

**15-D**

**Questions: False Christs & Prophets**

1-3. **MATCH** the Greek words and their English meanings:

Greek	English	Greek	English
<i>pseudomartur</i>	(n) false brother	<i>pseudomartureo</i>	(n) false apostle
<i>pseudadelphos</i>	(n) false witness	<i>pseudapostolos</i>	(v) to bear false witness, slander
<i>diabolos</i>	(n) false prophet	<i>pseudodidaskalos</i>	(adj) another
<i>pseudoprophetes</i>	(n) false accuser, devil	<i>hetero</i>	(n) false teacher
<i>pseudochristos</i>	(v) to accuse falsely	<i>metastrepho</i>	(n) accursed
<i>sukophanteo</i>	(n) false christ	<i>anathema</i>	(v) pervert, turn

- Write out **MAT 24:11, 24:** “Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 24 “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. (NKJ)  
Write out **REV 19:10:** And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” (NKJ)
- What is **the spirit or basic essence of all prophecy?** (Give the **BEST** answer from **REV 19:10**)  
A. To foretell future events. C. To speak out an utterance by Holy Spirit anointing.  
B. The testimony of Jesus Christ. D. Exhortation, edification & comfort of believers.  
**Give a scripture reference** in support of your answer: REV 19:10
- MAT 7:15** “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 “You will know them by their fruit. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 “Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 “A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 “Therefore by their fruit you will know them. (NKJ)
- 2CO 11:4** For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it! (NKJ)
- IJO 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. 4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. (NKJ)
- What** should be the source of **ALL Christian doctrine?** The Bible **Give scripture** proof: ISA 8:20; 2TI 3:15-17; 2TI 2:15; PSA 138:2; JOH 17:17; JOH 5:39, 46-47; ACT 17:11; 2PE 1:19; etc.
- What** is the ultimate **SOURCE of false doctrine from false christs and false prophets?** Demonic spirits, who teach or ‘reveal’ satanic doctrines to individuals who then teach them to others, even in the church.  
**Give scripture** support: GEN 3:4, 13; IKI 22:22-23; 2CH 18:19-22; 2CO 11:3-4, 13-15; 2TH 2:9-12; 2PE 2:1-4; IJO 4:1-4; 2TI 4:3-4; ITI 4:1-4; REV 20:2-3, 10; etc.
- 2TI 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. (NKJ)
- Give **eight (8) or more examples of common ‘False Doctrines’** that are widespread within the modern church today, especially those that are of interest to you: (**Think carefully – This may require some research !!**)  
1. The Bible, being written by imperfect men, is itself imperfect and contains many errors & inaccuracies.  
2. Water Baptism as an infant saves a person, no matter how they live their adult life.  
3. The pre-tribulation rapture will remove all believers from the earth before anything bad happens.  
4. There will be no literal seven-year tribulation on the earth. All events in MAT 24-26 occurred in the past.  
5. There will not be a literal, bodily 1,000-year reign of Christ on the earth. He remains forever in heaven.  
6. All supernatural Gifts of the Spirit are not for today, as they passed away with the first century church.  
7. The offices of Apostle and Prophet passed away with the first century church. None are alive today.  
8. Miracles passed away with the first-century church, and cannot be expected in answer to prayer today.
- Do some **Bible research on one doctrine** that is of interest to you. The **proper method of exegesis / hermeneutics** is to see what the Bible says, **NOT** to try to find scripture that seems to support a certain doctrinal position. **Summarize your findings here or on a separate sheet of paper:** eg. These scriptures refute the false doctrine of a pre-tribulation rapture: REV 20:1-6; 1TH 4:13-17; 1CO 15:51-51; REV 11:15-19; JOH 11:20-27; 2TH 2:1-3; 1TH 5:1-5; REV 13:7; MAT 10:22; MAT 24:1-51 (all), etc.
- 2PE 2:1** 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. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. (NKJ)
- 1TI 4:1** Now the spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, (NKJ)

16. Write out **DEU 4:2**: “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. (NKJ)”
17. **JER 5:30** “An *astounding* and *horrible* thing Has been committed in the land: 31 The prophets prophesy *falsely*, And the priests rule by their *own power*; And My people *love* to have it so. But what will you do in the end? (NKJ)”
18. **TIT 1:10** For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and *deceivers*, especially those of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, *teaching* things which they ought not, for the sake of *dishonest gain*. (NKJ)”
19. Write out **GEN 3:1**: Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’? (NKJ)”  
Write out **PRO 14:12**: There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death. (NKJ)”  
Write out **DAN 12:10**: “Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. (NKJ)”
20. **2TH 2:9** The coming of the *lawless* one is according to the working of *Satan*, with all power, *signs*, and *lying wonders*, 10 and with all unrighteous *deception* among those who *perish*, because they did not receive the love of the *truth*, that they might be *saved*. 11 And for this reason God will send them *strong delusion*, that they should believe the *lie*, 12 that they all may be *condemned* who did not believe the *truth* but had *pleasure* in *unrighteousness*. (NKJ)”
13. **Are miracles and supernatural happenings always from God?** NO !! **Give Scripture** proof: *Satan and his can do supernatural signs and wonders, but cannot equal God’s power, signs or wonders. EXO 7:9-12, EXO 8:7, 17-19; DAN 1:20, DAN 2:2, 10, 27; DAN 4:7; DAN 5:7-8, 15, etc.*
21. What religious group uses the ‘**New World Translation**’ of the Bible? *Jehovah’s Witnesses (Watchtower)*  
**List other ‘scriptures’** used by several **cults, false religions, and occult practitioners**: *Mormonism (Book of Mormon, Doctrines & Covenants, The Pearl of Great Price); Moonies (Divine Principle, Outline of the Principle); Church of Scientology (Dianetics, L. Ron Hubbard writings, etc.); Christadelphianism (Elpis Israel, Eureka); Christian Science (Science & Health, Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy); Theosophy (The Secret Doctrine, Isis Unveiled, The Key to Theosophy, The Voice of the Silence); etc.*
22. **JER 16:19** 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*, *worthless* and unprofitable things.” (NKJ)  
**When** is the ‘**day of affliction**’? *This may be a reference to the Tribulation or the Great Tribulation.*  
**Elplain** how we ourselves, in our **Christian Denominations**, sometimes inherit lies from our spiritual fathers, who in turn inherited lies from their spiritual fathers, but which can still hold us in bondage today: *Many of the doctrines we hold to in or modern church denominations are false. Since most of these in mainline churches are non-essential doctrines, they do not so much affect our salvation, but do affect our spiritual health, sometimes in very serious ways. These are ‘doctrines of demons’ designed to inflict believers with serious spiritual illness, even if not fatal. They come through ‘false teachers’ and ‘false prophets’, who themselves believe that the doctrines they teach are true....they are deceived. All of us need to be ‘Bereans’ who check out ANY teaching with the Bible itself. Our allegiance should be to God and His Word, NOT to certain personalities within the body of Christ.*  
**What might be the fulfillment** of this prophecy in these end times? *There will be many revelations in these end-times to those that are ‘wise’ that some doctrines we hold so dear are wrong & need to be abandoned.*
23. **Describe** what you believe to be **ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES** of the Christian Church: *Write something in the format of the ‘Apostle’s Creed’ or ‘Nicene Creed’ as given below. This should accurately summarize to Bible’s gospel message to mankind, especially the deity of Jesus Christ, salvation by faith alone in His atonement for our sins, and that salvation can be found in no other.*
24. What is the ‘**Apostle’s Creed**’? *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.*  
What is the ‘**Nicene Creed**’? *We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*
25. **How** will you apply what you have learned in this lesson to **YOUR** life? *Answer for yourself.*