

False Apostles

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2 Corinthians 11:3-4, “But **I fear**, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve** through his **subtilty**, so your minds should be corrupted from the **simplicity** that is in Christ. For if he that cometh **preacheth another Jesus** (BRAND PX RELIGIOSOTY), whom we have not preached, or **if ye receive another spirit** (CARISMATIC HOLYGOSS ADDED TO SALVATION), which ye have not received, or **another gospel** (THE BOOK OF MORMON DECLAIRS ITSELF AS ANOTHER GOSPEL; ALL MODERN NEW AGE VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE), which ye have not accepted, **ye might well bear with him.**”

2 Corinthians 11:13-15, “**For such are false apostles** (THE FARCE OF APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION), **deceitful workers** (LYING ABOUT THE TRUTH), **transforming** themselves (SHAPE-SHIFTERS) into **the apostles of Christ** (WHEN THEY ARE NOT). And no marvel; for **Satan** himself is **transformed** (SHAPE-SHIFTER) into **an angel of light** (WHEN HE IS NOT). Therefore **it is no great thing** if his ministers (APOSTLES, PRIESTS, POPES, NUNS, BISHOPS, MONKS, ELDERS, PREACHERS, ETC.) also be **transformed** (SHAPE-SHIFTERS) as **the ministers of righteousness** (DOING GOOD AND TEACHING GOOD WORKS SAVES OR WATER SAVES OR SPEAKING IN TONGUES REQUIRED); whose end shall be according to their works.”

The abominable lie of Apostolic Succession has permeated many local churches as also is the damnable doctrine that: water baptism is essential for salvation; along with good works or any number of things that takes away from trusting in Christ alone. The modernism that has infiltrated the local churches has caused Apostasy in the local church; and caused many in the Body of Christ to fail in their growth and in the ministry of reconciliation. This has caused a great falling away from understanding the truth; and from rightly dividing the words in the Bible; and from sound doctrine. This apostasy is an apathetic aversion to the truth; and laziness to Bible Study and a nonchalant careless attitude to the things of God all the while putting on a guise and mask of looking as if there is. Matthew 7:15, “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”



There are more out there perverting the truth than those that are faithful to the truth. Because of this the truth itself has been diminished and the faithful that are attempting to be faithful have been feed a bible that is NOT a bible at all but a perversion of the truth. There is only ONE truth that is Absolute. It is impossible for things that are different to be equal. If one says one thing and the other says something DIFFERENT; then they are NOT the SAME! I am not talking

about comparing the Gospel of Matthew with Luke to find out more about a passage here. However when you do this; do you do this in the same Bible? Do you look up Matthew 4:4 in the King James and compare that with Luke 4:4 in the ESV to get a correct understanding of the passage? NO! This would be ridiculous. Usually cross-referencing a passage is done with the same version of the Bible right? WHY? You don't know why do you? Because they are NOT the same! The neo-teaching to compare a passage in the King James Bible with the same passage in a modern version is in order to CORRECT the reading and not to better understand it. The alibi is for better understanding; yet these are not from the same text base underlying them.

It is the false Apostle that will teach that all the translations are the same; it is the false Apostles that teach that all translations have errors in them and none are 100%. If they do not claim to be Apostles then they are just false teachers; nevertheless the Apostleship ended with John and the apostolic signs ended during Paul's lifetime. This is obvious from what Paul said: 2 Timothy 4:20, "Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum **sick**." If Paul had the power of healing; which he did; why was Trophimus left behind by Paul: why couldn't Paul heal Trophimus? The Apostolic signs were given because the Jews require a sign: 1 Corinthians 1:22, "For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:" But that is not all the trouble with sign seekers is that the people purporting to be Apostles are seeking for your wallets and claim to have the signs of the apostle while telling you to put your seeds in the offering plate so it will grow in your wallets! Where is that in the Bible? It is NOT. So what is it? It is called "the Prosperity Gospel" which is another gospel and NOT the gospel that Paul preached nor is it the gospel that Jesus Christ preached. The word "gospel" means "glad tidings" or "good news" but the glad tidings also come with a precursor of bad tidings to that the glad tidings will be in fact glad and not a complacent proclamation. If people do not know the reason for the glad tidings why would they think that they are glad; after all, why did Christ DIE? Is this glad? Why was Christ BURRIED? Is this glad? Why did Christ become SIN for us? Is this glad? Why did Christ BEAR our sins? See, this is glad? Why was Christ's soul an offering for SIN? Is that glad tidings? Christ had to shed His BLOOD for your dirty rotten SINS! Is this a glad thing? Wait! Christ ROSE FROM THE DEAD! He was raised for our justification! WOW! See? That is glad tidings! He could not have been raised from the dead if He did not die. So what looks like a bad thing and negative; is not in reality bad. It is a glad thing that anyone can put their faith in what Christ did for them and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved from hell fire. Does this mean that now you will be wealthy? NO! How about healthy? NO! It means that you will not pay for your sins when you die and you will live forever one day.

The Signs are given to Israel because:

Exodus 4:8, "And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of **the first sign**, that they will believe the voice of **the latter sign**." The nation of Israel starts with signs. They go into Egypt as a family and are there as a people; but come out as a nation. Their nation starts with SIGNS.

Exodus 13:6-10, "**Seven days** thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and **in the seventh day** shall be a feast to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten **seven days**; and there shall no leavened

bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters. And **thou shalt shew thy son in that day**, saying, **This is done because** of that which the LORD did **unto me when I came forth out of Egypt**. And it shall be **for a sign unto thee** upon thine hand, and **for a memorial** between thine eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in thy mouth: for **with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt**. Thou shalt therefore **keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.**” So not only was there signs at the beginning of the nation of Israel but also they were to remember those things by signs in their memorials. This is referencing the Passover as a memorial sign of the Passover that happened in Exodus which was wrought by signs and a deliverance from bondage.

It is important to understand this because when Jesus Christ shows up with signs of healing and casting out devils and raisings from the dead it was to show Israel that this was their Messiah and therefore the signs were given to THEM to vindicate that this was the very Christ. However, they were not in tune to the signs because of their traditions they placed over and above their ordinances for those very signs that they should have been looking for; and instead they viewed the signs in the opposite way as the work of the devil. It is one of the many ironies in the Bible; but also allows for the gentile nations to get into the family of God.

Now I have brought up the gentile nations; why are they so looking for signs these days? It is for the most part because signs are contained in the biblical text; and it comes from misappropriation of those texts and placing the promises that are ONLY for Israel on the Body of Christ. It is from not studying the Bible correctly by rightly dividing things and instead they are just adding and adding things together when they do not belong together. It is a spirit of the age we live in. This comes from a bad spirit; and an evil spirit that spirit of error. (1 John 4:1-6)

Now we will deal with Gifts:

Exodus 23:6-9, “Thou shalt **not wrest the judgment** of thy poor in his cause. **Keep thee far from a false matter**; and **the innocent and righteous slay thou not**: for **I will not justify the wicked**. And **thou shalt take no gift**: for **the gift blindeth the wise**, and **perverteth the words of the righteous**. Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing **ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.**” (Deuteronomy 16:19) Gifts can be deceitful as they can blind the wise and pervert the words of the right. It is important that we understand that the Gifts of God are not going to do this unless someone is telling you that the gift is from God when IT IS NOT! It is important to understand that the sign gifts of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit are not the same. There are sign gifts, there are spiritual gifts, there are fruits, and there are abilities. Of these the signs ended during the Apostles time because the requirement of faith without works and was apparent in the progression of the book of Acts. Proverbs 17:23, “**A wicked man taketh a gift** out of the bosom **to pervert the ways of judgment.**”

Proverbs 25:14, “Whoso **boasteth himself of a false gift** is like clouds and wind without rain.” If people that claim to heal, and such like today; why are they not in the hospitals and nursing homes and at doctor’s offices? Why start a church or have a revival meeting? Why not just go to the emergency room at the local hospital and touch everyone there with terminal illnesses and

heal them all? I know why they don't do that! It is because they boast of themselves that they have the gift of healing when they DO NOT!

Now what happens when the Gifts and the Signs join hands?

Deuteronomy 13:1-3, "If there arise among you **a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass**, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, **Let us go after other gods**, which thou hast not known, and **let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**" So the faker that has signs and wonders even if they were to come to pass is not evidence that they are from God at all! They could be lying about things; if they tell you the wrong thing and their sign or wonder comes true; that does not make what they say true! God is TESTING YOU!

Ezekiel 14:7-11, "For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which **separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face**, and cometh to a prophet **to enquire of him concerning me**; I the LORD will answer him by myself: **And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off** from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. **And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him** from the midst of my people Israel. **And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity**: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him; That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD."

Careful in answering to this charge and look to yourselves and be not deceived. If you claim to have these gifts and do not then you have been deceived by God and stand as a sign and a proverb from God to avoid.

The only place where the words "signs" and "gifts" is located in the Bible is in Hebrews 2:2-4, "For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with **signs** and wonders, and with divers miracles, and **gifts** of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" Notice here that the other things are mentioned as well: signs, wonders, diverse miracles, gifts of the Holy Ghost. (notice that this is not the holeegoss.) It is amazing to me the number of verbal abnormalities that the Christian cults seem to project while speaking. They change Holy Ghost to holeegoss; and change Jesus Christ to jesuzzkryss and other such ridiculous verbal insults. I am sure this is a sign and a proverb (Ezekiel 14:7-11) that we have read about. It is the signs that Jesus Christ and the Apostles did that were to the house of Israel that vindicate that they're from God. Once the New Testament was signed, sealed and delivered in Antioch by John there were no signs needed

anymore and they were by then long gone. We now have the words of God for the New Testament in Christ's blood for the remission of sins and no longer need to see signs to believe. We believe God because we take Him at His word!

2 Corinthians 12:11, "I am become a fool in glorying; **ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing** am I behind the very **chiefest apostles**, though **I be nothing**. Truly **the signs of an apostle** were wrought **among you** in all **patience**, in **signs**, and **wonders**, and **mighty deeds**. For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong." Paul was humble about the signs of an apostle; and proved them by the words he spoke to them; not the other way around. Paul was not giving a doctrinal statement here but vindicating his giving to them and not to be a burden to them because he accounted them poor and needy and apologized for not receiving their help. Paul is not teaching Apostolic Succession here and nowhere in the Bible is it taught that there were any Apostles after John. Revelation ended the apostolic age of the Church for actual Apostles; but the Apostolic Sign Gifts were done away with long before this. It can be seen throughout the book of Acts a digression of these sign gifts and not an acceleration of them.

The first referenced to signs in the New Testament is very instructive: Matthew 12:38-45, "Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, **we would see a sign from thee**. But he answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights** in the whale's belly; so shall **the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth**. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because **they repented at the preaching of Jonas**; and, behold, **a greater than Jonas is here**. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for **she came from the uttermost parts of the earth** to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, **a greater than Solomon is here**. When **the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none**. Then he saith, **I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished**. Then goeth he, and **taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first**. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation." Sign seekers are given a warning about a false spirit coming in and possessing people. How's that for a sign in these last days? No wonder there are more demonic activity today than ever! The Lord repeated himself later by these words: Matthew 16:4, "**A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas**. And he left them, and departed." (Luke 11:29-30)

The sign that Jesus Christ gave to the unbelievers was His resurrection! It was not casting out devils, healings, tongues, or seed money nonsense. It was His Own resurrection from the dead! This was the sign of all signs and was the culmination of all that He came to do. This is the very gospel that we are to preach: 1 Corinthians 15:1-9, "Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel which I preached** unto you, which also **ye have received**, and **wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have

believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all **that which I also received**, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures**; And **that he was buried**, and **that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures**: And that he was seen of **Cephas**, then of **the twelve**: After that, he was seen of **above five hundred brethren at once**; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of **James**; then of **all the apostles**. And last of all **he was seen of me also**, as of one born out of due time. For **I am the least of the apostles**, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.” Not only does Paul tell you what the gospel is; he also tells you what an Apostle is.

The gospel is “...that Christ **died** for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was **buried**, and that he **rose again** the third day according to the scriptures...” So we say the gospel is Christ death, burial and resurrection. The resurrection is that very sign given by Christ as the sign of Jonah and the time element being the same as well.

An Apostle is someone that physically encountered the Lord Jesus Christ and was called to Apostleship by the Lord Jesus Christ personally. Paul questions his Apostleship because of his persecution of the church and therefore refers to himself as the least of the apostles and not even right to be called an Apostle. If Paul thought of himself not to be right for him to be called an Apostle: who do you think you are that you call yourself an Apostle today?

Matthew 24:3, “And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, **when shall these things be?** and what shall be **the sign of thy coming**, and of **the end of the world?**” The disciples were not immune to the questioning about signs. The Lord says concerning signs: Matthew 24:24, “For **there shall arise false Christs**, and **false prophets**, and **shall shew great signs and wonders**; insomuch that, **if it were possible**, they shall deceive the very elect.” You are NOT the very elect! You can be deceived by these things. It will be the false Christs and false prophets that show great signs and wonders: not the true prophets and preachers! Signs follow fakers in the last days! Mark 13:22-23, “For **false Christs** and **false prophets** shall rise, and shall **shew signs and wonders**, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, **I have foretold you all things**.” So the false prophets will try to tell you something NEW or some extra-biblical prophecy or thing that could in fact come true and yet lead you away from the truth unto a lie. You are not the very elect: that is the Lord Jesus Christ himself and He cannot be deceived nor can He be seduced by these deceivers and that is why He warns to take heed to “...I have foretold you all things.” So you would not be lead astray by these charlatans.

So the question comes up: but the Lord told them to do signs at the ending of Mark. So let's see what it says: Mark 16:15-20, “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach the gospel** to every creature. **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but **he that believeth not shall be damned**. And **these signs shall follow them that believe**; In my name shall **they cast out devils**; they shall **speak with new tongues**; They shall **take up serpents**; and **if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them**; they shall **lay hands on the sick**, and **they shall recover**. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into

heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And **they went forth**, and **preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following**. Amen.” Yes this is fulfilled in the passage that the Lord was “...working with them, and confirming the word with signs following...” That is a fulfillment of the previous passages. The whole book of Acts is in fact the fulfillment of this: Acts 2:43, “And fear came upon every soul: and **many wonders and signs were done by the apostles**.” And Acts 14:3, “Long time therefore abode they **speaking boldly in the Lord**, which **gave testimony unto the word of his grace**, and **granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands**.” However, once the New Testament was complete there was no reason for the signs to continue. The signs were for the Jews: John 4:48, “Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.” This is because their nationality started with signs from the Exodus. This is important in dealing with signs today because there is going to be a great deception in the use of signs and wonders that will be deceptive and will lead Israel into the Great Tribulation with Satan’s man at the helm. 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12, “And then shall **that Wicked** be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, **whose coming is after the working of Satan** with all **power and signs and lying wonders**, And with all **deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. And **for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in **unrighteousness**.”

Acts 28:24-29, “And **some believed** the things which were spoken, and **some believed not**. And when they agreed **not** among themselves, they departed, after that **Paul had spoken one word**, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, **Go unto this people**, and say, **Hearing ye shall hear**, and **shall not understand**; and **seeing ye shall see**, and **not perceive**: For **the heart of this people is waxed gross**, and **their ears are dull of hearing**, and **their eyes have they closed**; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and **should be converted**, and I should heal them. **Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles**, and **that they will hear it**. And when he had said these words, **the Jews departed**, and had great reasoning among themselves.” Here at the end of the book of Acts Paul is ending the Apostolic gospel to the nation of Israel and directing it to the gentiles. Here is the apex of the book of Acts and the pivotal point and culmination of the book at its end.

It is the Jews that require a sign: 1 Corinthians 1:22, “For **the Jews require a sign**, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:” and the Gentiles seek after wisdom; so when a gentile gets into the Bible the signs show up and he wants the wisdom of the sign. This is quite normal to see in these last days why signs are sought after for the wisdom of the sign; however the wisdom is in the words and not in signs. It is understood that a sign does not give credibility to a lie if the sign is true it is therefore meaningless. So what profit is there in a sign when the truth is given? How is it then vindication of the truth? Here is the thing you must wrap your brain around: the TRUTH is the TRUTH regardless of any sign that follows it. It is its own vindication! It is true because it is the truth. A truthful person that examines the facts will see it. A lying deceiver will be deceived himself and the truth will escape him because he is a liar. This should go without

saying; but these days you have to spell it out for people because they are either too lazy to study for themselves or they have been in such deception all their lives that they have no discernment at all.

The gifts and signs are not without significance: 1 Corinthians 14:10, “There are, it may be, so **many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.**” So it is significant that the signs are for a reason: 1 Corinthians 14:22, “Wherefore **tongues are for a sign**, not to them that believe, but **to them that believe not**: but **prophesying** serveth not for them that believe not, but **for them which believe.**” So we see tongues are significant as a sign gift not for believers; but unbelievers and the signs are for the Jews; therefore, tongues are a sign gift for unbelieving Jews. They are not for believing Gentiles! Prophecy and preaching and teaching is for them that believe so as to help us to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. This is why this is called prophesying; because some preaching is for the lost to get them saved.

Now of the Apostles:

Matthew 10:2-4, “Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.”

1. Simon, who is called Peter
2. Andrew Peter’s brother
3. James the son of Zebedee
4. John James’ brother also the son of Zebedee
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Thomas
8. Matthew the publican
9. James the son of Alphaeus
10. Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus
11. Simon the Canaanite
12. Judas Iscariot

Mark 3:16-19, “And Simon he surnamed Peter; And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.”

1. Simon he surnamed Peter
2. James the son of Zebedee
3. John the brother of James surnamed them Boanerges: “The sons of thunder”
4. Andrew

5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Matthew
8. Thomas
9. James the son of Alphaeus
10. Thaddaeus
11. Simon the Canaanite
12. Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him

Luke 6:13-16, “And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles; Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.”

1. Simon, (whom he also named Peter,)
2. Andrew Peter’s brother
3. James
4. John
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Matthew
8. Thomas
9. James the son of Alphaeus
10. Simon called Zelotes
11. Judas the brother of James
12. Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor

What makes an apostle? Are there rules for being an apostle? How many apostles are there in the Bible? Are there more than the original 12?

These questions can be understood by looking at the apostles to see a comparison of them to determine who they are and if there were any in the book of Acts or if anyone else was called an apostle.

The 12 Apostles Comparison in four passages where they are listed the order isn’t always the same however and there are some names that are not the same; but with the process of elimination we can deduce the who’s who of the 12. It is important to know who’s who in the Bible for contextual purposes and if you read the study on how to study the Bible you know to ask the seven questions: Who, What, Where, When, Which, Why & How. To determine a context and to make sure when cross-referencing that things line up as well as determining typology in order to make accurate typological associations and not misappropriate passages. The order of this mode is Context, Cross-reference and then Typology. Never get these out of order else again you stand to misappropriate a passage. Your Bible Study should not be haphazard or messy or lazy.

The Comparison of the 12 Apostles:

Matthew 10:2-4		Mark 3:16-19		Luke 6:13-16		Acts 1:13, 26				
1	Simon Peter	→	1	Simon Peter	→	1	Simon Peter	→	1	Peter
2	Andrew	→	2	James Boanerges	→	2	Andrew	→	2	James
3	James Zebedeeson	→	3	John Boanerges	→	3	James Thunder	→	3	John
4	John Zebedeeson	→	4	Andrew	→	4	John Thunder	→	4	Andrew
5	Philip	→	5	Philip	→	5	Philip	→	5	Philip
6	Bartholomew	→	6	Bartholomew	→	6	Bartholomew	→	6	Thomas
7	Thomas	→	7	Matthew	→	7	Matthew	→	7	Bartholomew
8	Matthew Publican	→	8	Thomas	→	8	Thomas	→	8	Matthew
9	James Alphaeuson	→	9	James Alphaeuson	→	9	James Alphaeuson	→	9	James Alphaeuson
10	Lebbaeus Thaddaeus	→	10	Thaddaeus	→	10	Simon Zelotes	→	10	Simon Zelotes
11	Simon Canaanite	→	11	Simon Canaanite	→	11	Judas bro. of James	→	11	Judas bro. of James.
12	Judas Iscariot	→	12	Judas Iscariot	→	12	Judas Iscariot	✗	12	Matthias

The sons of Zebedee are given with the surnames of Zebedeeson, Boanerges and Thunder. Also notice that Simon Peter is the brother of Andrew and James Alphaeus is given the surname of Alphaeuson as is his brother Judas who is also Lebbaeus Thaddaeus. Then there is the issue of Judas Iscariot who is the son of Simon; with the possibility of that being Simon the Canaanite who is also Simon Zelotes. Other than these things it is only the order in which the lists are given. So we see by this that there are originally only 12 Apostles. There are other Apostles; and although Apostleship is given to people that visually saw the Lord Jesus Christ bodily there seems to be some that saw the Lord after the Assention like Paul who was an apostle. But this mystery is understood by the time of the Apostolic Church age which would be the generation from the time of Christ's death, burial and resurrection and would last for a 40 year generation to generation take over. So from 35 AD to 75 AD. This makes for the church age from 35 AD to 2035 AD by 40 year generations: $40 + (7 \times 7 \times 40) = 2000 + 35 = 2035$ AD for the Rapture.

John goes further than the apostolic time element and is the last Apostle alive but that does not mean that the apostolic gifts were operating during those days aside from what was needful for John to help acquire all the New Testament writings and impart to the church what would constitute the New Testament. See my study on Canon of Scriptures.

Other Apostles listed elsewhere:

1. **Jesus Christ** (Hebrews 3:1, "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;")
2. **Paul** (Colossians 1:1, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God..." also: Acts 14:14; Romans 1:1, 5; Romans 11:13, "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles..."; 1 Corinthians 1:1; 4:9; 9:1-2; 15:9; 2 Corinthians 1:1; 11:5; 12:11-12; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:1; 1 Timothy 1:1; 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:1, 11; Titus 1:1)
3. **Andronicus** (Romans 16:7, "Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.")

4. **Junia** Romans (16:7, “Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.”)
5. **James the Lord's brother** (Galatians 1:19, “But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.”)
6. **Matthias** (Acts 1:26, “And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.”)
7. **Barnabas** (Acts 14:14, “Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,”))

1 Corinthians 12:27-31, “Now ye are **the body of Christ**, and **members** in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first **apostles**, secondarily **prophets**, thirdly **teachers**, after that **miracles**, then **gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues**. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But **covet earnestly the best gifts**: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.” Notice there is an order and hierarchy in the Body of Christ:

1. Apostles (no longer around)
2. Prophets (only when aligned with the Bible)
3. Teachers (Bible Believing Teachers)
4. Miracles (no more miracle workers only God is doing miracles now)
5. Gifts of healings (This is a sign gift: only God is healing now)
6. Helps (many groups)
7. Governments (church government people that can handle this)
8. Diversities of tongues (This is a sign gift to unbelieving Jews only no longer)

Not all are around today. The Apostleship is not around. This is why the Bible says in Ephesians 2:20, “And are built upon **the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**;” the foundation is not being built now.

The word Apostle ends in Acts 16:4 and the last time they sent letters in Acts 15:23 to Antioch. Prophets are only around as far as what can be checked by what the Bible says. There are no prophecies outside of the Holy Bible: there are no extra-biblical prophetic utterances from heaven. There are no gifts of healings; not to be confused with God healing people. The gifts of healings were given for people to heal others. And the diversities of tongues are sign gifts for unbelieving Jews. Notice that this gift is not the gift of tongues! It is the gift of DIVERSITIES of tongues. This is not uttering nonsense; but a known language; and the plural tongues with diversities meaning many different is the idea that this gift is of many different languages. This gift is still operating in many places where Bible translations are being done translating the Authorized Version into many different languages.

Ephesians 4:11-16, “And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **teachers**; For **the perfecting of the saints**, for the **work of the ministry**, for **the edifying of the body of Christ**: Till we all come in **the unity of the faith**, and of **the knowledge of the Son of God**, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness

of Christ: That we henceforth **be no more children**, tossed to and fro, and **carried about with every wind of doctrine**, by **the sleight of men**, and **cunning craftiness**, whereby **they lie in wait to deceive**; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to **the effectual working** in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto **the edifying of itself in love.**”

God gave some:

1. Apostles (no longer around)
2. Prophets (only when aligned with the Bible)
3. Evangelists (traveling Preachers)
4. Pastors (Bishops and Local Church Leaders)
5. Teachers (Bible Believing Teachers)

For:

1. The perfecting of the saints
2. The work of the ministry
3. The edifying of the body of Christ
4. The unity of the faith
5. The knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man
6. The measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ
7. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro
8. (not) Carried about with every wind of doctrine
 - a. by the sleight of men
 - b. cunning craftiness
 - c. they lie in wait to deceive
9. But speaking the truth in love
10. May grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ
 - a. From whom the whole body fitly joined together
 - b. Compacted by that which every joint supplieth
 - c. According to the effectual working in the measure of every part
 - d. Maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love

So there was $12 + 7 - 1 = 18 = 2 \times 9$

The End