



# APOSTLES & PROPHETS

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<sup>12</sup>And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

<sup>13</sup>**[Why?]** For Adam was formed first, then Eve **[who came out of Adam and was formed second]**. <sup>14</sup>And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

<sup>20</sup>Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, **who calls herself** a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

1. The church is being built on a **completed foundation.**

**What is the completed foundation made of?**

2. The Apostles and Prophets
3. Jesus Christ
4. Who is the chief cornerstone

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” <sup>14</sup>So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>1</sup>

<sup>17</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. **[by trying to keep it out or keep it contained]**

In **1 Corinthians 3:9-12** the Apostle Paul, who did not form this foundation he talks about how he laid down or affirmed the teaching of the completed foundation in the local church:

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field; you are God’s building [**built on the foundation**]. According to the grace of God, which was given to me [**Paul**], as a wise master builder, I [**Paul**] have laid [**down**] the foundation, and another builds on it [**above the finished foundation**]. But let each one take heed how he builds on it [**the finished foundation**]. For no other [**finished**] foundation can anyone lay than that which is [**already**] laid, which is Jesus Christ [**the cornerstone of Ephesians 2:20**].”

**Jesus Christ**

<sup>12</sup>Now it came to pass in those days [**when the Scribes and Pharisees were filled with rage in v.11**] that He went out to the mountain to pray, and **continued all night** in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; <sup>15</sup>Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; <sup>16</sup>Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

<sup>15</sup>And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, <sup>16</sup>“Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered with us **[the 12]** and obtained a part in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms: ‘Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it’; and, ‘Let another take his office.’

In **Acts 1:21-23** we read of the qualifications necessary to replace Judas

<sup>21</sup>“Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,  
<sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

In **Acts 1:24-26** We answer the question who chose Matthias?

<sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have [already] chosen <sup>25</sup>to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Peter + 11 = 12

**Revelation 21:12** “Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the **twelve tribes of the children of Israel.**

And

**Revelation 21:14** “Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the **twelve Apostles of the Lamb.**”

## Complete the foundation First, then Start Building Upon it

For example, 1 **Kings 6:37-38** We read a summary of Solomon's Temple:

<sup>37</sup>In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was **laid**, in the month of Ziv. <sup>38</sup>And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its details and according to all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.

**Here are the verses speaking to Christ  
appearing to Paul**

**Acts 9:27, 26:12-18, 1 Corinthians 15:8, and  
Galatians 1:11-12**

## **Acts 9:27**

But Barnabas took him and brought him to the **[twelve]** apostles. And he declared to them how **he had seen the Lord on the road**, and that **He had spoken to him**, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

## **1 Corinthians 9:1-2**

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

## **2 Corinthians 12:12**

Truly, the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

## Who else was named as an apostle of this second-tier group?

- **James**, the half-brother of Jesus 1 Corinthians 15:7-9 with Gal. 1:19:
- **Barnabas** Acts 14:14
- **Silas and Timothy** 1 Thessalonians 1:1 with 2:6