



cies did not come to pass. However, every single prophecy of Jesus has come to pass, save the ones regarding the end of the world because the Judgment is still to come.

Let us eagerly proclaim what Philip did in John 1:45. “We

have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Let us boldly preach what Peter did in Acts 3:22-24—“For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days.” Let us humbly listen to and obey the words of Jesus the Christ, the True Prophet of God.



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“Your Father
knows that you
need these
things”
Luke 12:30

Jesus, the Prophet of God

by Curtis Carwile

In Deuteronomy 18:15-22, Moses prophesied of a Prophet who would come from among their midst and be like Moses, having the words of God in his mouth and speaking all that He would command. Over the last 3000 years, there has been a lot of discussion as to who this Prophet is. Muslims claim that Muhammad was “The Prophet.” Mormons believe that Joseph Smith was “The Prophet.” Christians defend their claim that Jesus is “The Prophet” spoken of by Moses all those years ago. The necessary question is: Who is The Prophet that has the words of God in His mouth so that we must listen to Him?

Luckily, there is a simple test found within this same passage that lets us know who is and who is not a prophet of God. Succinctly put, if what they say comes to pass, they are from God

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and we should listen to them. However, if what they say does not come to pass, then they are not from God and we should not listen to them. So, how well do these three candidates do against this test?

Does Muhammad pass the test? In Sura 30:2-4, Muhammad prophesied that the Roman Empire would defeat the Persians within a period of three

to nine years. The prophecy was made about 614 AD. In 628 AD, the Byzantine Empire retook Jerusalem from the Persians. This was period of 14 to 15 years which was well outside the “three to nine year” range which was prophesied. In Sura 48:27, Muhammad promised that he and his followers would enter Mecca during the period of the Hajj. Muhammad was stopped short of Mecca and had to sign a peace treaty with the pagan Suhail bin Amr. Also, in the *Sunan Abu-Dawud*, “*Book of Battles*,” Book 37, #4281-#4283, Muhammad predicted that the *Dajjal* (the Anti-Christ) would appear shortly after the Muslim conquest of Constantinople. The Muslims didn’t succeed in conquering Constantinople until 1453 AD. The Muslim Anti-Christ has yet to appear. Finally, Muhammad prophesied that the world would end a few years after his death. He died in 632 AD. By examining just a small cross-section of Muhammad’s prophecies, it is easy to see that he is no prophet of God.

Does Joseph Smith pass the test? In *Doctrines and Covenants* number 84, Joseph Smith said that a temple would be built in Missouri during Smith’s lifetime. The prophecy was made in 1833 AD. Smith died eleven years later in 1844 AD. There is still not a Mormon temple in Missouri. Also, in *Doctrines and Covenants* number 87, Smith said that all the nations of the world would be dragged into the American Civil War. Most of the world was completely unaware of the

war until it was already over. Finally, in *The History of the Church*, volume 2, page 189, Smith predicted that Jesus would return within the next 56 years. That prophecy was made 1834 AD. 175 years later, Jesus has still not returned. Again, by examining this VERY small cross-section of Joseph Smith’s prophecies, it should be clear beyond any shadow of doubt that Smith does not pass the test of being a true prophet of God.

Does Jesus pass the test? Like the others, Jesus prophesied about a number of different things. In passages like Matthew 12:39-41, Jesus prophesied about His death, burial and resurrection. In Matthew 27-28, we see that Jesus’ prophecy was correct. Also, in passages like John 14:16 and John 16:7-15, He prophesied about the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles and guiding them into all truth. In Acts 2:1-4, that prophecy was fulfilled by the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles and giving them the Gospel of Jesus to preach. And, in passages like Matthew 24:1-28, Jesus prophesied about the destruction of Jerusalem. In 70 AD, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem just the way Jesus said they would. Finally, in passages like John 5:24-30, Jesus prophesied about the end of the world and about the Judgment to come. Once more, by examining this small cross-



Joseph Smith

section of prophecies, it should be evident that, if nothing else, that Jesus was a prophet of God.

So, who is a more likely candidate for “The Prophet” spoken of by Moses in Deuteronomy? Muhammad’s prophecies did not come to pass. Joseph Smith’s prophe-



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