

## Q: Is It Right To Name False Teachers?

### Introduction:

1. Yes, to protect God's flock from heresy (2 Peter 2:18-22, Romans 16:17-18, Ephesians 5:11)
2. Yes, if the false teacher is published, popular, and/or public (1 Timothy 5:20)
3. Yes, if you accurately represent the false teacher's position (Proverbs 19:5,9)

### **Yes! The Old Testament Names False Teachers**

- ♦ Jannes & Jambres: Exodus 7:11-8:19  
(cf. 2 Timothy 3:8-9)
- ♦ Korah: Numbers 16 (cf. Jude 11)
- ♦ Balaam: Numbers 22-24, 31:16  
(cf. 2 Peter 2:15, Jude 11, Revelation 2:14)
- ♦ Zedekiah: 1 Kings 22:11-28
- ♦ Mattan: 2 Kings 11:18
- ♦ Jehoram: 2 Chronicles 21:9-20
- ♦ Pashhur: Jeremiah 20:1-6
- ♦ Hananiah: Jeremiah 28:1-17
- ♦ Jaazaniah: Ezekiel 8:9-12
- ♦ Amaziah: Amos 7:10-17

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- ♦ Simon Magus: Acts 8:9-24
- ♦ Bar-Jesus: Acts 13:6
- ♦ Hymenaeus: 1 Timothy 1:20
- ♦ Alexander: 1 Timothy 1:20
- ♦ Phygellus: 2 Timothy 1:15
- ♦ Hermogenes: 2 Timothy 1:15
- ♦ Philetus: 2 Timothy 2:17
- ♦ Demas: 2 Timothy 4:10
- ♦ Alexander the coppersmith: 2 Timothy 4:14
- ♦ Diotrephes: 3 John 9
- ♦ Nicolas: Revelation 2:15

### **Yes! Church History Names False Teachers**

*\*Often the heresy was named after the false teacher who taught it.*

- ♦ Sabellianism: Sabellius (215 AD)
- ♦ Arianism: Arius (250 AD)
- ♦ Pelagianism: Pelagius (354 AD)
- ♦ Eutychianism: Eutychius Theodosius II (380 AD)
- ♦ Nestorianism: Nestorius (386 AD)
- ♦ Appollinarianism: Apollinaris (390 AD)
- ♦ Arminianism: Jacobus Arminius (1560 AD)

### **Yes! False Teachers are Named with Their Heresy Today**

- ♦ Campbellites (Church of Christ / Christian Church): Alexander Campbell
- ♦ Russellites (Jehovah's Witnesses): Charles Taze Russell
- ♦ Eddyism (Christian Science): Mary Baker Eddy
- ♦ Armstrongism (Worldwide Church of God): Herbert W. Armstrong
- ♦ Branhamism (Jesus Only Pentecostalism): William Branham
- ♦ Rastafarianism: Ras Tafari Makonnen
- ♦ Darwinism (Theory of Evolution): Charles Darwin