

2 PROPHETS & 2 BEASTS WILL YOU BE DUPED?

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In the next few years the curtain will be drawn and four men will suddenly appear on the world stage. Two of these men will be good while the other two men will be evil.

In the book of Revelation these two wicked men are called “beasts” (though the 2nd “beast” is often referred to as “the false prophet”). The two upright men are referred to as “the two witnesses” or “the two prophets.” Astonishingly, ALL four of these men will be able to do incredible, mind-blowing miracles! Two of these men (reminiscent of the ancient prophet Elijah) will even be able to call down fire from heaven, while the other two will strike the earth with terrible droughts and plagues.

While two of these men will be led by God’s Holy Spirit and will be servants of God, the other two men will be led by Satan and possessed by demons (and perhaps even possessed by the Devil himself!).

Two of these men will be respected, loved, and honored by earth’s inhabitants, while the other two men will be hated, despised, and cursed. Eventually two of these men will be killed and the world will rejoice and celebrate their demise.

When these Bible prophecies COME ALIVE in the years just ahead, whose side will *you* be on? Will *you* be able to discern the two good guys from the two evil ones? Will *you* know which two are inspired by God and which two are inspired by Satan? Will *you* be on the right side of history? Hopefully you will, because those who choose wrongly will eventually be thrown into the lake of fire, while those who choose wisely will be granted eternal life in God’s soon-coming glorious kingdom!

How about RIGHT NOW? If these four men were among us today—at this very hour—would you be able to recognize them and to discern the good from the bad? Would *you* pass the test? Well, let’s find out! (Sorry, being a retired school teacher I just couldn’t resist given you a test!). Are you ready? Do you have some paper and something to write with?

- (1) Which of the two men will be able to call down fire from heaven—the two prophets of God or the two “beasts” of Satan the devil?
- (2) Which two men will be able to destroy their enemies with a flame of fire that spews out of their mouths?
- (3) Which two men will the world love, admire, and respect?
- (4) Which two men will the world hate and rejoice at their death?
- (5) Which two men will strike the earth with terrible droughts and plagues?
- (6) Who will be killed and come back to life as a human being once again (one of the prophets or one of the “beasts”)?

So, how do you think you did? Did you pass the test? If these four men were among us *today* would you be able to pick out the two good guys from the two bad guys?

Unfortunately, when crunch time comes, many people will fail this test! But how about *you*? Will you and your loved ones pass this test? Will you obey God and do what He says (through His two witnesses)? Or will you (just like Adam and Eve) reject what God has to say and instead follow Satan the devil? This question is of the utmost importance, as your eternal life (and that of your loved ones) will be at stake!

Here are the answers to the practice test:

- (1) One of the two “BEASTS” will be able to call down fire from heaven. Revelation 13:12-14—He [the 2nd beast; i.e. the false prophet] exercised all the authority of the first beast [i.e. the Antichrist]. And he required all the earth and its people to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. He did astounding miracles, even MAKING FIRE FLASH DOWN TO EARTH FROM THE SKY while everyone was watching. And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he deceived all the people who belong to this world... (NLT).
- (2) Fire will proceed out of the mouth of GOD’S TWO WITNESSES to destroy those who try to harm them. Revelation 11:3-5—And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will be clothed in burlap and will prophesy

during those 1,260 days. These two prophets are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of all the earth. If anyone tries to harm them, FIRE FLASHES FROM THEIR MOUTHS AND CONSUMES THEIR ENEMIES. This is how anyone who tries to harm them must die (NLT).

- (3) The two “BEASTS” will be loved and worshiped by the world. And the whole world will even worship Satan! Revelation 13:3-4—I saw that one of the heads of the beast seemed wounded beyond recovery—but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast. THEY WORSHIPED THE DRAGON [SATAN] for giving the beast such power, and THEY ALSO WORSHIPED THE BEAST. “Who is as great as the beast?” they exclaimed. “Who is able to fight against him?” (NLT).
- (4) The world will despise the two PROPHETS OF GOD and rejoice & celebrate their death. Revelation 11:7-10—When they [the two witnesses] complete their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the bottomless pit will declare war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them. And their bodies will lie in the main street of Jerusalem, the city that is figuratively called “Sodom” and “Egypt,” the city where their Lord was crucified. And for three and a half days, all peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will stare at their bodies. No one will be allowed to bury them. All the people who belong to this world WILL GLOAT OVER THEM AND GIVE PRESENTS TO EACH OTHER TO CELEBRATE THE DEATH OF THE TWO PROPHETS who had tormented them (NLT).
- (5) The two SERVANTS OF GOD will be able to cause devastating droughts and plagues. Revelation 11:3 & 6—And I will give power to my two witnesses... They have power to shut the sky so that NO RAIN WILL FALL for as long as they prophesy. And they have the power to turn the rivers and oceans into blood, and to strike the earth with EVERY KIND OF PLAGUE AS OFTEN AS THEY WISH (NLT).
- (6) The BEAST (i.e. the Antichrist) will be killed and yet he will come back to life! Revelation 13:14—And with all the miracles he [the 2nd beast; i.e. the false prophet] was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast [i.e. the Antichrist], he deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast, who was FATALLY WOUNDED AND THEN CAME BACK TO LIFE (NLT).

So how did *you* do? Were you able to discern the good from the evil? But more importantly, how will *you* do in the years just ahead when these four men take center stage on the world scene? Will you be ready? Will you be prepared? Will you (and your loved ones) be on the right side of history? Or, will you go along with the rest of the world and follow the servants of Satan?

So, how about it? Will *you* be thrown into the lake of fire (never to see your loved ones again)? Revelation 14:8-11—Then a third angel followed them, shouting, “Anyone who worships the beast and his statue or who accepts his mark on the forehead or on the hand must drink the wine of God’s anger. It has been poured full strength into God’s cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name” (NLT).

Or, will *you* instead make the right choice by obeying God, and thereby be granted eternal life in God’s soon-coming Kingdom? I hope you and your loved ones (unlike Adam & Eve) make the right choice! Revelation 21:1-7—Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.” And he also said, “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children” (NLT).

Don’t forget, the whole world will be convinced that the two good guys are evil and the two evil guys are good. But how about *you*? Will *you* be duped? — Mike Exton (3-31-16)

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