



Definition of a False Prophet:

Any religious leader who claims to have religious authority equal to or greater than the Bible and whose doctrines contradict Biblical Christianity.

FALSE PROPHET OF THE WEEK

Herbert W. Armstrong 1892-1986

Herbert W. Armstrong adapted the theories of British-Israelism early in his ministry career and this emphasis became a bedrock doctrinal pillar of the Worldwide Church of God in Pasadena, CA. Under Armstrong's leadership, this church rejected the essential doctrines of Christian Faith.

Herbert W. Armstrong was born in 1892 in Des Moines, Iowa, into a Quaker family. In 1927, his wife Loma Armstrong became acquainted with the teachings of the Church of God-7th Day while they were living in Oregon. This was Armstrong's introduction to the Sabbatarian movement.

The Church of God-7th Day split in 1933 and Armstrong was ordained a minister in the Salem, West Virginia branch. In 1934, Armstrong bought radio time and began The Radio Church of God; he also published his first mimeographed issue of The Plain Truth magazine, and pastored the COG-7th Day church in Eugene, Oregon.

However, in 1938, Armstrong was stripped of his COG-7th Day ministerial license. Armstrong had been teaching that the Jewish Feast days were binding on the church - contrary to COG-7th Day doctrine. Armstrong retained his Eugene church and his radio ministry.

In 1947, he relocated the ministry to Pasadena, California. He began Ambassador College, a bible school to train ministers who would raise up churches under his leadership. In 1968, the name of the organization was changed to The Worldwide Church of God.

There was a split in the WCoG in 1974, when forty ministers and several thousand members left the church because of doctrinal disputes and resulting abuses.

Armstrong even disfellowshipped his own son,



Garner Ted, in 1978. By the mid-seventies, Armstrong was proclaiming himself God's apostle for the last days.

In 1979, the state of California placed the church in receivership under allegations of financial abuses by church leaders. After lengthy court battles the courts removed the church from receivership.

Herbert Armstrong died in January 1986 at the age of 94.

"This drought will be even more devastating than he foresees, and that it will strike sooner than 1975 - probably between 1965 and 1972! This will be the very beginning, as Jesus said, of the Great Tribulation!"

"Here is exactly how catastrophic it will be: One Third Of Our Entire Population Will Die in this famine and disease epidemic!"

Herbert W. Armstrong (1892-1986)
Founder of the World Wide Church of God
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