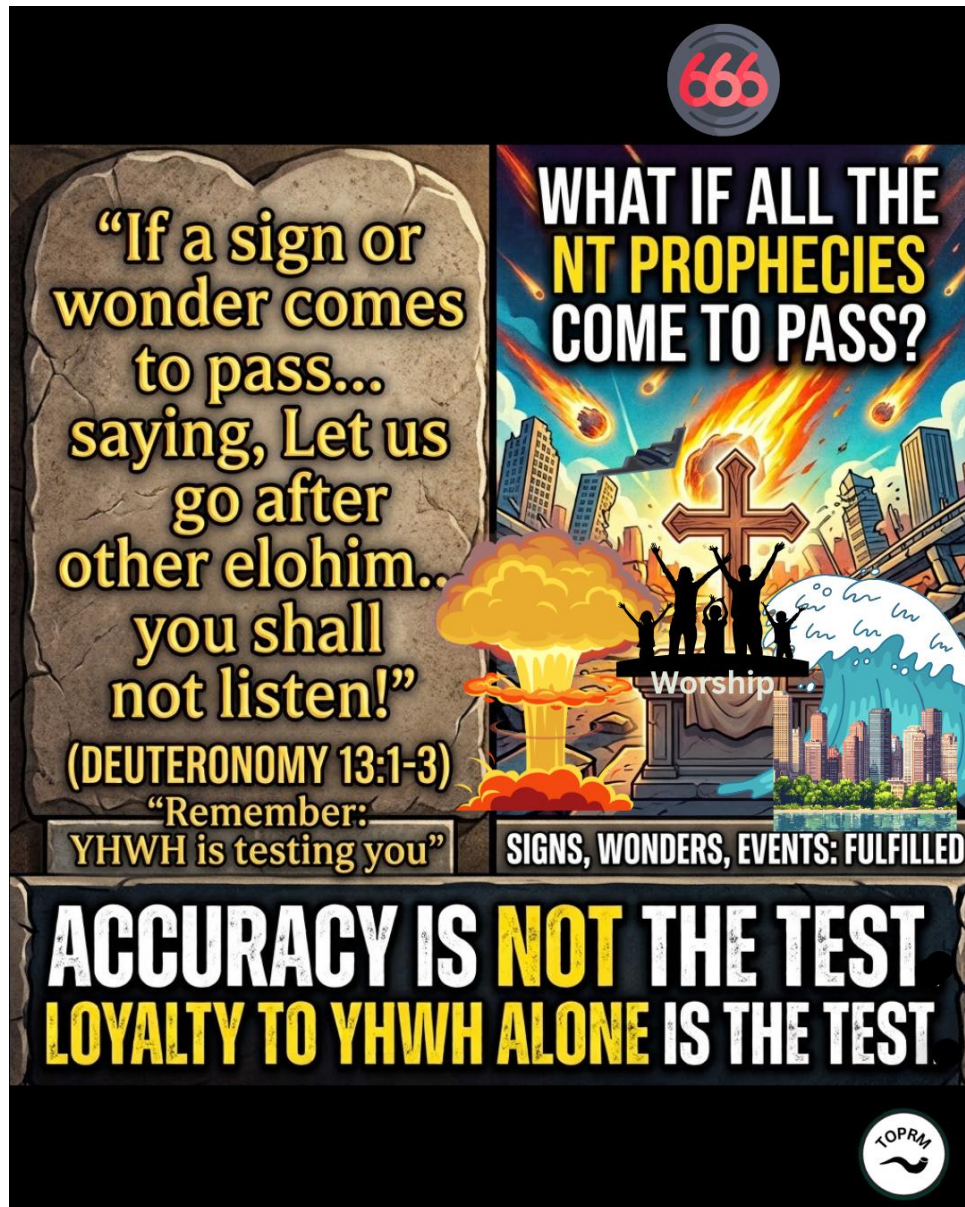




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The Creator's Verdict on NT Prophecies

A Tanakh-Only Examination of New Testament Prophecy, Church Tradition, and Torah's Deuteronomy 13

What if, eventually, the prophecies of the New Testament, Christianity and the Church actually come to pass?

What if modern-day, self-proclaimed prophets speak prophetic messages that also turn out to be accurate?

What if:

- The signs predicted in the New Testament happen?
- The wonders occur?
- The events of Revelation unfold?
- The predictions of Jesus, Paul, John and other writers come true?
- Modern-day prophetic interpretations become reality?

Would that prove Christianity is true? Would that prove the New Testament is inspired? Would that finally settle the long-time debate that Jesus is truly divine? Would this finally prove that Jews and those who hold strictly to the Tanakh are wrong, blind, and deceived?

The Torah gives a clear, shocking answer—and it is not what adherents of the New Testament teach or would easily accept.

The Central Test: Deuteronomy 13:1–3

Deuteronomy 13:1–3 is the central prophetic safeguard of the entire Tanakh. It is Yahweh's test—not man's. Read and listen closely now, for Yahweh may very well be giving you this test in real time right now.

"If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, whereof he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other elohim, which you have not known, and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for Yahweh your Elohim is testing you to know whether you love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul."

Deuteronomy 13:1–3

The Hebrew Linguistic Weight of the Command

- *Navi* (נָבִיא): Prophet, prophetic voice, or prophetic movement.
- *'Ot* (אוֹת): Sign.
- *Mofet* (מוֹפֵת): Wonder, miracle.
- *Nadach* (נָדַח): To drive away, seduce, mislead.
- *'Elohim Acherim* (אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים): Other elohim, foreign deities.

This is not symbolic. This is not just advice. This is legal Torah instruction from Yahweh Himself! By testing us with this instruction, the Creator is watching closely to see how we choose.

A Very Shocking Rule Based upon your Creator's instructions

A prophet can be false even when his prophecy comes true. Prophetic accuracy is not the test. **Loyalty to Yahweh, the most high Elohim alone is the test.**

The Repercussions

If Israel follows a prophet who performs signs, predicts accurately, and speaks wonders, but leads to another *elohim*, then Israel commits idolatry, covenant violation, spiritual adultery, and national corruption. Deuteronomy 13 is Yahweh's firewall against deception—including future deception, which includes New Testament times and all the way down into our times, Deuteronomy 13 is still being used as this test.

A Prophet Is Not Always One Man

The New Testament, the Church, and Modern Prophets as a Collective Voice and movement

Deuteronomy does not merely say, "If a man gives a sign..." It says, "If there arises among you a prophet..."

In Hebrew, *navi* can refer to:

- A single prophet
- A prophetic movement
- A prophetic school of thought
- A prophetic tradition
- A prophetic book
- A prophetic voice across generations
- A prophetic religious sect

Navi (נָבִיא) — According to BDB, HALOT, and Encyclopaedia Judaica, the term can refer not only to an individual prophet but also to a **prophetic guild, school, a movement, or collective voice**. Therefore, a "prophet" can be a collective voice—including an entire religious text.

The New Testament predicts great cosmic signs, horrendous end-time events, wars, plagues, a returning messiah, a final judgment, and a new heaven and earth. Earthquakes so great that every island and every mountain will be moved out of their places and the cities of the nations shall fall! By definition, the New Testament is very much a prophetic book.

The Church and Christianity is an extension then of the New Testament as a movement with a collective prophetic voice. Modern day prophetic teachers who claim the gift of prophecy are directly linked then to the prophets spoken of in the Deuteronomy 13 and 18 texts. Therefore collectively, we need to watch then if their prophecies come to pass, but the more important need is to observe whether they are teaching you and I to follow after other elohim.

And Deuteronomy 13 applies directly to it. Not just to the New Testament text itself, but to those who treat it as a divine, holy book as if it were supreme truth. Those who adhere to, defend, promote, and teach the New Testament and its prophecies are just as accountable for its content as the writings themselves.

Does the Church Lead People to "Another Elohim?"

The Tanakh explicitly states and commands:

- *"You shall have no other elohim before Me."* (Exodus 20:3)
- *"I am Yahweh, and there is no other; there is no Elohim besides Me."* (Isaiah 45:5)
- *"Yahweh Himself is Elohim; there is none else besides Him."* (Deuteronomy 4:35)

Yet the New Testament system teaches:

- *"Every knee shall bow... at the name of Jesus."* (Philippians 2:10–11)
- *"Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it."* (John 14:13–14)
- *"There is no other name... by which we must be saved."* (Acts 4:12)
- *"One mediator... Jesus Christ."* (1 Timothy 2:5)
- *"Worthy is the Lamb... and the elders fell down and worshiped."* (Revelation 5:12–14)

As a previously practicing Hebraic roots Christian, these texts were precious and vital to this writer, as it still is for many loving and caring people today. But as we have just seen, according to the Torah and Hebrew Scriptures, there is only one Most High Elohim, Yahweh, and none other to be worshiped and prayed to. For the New Testament, its adherents, promoters, and teachers to state that we are to worship, pray to, or seek salvation through Jesus, (Yahshua, Yeshua, etc.) as Yahweh or alongside Yahweh is, according to Deuteronomy 13:1–5, explicitly saying: **"Let us go after another elohim."** This is idolatry plain and simple.

Therefore, Christianity, the Church, and New Testament adherents fail the Tanakh test—even before any prophecy is considered.

Pagan customs the Church teaches their adherents to keep

The Hidden "Other Elohim" Behind Church Tradition

Even if the New Testament contained no prophecies at all, we are sorry to say but Christianity would still fail Deuteronomy 13 because it teaches believers to keep customs originally created for the worship of other *elohim*.

A few examples:

1. Christmas — Saturnalia & Sol Invictus/Birth of the sun deity

- **Origin:** Roman Saturnalia, Sol Invictus
- **Deities:** Saturn, Mithras and actually many more
- **Symbols:** Evergreen trees, gift-giving, feasting
- **Christian Repackaging:** "Birth of Jesus"
- **Deut. 13 Violation:** Adopting customs originally created to honor pagan *elohim*

2. Easter — Spring Fertility Rites & Ishtar/Astarte worship

- **Origin:** Spring fertility rites (Old English *Ēostre* / Astarte traditions)
- **Symbols:** Eggs, rabbits, sunrise services
- **Christian Repackaging:** "Resurrection of Jesus" (replacing Yahweh's Passover calendar)
- **Deut. 13 Violation:** Adopting fertility customs, false *elohim* worship and shifting away from Yahweh's appointed times (*Mo'edim*)

3. Sunday Worship — Sol Invictus

- **Origin:** Roman "Day of the Sun" The SUN day (Baal's Day)
- **Deity:** Sol/Baal and others
- **Christian Repackaging:** "The Lord's Day" as a new day for corporate worship
- **Deut. 13 Violation:** Replacing Yahweh's Seventh-Day Shabbath commanded in the Torah (Exodus 20:8–11)

4. The Cross — Tammuz & Pagan Symbols

- **Origin:** Tammuz execution symbols, Egyptian Ankh
- **Deity:** Tammuz
- **Christian Repackaging:** Primary symbol of faith and salvation
- **Deut. 13 Violation:** Adopting pagan religious symbols

5. Lent — Mourning Rites

- **Origin:** 40-day seasonal mourning ritual (cf. Ezekiel 8:14)
- **Deity:** Tammuz
- **Christian Repackaging:** Fasting period before Easter
- **Deut. 13 Violation:** Adopting pagan mourning rites and applying them to a relationship with Jesus

Christianity sugarcoats these practices with biblical terminology, stories, language, and symbolism—but the customs remain pagan in origin. This directly fulfills the warning of Deuteronomy 13: *"Let us go after other elohim..."* even without prophecy.

Added, Exaggerated, and Changed Prophecies

The New Testament system creates, exaggerates, and alters core Tanakh prophetic concepts:

Examples of some of the NT Prophecies That Do NOT Exist in the Tanakh:

- **Global Antichrist:** No such individual figure in the Tanakh.
- **The "Rapture":** No secret removal of believers into the sky; the Tanakh teaches the righteous inherit the earth (Psalm 37:29).
- **Seven-Year Tribulation:** The Tanakh never teaches a 7-year tribulation framework.
- **Lake of Fire:** The Tanakh teaches no eternal torture chamber.

Prophecies That Change Tanakh Meanings:

- **The Day of Yahweh:** Becomes converted into a "Second Coming" of a divine figure.
- **The Messiah:** Shifted from anointed ones, all the messiahs mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures were human beings not divine. A final anointed human Davidic king prophesied in the Tanakh is transformed in NT/Church theology into a divine being to be worshiped.
- **The New Covenant:** Reinterpreted by Christianity as replacing or setting aside Torah obedience. The New Covenant of the Tanakh retains Torah written in the hearts and minds of Yah's people.

The Core Question: What If NT Prophecies Actually Come to Pass?

What if Revelation's beasts appear? What if an antichrist rises? What if there is a mark of the beast? What if the tribulation unfolds? What if global signs of great earthquakes, cosmic impacts, etc. actually occur?

Would that prove Christianity is true?

The Tanakh says **NO**. Yahweh speaking through His prophets says **NO**. His Torah says **NO, NO, NO!**

Deuteronomy 13 explicitly states:

"If the sign or wonder comes to pass... but the prophet says, 'Let us go after other elohim,' you shall not listen."

- Even fulfilled prophecy is false if it leads people away from the worship of Yahweh alone.
- Even accurate prediction is deception if it alters Yahweh's Torah.
- Even miracles are tests to see where your heart lies.

Christianity leads people to worship Jesus, pray to Jesus, obey Jesus, trust Jesus for salvation, bow to Jesus, and call Jesus their "God." **The Tanakh, the Hebrew Scriptures does not teach this at all.** Yahweh's specific instructions throughout His Torah commands us **never** to do that. According to Yahweh, His Torah and the Hebrew Scriptures, doing so would be idolatry!

Therefore:

- **Even if some of the New Testament prophecies come true, it is false prophecy.**
- **Even if New Testament signs happen, they are a deception.**
- **Even if New Testament predictions unfold, Yahweh is testing His people.**

This is the Tanakh's final verdict.

CONCLUSION — The Tanakh-Only Safeguard Against Deception

The Tanakh gives one ultimate test: **"Does this prophet lead us to Yahweh alone, according to His Torah? Or does the prophet lead us to honor other elohim, Jesus, Baal, Sol Invictus, etc."**

If not:

- Even fulfilled prophecy is false.
- Even accurate prediction is deception.
- Even great and unprecedented miracles are tests.
- Even mighty signs are traps.

Church doctrine leads people to another *elohim*—and to the customs of other *elohim*.

Therefore, the New Testament is a collective false prophet. The Church, through its collective denominational beliefs, acts as a false prophet. Its prophecies—even if completely fulfilled—fail the test of Deuteronomy 13.

Holding strictly to a Tanakh-only faith is the ultimate safeguard against end-time deception.

The Futuristic Carrot: How NT Prophecy Stays Unfulfilled Yet Always “Imminent”

One of the most dangerous features of New Testament Christian prophecy is not merely what it predicts — but **how it predicts**. NT prophecy is always **future**, always **imminent**, always **just around the corner**, and yet **never fulfilled**. This creates a psychological trap that keeps it's believers in a permanent state of expectation, fear, urgency, and emotional vulnerability.

This is not accidental. This is the mechanism of deception Deuteronomy 13 warns about.

ADDENDUM: The Flipside — What If They Never Come to Pass?

While Deuteronomy 13 provides the ultimate covenantal firewall *if* a sign or wonder actually materializes, we must also confront historical reality: **What if these prophecies simply never happen?**

For nearly two thousand years, the New Testament Christian prophetic engine has operated on a continuous cycle of imminent expectation followed by total non-fulfillment.

- **The First Century:** The writers and early adherents of the New Testament explicitly expected the culmination of all things within their own lifetime (*"This generation shall not pass away," "The time is at hand"*).
- **Every Subsequent Generation:** From the early Church fathers through the Middle Ages, the Reformation, and into the modern era, every single generation has convinced itself that it was the "chosen generation" living in the final hours.
- **The Gravestone Factor:** Millions upon millions of expectant, loyal and loving Christian believers have lived, built their lives around apocalyptic timelines, and gone to their graves without ever seeing those predictions realized.

Today, modern self-proclaimed prophets, televangelists, and denominational leaders beat the exact same drum! They point to routine geopolitical events, natural disasters, and cultural shifts, declaring once again: *"We are living in the very end."*

This creates a fatal double-jeopardy under the Torah:

1. **If the signs DO come to pass:** The movement fails **Deuteronomy 13:1–5** because it directs worship, prayer, and allegiance to someone other than Yahweh alone.
2. **If the signs DO NOT come to pass:** The movement fails **Deuteronomy 18:20–22**, which explicitly states that if a prophet speaks a word that does not follow or come to pass, *"that word is false, Yahweh has not spoken it....."*

Whether by theological violation (Deuteronomy 13) or a two-thousand-year track record of unfulfilled expectations (Deuteronomy 18), the system fails the unchanging standard of the Tanakh.

Dear reader, the Tanakh does not require endless speculation, shifting timelines, or generation-by-generation reinterpretation. Yahweh's Torah instructions remain static, solid, and eternal—standing firm long after every other speculative timeline has crumbled.