-9, NIV).

Identifying False Prophets

Jude exhorts God’s people to fight *earnestly* for the true faith once delivered to the saints by Christ and followed by his disciples in the first century (Jude 3).

In Deuteronomy 13:1-5, God tells us how to identify a false prophet. “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,*’ [*that is follow FALSE TEACHINGS AND DOCTRINES, lies of Satan the devil*] 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 you heart and with all your soul. *You shall walk* after the Lord your God, and *fear* him, and *keep* his commandments, and obey his voice; you shall serve him, and HOLD FAST to him” (Deut.13:1-4).

We have been redeemed from the house of bondage (spiritual slavery). *Do not listen* to the words of the prophet who turns (seduces) you away from God and His TRUTH! Such a prophet is worthy of DEATH! God says, “But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken to TURN YOU AWAY from the LORD your God” (verse 5).

This is serious business! God says, “that prophet shall be put to death.” Do not have them in your home, do not visit their website, do not support their ministry. Why? Because they teach disobedience to God’s law. They lead people astray!

God thunders, “But the prophet *who presumes* to speak a word in my name, which I have *not commanded him* to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, *even that prophet shall die*” (Deut.18:20). This includes a self-styled “prophet” who teaches errors and lies and false doctrines which, of course, God has “not commanded him to speak.” Such men are worthy of death – so says the words of the Living GOD!

How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken? God’s Word says, “And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’ – when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it *presumptuously*, you shall not be afraid of him” (Deut.18:21).

The apostle John warns us, “Trust not every spirit, but try [test, examine carefully] the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. ***Here is how you know the Spirit of God:*** Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. Every spirit that does not confess Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God but is the spirit of *antichrist*” (I John 4:1-3).

If we confess that Christ’s Spirit is living in us, we are of God and are following the example of Christ and keep the commandments of God. This verse can also be interpreted that those who do not teach that the Messiah came into human flesh and became a human being to die for our sins, then they are false prophets (antichrist). The Bible plainly teaches that the Logos came down from heaven and entered the womb of Mary as a seed (sperm) and Mary conceived and the Logos became born of the Virgin Mary as Jesus Christ/Yeshua (see John 1:1-14).

The Logos, the One who became Yeshua, was with God the Father in heaven. He was one of the Elohim, as the son of the Father, then became a human being and died for our sins. Now he is at the Father’s right hand reigning as our high priest and the Son of the Father.

“From Such Turn Away”

It takes work, and it takes study to recognize counterfeits. Says the apostle Paul, “But know this, in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of

themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers . . . having a form of godliness, but denying its power. FROM SUCH PEOPLE TURN AWAY!” (II Tim.3:1-5).

There are those who have a form of godliness but who deny the power of God. From those people, ministers, and false prophets, you should turn away – flee away! There are those always studying but never coming to the knowledge of truth (II Tim.3:7).

Paul warned, “But evil men and impostors will *GROW WORSE AND WORSE, DECEIVING AND BEING DECEIVED*” (II Tim.3:13).

A lot of people’s minds are hard set like concrete. I liken these to concrete all mixed up and permanently set. At our first home in Altadena, California, we had a 10 x 12 grand staircase of concrete descending into our back yard. I took a sledge hammer to it and by great effort and much sweat, I broke it into smaller chunks. We finally took three one-ton dump-truck loads to the dump. False prophets have minds like that concrete – you have to break it up with a sledge hammer or a jack hammer or the like. Their minds are like concrete – all mixed up and permanently set! Some of the sacks of cement we bought was called ‘Permanente.’”

One of the great “false prophets” of the New Testament was a certain man named Simon Magus, the magician, who saw the signs, miracles, and wonders done by the apostles, in Samaria. He tried to buy this power by offering Peter money to buy the office of an apostle and the Holy Spirit. His heart was not right in the sight of God. Peter told him, “Your money perish with you, because you thought the gift of God could be purchased with money” (Acts 8:20).

The Phillips Translation has this: “To hell with you and your money! How dare you think you could buy the gift of God?” In a footnote, Phillips says, “These words are exactly what the Greek means. It is a pity that their real meaning is obscured by modern slang usage.”

Simon was poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity. So are false prophets, today!

We have many articles on Passover and Pentecost, extensive literature on the true calendar and when the year and month begins; what happened to God’s original calendar and why, when, how and by whom was it changed.

God’s word is easy to understand. The thing that makes it hard to understand and confusing are the false teachings of these false prophets twisting the scriptures.

There is living faith that leads one to obey God completely, or false faith based on a lie (deadly). ***Believe a lie, and you are going to die.***

Don’t believe the devil’s lie, or else you shall surely die.

Isn't this what God told Adam and Eve about eating fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Adam and Eve did die and brought death to the human race because of their sin.

Christ and his apostles went through the scriptures and expounded them, making them plain (reading from the book of the law). As Isaiah says, "For precept must be upon Precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little" (Isaiah 28:10; also verse 13).

Line by line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little, is the way to study the Bible in context so you will not be led astray. Let's pray to God to keep us safe from false prophets and teachers and liars who pretend to be the servants of God.

Beware of false prophets!

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. . . Therefore by their fruits you will know them" (Matt.7:15-20).