

THE EGYPTIAN MAGICIANS IN OUR MIDST

CAN WE KNOW THEM?



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Introduction and background information

A *magician* is somebody with a supernatural power and can be able to do many things beyond human nature as we all know. It can also be defined as a spiritualist or practitioner of mystic arts which are often derogatory i.e., mysteries that serve to detract people somewhere and with a hidden secret and character.

The Egyptian Magicians were those “**wise men**” called by Pharaoh **to counter Moses** and Aaron as they were requesting the release of the children of Israel from Egypt by using wonders and miracles at his sight, claiming to have been sent by God of heaven and earth. Those Magicians were called *Jannes and Jambres* as Paul mentioned in **2 Timothy 3:8** as they opposed Moses and Aaron with counterfeit faith. We could be having such people in our midst. Do you know of any counterfeit faith nowadays?

These magicians-*Jannes and Jambres*- are referred to in the Islamic book- The Quran- as ‘*Harut and Marut*’ who were trials to the people and through them the people were tested with sorcery; that they were based in Babel and were also present during the reign of king Solomon;(Quran chapter 2:102,103). The English Orientalist and scholar, *David Samuel Margoliouth* asserted that the “*Harut and Marut*” were none other than *Jannes and Jambres* (www.islamicsm.com).

Since both Christians and Muslims believe that magicians existed and that they could do miracles seen as equivalent to what God could do, it is worth investigating how their actions were and how they were differentiated from those of the real GOD of heaven and earth (*Elohim-Yahweh*)

When Moses was sent to Egypt by Elohim- Yahweh-, the God of Israel to free the Israelites from slavery, Pharaoh resisted, prompting Moses and Aaron to perform extraordinary miracles & signs to convince him otherwise. However, he managed to reach out to his magicians-*Jannes and Jambres*- who equally performed the same miracles at his sight, hence hardening him much longer. Could we be having such ‘spiritual’ opposing powers in our midst?

In **Exodus 7:10-12**, Moses and Aaron threw their rod and it became a serpent, and the Egyptian magicians did the same as well. The question we are building here is, “***Whose powers were they using to do this? Were they God’s?***” possibly not! Since we have *Elohim* using Aaron and Moses and he **cannot compete against himself!** There must have been other opposing and competing ‘supernatural’ powers to that of God of Israel. Can they be in our midst also?

Not only did these magicians manage to throw their rods and be serpents but also other plaques except the one for lies when they declared, “***This must be the finger of God***” (Exodus 8:16-19); All through, even in other plagues, they could not be compared with God’s signs and miracles! They could have been doing some **secret tricks and arts** as we are told in Exodus 7:22 that, “...*The magicians did the same by ‘THEIR SECRET ART...’*. But the question one can ask is, “**Since Moses and Aaron had already turned all waters to blood in rivers and streams, how then could the magicians do it again when all the waters were already blooded?** Perhaps in a vessel or a cup! Think so. Also in Exodus 8:6-7, we are told; “...*The Egyptian Magicians did the same by their secret art and threw frogs to the land...*” I therefore really doubt whether they brought **fresh frogs** from the river or they used what Moses and Aaron had caused to come out! How could it be differentiated? The frogs brought by the rod of Aaron had already flooded the place including the palace! So, how can we be sure that the magicians brought them in addition to what was already there? Think about it seriously.

The question one should ask himself is, “Why Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron to pray to God to take away the frogs yet the magicians could do just that? Why couldn’t they assist their king to take away the frogs if they were genuine?” (Exodus 8:8); It says, “Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “*Pray to the LORD to take the frogs away from me and my people, and I will let your people go to offer sacrifices to the LORD...*” **verse 7** is clear that they did so by “**their secret art**”. That’s why they couldn’t be called to remove them. Are there these secret artists in our midst who can disguise as if they do various wonders yet, they do none but cleverly deceive our eyes as they could do to Pharaoh?

Going forward, in **1 Kings 13:1**, there came a prophet of Elohim from Judah unto Bethel and performed a sign/miracle by proclaiming the destruction of the altar of Jeroboam which happened immediately. But when the other “**Prophet**” heard this, he followed him and deceived him that he was also a prophet like him. (**Verse 13-19**). And he lied to him that the lord has spoken to him through his Angel “... *So, the prophet said to him, “Come home with me and eat.” The man of God said, “I cannot turn back and go with you, nor can I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. I have been told by the word of the LORD: ‘You must not eat bread or drink water there or return by the way you came.’ The old prophet answered, “I too I’m a prophet, as you are. And an angel said to me by the word of the LORD: ‘Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.’ (But he was lying to him...)*”. Unfortunately, he was able to convince him. However, it’s worth noting that the Lord later killed this man as he hearkens to the voice of the “**Prophet**” other than **the command of Elohim (his God)**-that “***You must not go back, and eat or drink in Bethel.***” Could we be having this “prophets’ in our midst, who cause us to go against the command of Elohim the only God of heaven and earth, because they claim to have been spoken to by the angel or God himself?

The Egyptian magicians were also present during the time of Jeremiah and Ezekiel but they were calling themselves ‘**Prophets**’; In **Jeremiah 29:8**, Elohim warned the Israelites

against them saying, *“Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are amongst you deceive you and do not listen to the dreams which they dream, for It’s a lie which they are prophesying to you **IN MY NAME!** I did not send them”*. It is a fact that these prophets could dream and prophecy, but then the Lord declared that he hadn’t sent them despite using his name! Can they also be amongst us? If yes, then the Lord says, **“Do not listen to them.”** They will cause you to err, as they did to the man of God from Judah (**1st Kings 13:1-**)

Elohim also sent Ezekiel to prophesy against them in **Ezekiel 13:1**; He said, *“...Those prophets prophesy out of their minds saying, **“Hear the word of the Lord”** yet the Lord has not sent them!”* Are they in our midst? How many are using the term ‘**The Lord has said...**’ today? I guess many! Moving further, He said, *“...Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!”* That they could only see delusions in their minds, making people think that indeed God had sent them when God himself said he had not! Interesting indeed!

As illustrated in the above two scriptures, it’s clear that there were and even now are, two types of prophets; Those from God-as Moses and Aaron-and those not from God-as the two Egyptian magicians. And as Elohim himself puts it here, **Magicians could not do anything but, the delusions of their minds and that of Pharaoh** as he could strongly, undoubtedly and unquestionably believe in them! The question is: “Could we be seeing **delusions** in miracles and wonders in our churches nowadays? “How could we differentiate the true and the false prophets during Ezekiel's time? Are there any chances that you could as well follow these prophets as Pharaoh who had unquestionably believed in Egyptian magicians? Could the miracles and wonders in our churches be a secret art of pastors and prophets? It’s worth investigating this-of course with a clear conscience and with no prejudice at all

The False Prophets and Miracles

Yahshua (Jesus) himself in the book of **Mathew 7:15-**, warned his followers not to follow those prophets- Magicians- saying, *“Be aware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves...”* Here, He made it clear that they wear **sheep's clothing**. I.e. they do and have all which the prophets of God should have and do, hence hard for people to know them; And as we could know the Egyptian magicians by their fruits-swallowing of their rods by Aaron’s rod, - Messiah as well assured us that, we shall know them by their fruits. It’s worth asking ourselves, ‘What fruits are these and how can we know them?’ In **verse 21** Messiah also said that not all who say “**Lord**”, “**Lord**”, shall enter the kingdom, but those who do the will of God; that, many will insist on that day saying, *“Didn’t we do many miracles and wonders in your name?”* But what will they be told? *“Depart from me you evildoers; I never knew you.”* Very Sad indeed! Can you imagine such a denial from The Messiah himself after doing all the miracles and wonders amazing in the eyes of believers in ‘**HIS NAME**’ thinking you are working for him? An intense and sincere soul-searching is

needed even if able to perform great works of ‘Spirit’; it’s healthy for you even before believing in any word of any preacher.

It is therefore clear from the above that many miracle-doers might not be coming from God; imagine Messiah does not even know them! Are they evildoers? Is healing an evil act? Why does the Messiah call them evildoers? In **2nd Corinthians 11:13**, Paul said “*Such men are false apostles deceitfully disguising themselves as apostles of Christ yet they are not.*” Wow! An answer given to us is, “**They are false apostles who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ.**” No wonder Yahshua will call them ‘**evil doers**’ and that he did not know them! But who gives them the power to do these miracles? Can they be of secret arts as the Egyptian Magicians could do? The answer is right here with you; **Verse 14** says “*No wonder even Satan disguises Himself as an Angel of light and so it’s not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; their end will correspond with their deeds.*” It is now brought to our attention that not only Elohim –God of Israel -or his Angels can do miracles in our eyes-including healing the sick, -but also Satan; that; Not only apostles of God can do this mighty issue but also the false apostles! And as Messiah Lord said what will happen last, Paul repeats it saying, “*Their end will correspond with their deeds*”. The question is how can we know and differentiate them? Are they in our midst?

Testing The Spirits

As it is stipulated in **2nd Corinthians 13:1**, that every word must be sustained by the evidence of two or more witnesses, John the apostle of Christ also warned brethren then of believing in any spirit. He said, “*Test the spirit and see whether they come from God; for many false prophets have come into the world*” (**1st John 4:1**). Therefore, we do have an obligation, role and duty to test the spirits who are in our midst. We have been given the mandate to do so. Could the miracles we see in our churches come from God? Could they come from Satan-as said by Paul? Could they be from a secret art like that of Egyptian magicians? Or could they be delusions of our minds (or the minds of the prophets) as said by God to Ezekiel? (**Ezekiel 13:1**). Every person who would like to enter the kingdom of God must ask himself/herself these questions before making any decision to follow these miracles.

As we have been given this mandate of testing, one needs to know the right test to use appropriately, to get the desired outcome; The following paragraphs will just open your minds and eyes to the test to use, but you can add more and more of the same; remember, the Bible is the standard reference and marking scheme (so to speak) from the tests.

Test 1: The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)

This is the first and most important test to know the people of God and those that disguise themselves as from God. It’s a perfect test to differentiate false miracles from false prophets -and

true ones from the prophets of God. The ‘**Egyptian magicians**’ in our midst can be known through this test.

God himself gave these commandments to his people to differentiate them from the rest of the world, and since they define what sin is, they differentiate a sinner and a righteous man. *“I wouldn’t have known sin had it not been for the commandment....I wouldn’t have known covetousness had the law not said **“DO NOT COVET...” (Romans 7:7)**. God himself declared to Moses in **Deuteronomy 4:6-8**; “... Observe them, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.”And what other nation is so great as to have **such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?**” We can know who comes from God by looking at this, John said “We know that we love him if we keep his commandments; anyone who says he loves him and doesn’t keep this is a liar and the truth is not in him” (**1st John 2:3**). So if you are looking for the true prophet of God and the true miracles from God, test the miracle performers if they keep these commandments of God; Isaiah in his book, **-Isaiah 8:19,20-** said, “.....if they do not speak according to the law, and the testimony, surely there’s no light in them...” Do they do this?*

Test 2: The Sabbath day (Exodus 20:8-11)

This is one of the Ten Commandments as illustrated above (**Exodus 20; 1-17**). But as opposed to the rest, God himself explained it in detail unlike just saying “**DO NOT**” as he did for other commandments. He used the word “**REMEMBER**” which is not used in any other commandment amongst the ten; He also stated why he is telling us to observe this day, by himself being an example that; he worked for six days and rested on the seventh day. He also blessed that day as in **Genesis 2:2-**! Getting these blessings on this specific day (the seventh day) is crucial for God’s people.

Using this specific commandment of God as a test for the Egyptian magicians in our midst is drawn from the book of **Exodus 31:12** which says “...*Speak thou unto the children of Israel saying, “verily, **my Sabbath** you shall keep for it is a sign between me and you through your generations, that you may know that I am the lord that doth sanctify you...”* God of Israel (*Yahweh*) told them that, this commandment -**The Sabbath day-** is a sign between them and God in all generations and since this Sabbath was given to us as the Gentiles through Yahshua who is an Israelite by the flesh (**Romans 9:4.**), and that we seek to pray and worship this one **God of Israel (who gave this commandment)**, we are obliged to observe this Sabbath **as a sign that we belong to him**. It was extended to us as the strangers to God’s covenant in **Isaiah 56:6** which says, “.....*And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my*

house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Therefore, we can test who is God’s and who isn’t using just this.

As if not enough, God repeated this word in **Ezekiel 20:12, 20** saying, *“I gave them my Sabbath to be a sign between me and them that they may know I am God who saved them “*, so it is clear from the above two scriptures that the fourth commandment-**Remember the Sabbath day** is to be used as the crucial and important test for God’s people. It’s a sign between him and them! Ignore not!

During Paul’s time, many years after the death and resurrection of Messiah, believers were admonished to keep this Sabbath; He said *“...There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God for everyone who enters God’s rest, also rest from his work just as God did finish his (Hebrews 4:9-10).* This **Sabbath rest** is for the people of God; it was created for them as Christ said *“Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath and that the son of man is the lord even of the Sabbath...”(Mark 2:27,28)*. It was made for you and me and It is a sign from God himself to know his people; Imagine not only Christ could attend fellowship on Sabbath as illustrated in **Luke 4:16**, but also Paul and other apostles following Christ's footsteps as in **Acts 13:42-44** could fellowship on this particular day.

Do you think the miracles and wonders in our midst are from God, yet the sign (remembering the Sabbath day) proves the contrary? Can they be the ‘Egyptian *magicians*’ in our midst? Is the performer of these miracles a Sabbath keeper? Does he or she **“Remember”** this sign as God said? Since Pharaoh was left to judge between the Magicians and Moses, you are likewise left with the burden of the judgment of these prophets performing wonders and miracles in our churches. The guiding question is: **Do the powers they are using come from Elohim?** If yes, then how do we prove them? What is the sign for God’s people? Remember miracles do not make one righteous in any way, but doing the will of God does (**Mathew 7:21-**). **keeping** the Ten Commandments e.g. *“Do not kill’* and even *“Remember the Sabbath day...”* is just doing the will of God. He doesn’t want us to sin and sin is breaking these commandments e.g., killing and so his will is for you not to kill, for you to respect your parents, for you to keep the Sabbath day holy etc. I can therefore test all the ‘Egyptian *magicians*’ and God’s prophets using this sure sign: **“REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY”**

Test 3: Miracles’ Target Group and Purpose

Here, the question to ask ourselves is, ‘Who are the targets and the purpose for the miracles?’ The purpose of Moses’ miracles was to convince the pharaoh to release the children of Israel and the target was the pharaoh. The purpose of the Egyptian magicians on the other hand was to counter Moses and otherwise convince the Pharaoh who was their target as well.

Was there any need for Moses and Aaron to go to the Egyptians themselves - in villages - who did not need any miracle at all? Couldn't it have been a misplaced target for them to go to people who needed no Miracle or sign? Pharaoh the king was the only one who needed a sign to accept that Moses and Aaron were sent by God of heaven and earth. Servants of God only perform miracles when need be and to those who need them not just in crusades.

Yahshua (Jesus) himself a miracle worker could do miracles and signs to prove that indeed he was the son of Elohim (God) which the Jews could not believe without such extraordinary works. He ought to demonstrate that! He once rebuked the Jews then that, it's an **adulterous generation requiring a sign** and promised to give just but one ultimate miracle sign of resurrection after three days and three nights of death. (**Mathew 12:39-40**). The most important point of concern here is his target; he would not only do miracles and wonders for people to praise him and make a name from them, but he would do it at the right time and to the right target. He would heal the sick whenever he came across them. It was the sick that were looking for him and not vice versa! He would not announce that he would be performing miracles and healing the sick and disabled in such a place on certain dates! Different indeed from what many prophets do. In **Luke 7:2-5** the Jews pleaded with *Yahshua* to go and heal one Jewish servant who was almost dying and he went; he did not order to be brought to the field or stadium where he will be performing healing miracles. He once healed a leper who in **Mathew 8:2-4**, warned not to tell anybody. It says, "*.....A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."* *Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. Then Jesus said to him, "See that you don't tell anyone..."* How many announce the miracles they've done through mass media like television or radio? Are they following the Messiah son of God which is the standard for all to follow? Can such acts raise any questions about the target group? What could be the purpose of announcing? Could they want to win praise from us and call them names like '**MIGHTY**'? It's upon you my dear reader to answer these questions and test them if indeed they are the servants of God of heaven and earth (**Yahweh/Elohim**) or other gods unknown to us! Miracles from this only God of Heaven and Earth happen **spontaneously**, when need be, they are not planned and they cannot be announced to win a name for somebody, since God is the one performing such wonderful acts through his servants as vessels only. (**James 2:20-**)

In **Mathew 9:12 and Luke 5:31**, *Yahshua* implied that those who are healthy have no need of a doctor but the sick. It says, "*...On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick...."* In our current dispensation, sick people are mostly found in hospitals, disabled in the streets begging for money and some at home. It's therefore ironical and illogical for a qualified physician, say a neurosurgeon, to leave the critically ill patients in the hospital and go to the stadiums and announce that he will be doing operations there; that; there will be a mega healing for them! One can question his intention to do that since those who can come to the stadium for 'OPERATIONS' is normal and healthy! They do not need surgery as compared to

those in the intensive care unit of the hospital who are badly in need of his services! Are we not right to say he has a different intention from the ‘operations’ he claims to do? Ask yourself why should someone claim to be performing healing miracles for all the ailments in a crusade at a certain stadium where the healthy are, instead of going to hospitals and streets where the sick and disabled are. Who is most in need of the healing, those in the stadiums or the hospitals? Yahshua our standard could walk along the streets healing the sick, crippled blind etc. he would not go to a crusade and announce for all the sick to come there for the healing! I wonder if the ‘healings’ we normally hear and see in various churches and crusades were just delusions of our minds as the Egyptian magicians could do. Could they be a secret art of the ‘prophets’? Could they be stage-managed just to win the believers’ hearts?

The Egyptian magicians could not perform any miracle or sign but through their secret art, they could somehow manage to win the heart of the pharaoh. The only question pharaoh and any sober-minded person could ask is: why weren't the magicians able to remove frogs, lice or all the other plaques from the land? Why did Moses and Aaron have to be called yet the magicians had equal powers and abilities to do just that? It was supposed to be their sole role to neutralize all the plaques vested upon the land! But they were not able to. This alone was supposed to be an indication of their false miracles/signs the same way going to a crusade to heal the sick and ignoring the real sick people in hospitals and streets, is an indication of the false prophets in the current dispensation-**the ‘Egyptian magicians’ in our midst.** Any sober-minded person cannot avoid subjecting them to such scrutiny before accepting and following them.

Test 4: Humility

Humbleness was a common trait of Yahshua and even his followers after him. Paul once told the Philippians to emulate the Messiah in their humility. He said, “.....*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!*” (**Philippians 2:5-8**) This should be the attitude of all the followers of Christ as well. They should be like servants and not like kings, as many are today. Yahshua did not want to take the whole authority of his nature as the son of Elohim. He could not even want to be like a king, governor or president! A classic example is his entry into Jerusalem using a young donkey instead of a convoy of horses and chariots as could be done by kings then. (**Mathew 21:1-5**). If it was today, would he use the big convoys and securities that many ‘servants of God use? I guess not, in light of the above choice to use a donkey instead of a horse.

He would just be simple. He wants his genuine servants to be as such and not as kings, governors or presidents in any way. Judge it for yourself before following any ‘prophet’ or miracle worker;

does he/she portray the such character of humility as our saviour? It's a character sign for his true followers. Test them on this as well!

Another indication of a lack of humility and a show of pride which is a clear test of the false miracles from the false prophets is exercising **LORDSHIP** over God's people. Peter once warned the church elders not to be Lords over God's heritage but examples (**1 Peter 5:2-3**). How many do that? Many want to be seen as lords and be next to God in command! They want all the people under them and praise them instead of God for the miracles they do- a classic reflection of the 'Egyptian magicians' indeed in our midst! Some even have gone to the point of equating themselves with God the Almighty by calling themselves '**MIGHTY**'! God is the only one who is mighty and none is to be compared with him. He once said He cannot share his authority with anybody. And since he is the same God even now as it's said in **Malachi 3:6** that he cannot change, his authority and titles remain for him and indeed he cannot share with anybody however holy he/she may be. In **Genesis 49:24** we find that he is the only one who is called mighty. It says, "..... *But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,*" So, for one to call himself/herself '**MIGHTY**' is not only a display of pride and lack of humility but also equating himself/herself with God the creator of heaven and earth! For instance, to say '**MIGHTY SERVANT OF GOD**', is making the '**SERVANT mightier than GOD!**' In light of the above scripture, isn't it right to say, '**SERVANT OF THE MIGHTY GOD**', which makes God mightier?

Dear reader, it's your sole duty, responsibility and judgment to test the prophets and the miracles we see nowadays if really, they come from Elohim the God of Heaven and Earth or other gods. The tests illustrated above are among many the distinction between the true servants of and the false prophets-as the Egyptian magicians-who perform miracles to lure the unsuspecting believers unto believing in them which Paul said they will perish for believing in such counterfeit miracles -as those from Egyptian magicians-He said, "*....The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan, displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refuse to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason, God sends them a **powerful delusion** so that they will believe the lie (2 Thessalonians 2:9-11).*" It is sad that some of these miracles are the work of Satan as Paul stated and that they deceive only those who refuse to love the truth. They are given strong delusions to believe the lies-**counterfeit miracles**. It's good for you my dear reader to develop this '**LOVE FOR THE TRUTH**' as it is, from the scriptures for you to be saved from such strong delusions in false miracles which might lead you to perish in the hellfire

The 'Egyptian magicians' in our midst can only be known and seen clearly through the above test by any truth-seeking person who would like to avoid their deception and hence enter the kingdom of God by believing the true word of God from his true servants.

Summary

- The Egyptian magicians were those ‘wise men’ called by the pharaoh to counter signs and wonders performed by Moses and Aaron in Egypt. In the bible, they were called **Jannes and Jambres**
- Through their secret art, they could manage to convince the pharaoh that they could also do the same as Moses and Aaron only that they could not remove the plaques from the land as Moses and Aaron could do when called by the pharaoh. This was an indication that their signs were not genuine but secret art or using delusions of mind as Ezekiel observed in **Ezekiel 13:1-**
- These ‘Egyptian magicians’ are present nowadays in our midst as prophets who claim to do many miracles to lure people to their sides for their private selfish gains. Yahshua warned us against them in **Matthew 24:24-** “that they will deceive even the elect ones if possible
- Just as the sincerity and honesty of the Egyptian magicians were known by their failure to remove the plagues from the land, the ‘Egyptian magicians’ in our midst-false prophets-can be known by their fruits as Yahshua said in **Matthew 7:15-16**. We are given the mandate to test them before believing even if they do wonderful acts of the spirit (**1 John 4:1**)
- The following four tests are amongst many, the most important and clearer indication of who is God’s and who is not. Which miracles and signs are from God and which ones are not? We can know the ‘Egyptian magicians’ in our midst by looking at these tests drawn from the scriptures alone

TEST 1: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS-(Isaiah 8:20)- it’s the first and primary test for the people of God. It can even stand alone without the rest. It is God’s code of good and bad, sin and righteousness. A sinner can only be known by this as they define sin and a sinner. Any miracle worker disregarding these doesn’t come from God and his miracles are not from the spirit of God of heaven and earth (Elohim) as in **1 John 2:3-5 and Revelation 14:12**. They might be secret art or just delusions. Watch them.

TEST 2: THE SABBATH DAY-(EXODUS 20:8-11) - It is the only sign given by God himself to his people. God’s people are known by this sign. (**Ezekiel 20:12, 20** and **Exodus 31:12**). You serve the true God if you have this sign and vice versa if you don’t! He stated this commandment with many words starting with the word “**REMEMBER**” which is not used anywhere in all the other commandments. It also is an introduction to God, his authority and why he gives us this day among the seven days of the week that he rested on, blessed and sanctified, expecting us to follow his example. (**Genesis 2:2**). Yahshua as well declared himself that he is the Lord of the Sabbath after saying Sabbath was made for man (**Mark 2:27, 28**). Anyone who doesn’t have this God-given sign is not from God and neither is he His servant, nor Christ’s follower and that the

miracles he performs do not come from HIM-they are counterfeit miracles as in **Thessalonians 2:9-11** just like ones from the Egyptian magicians in the Old Testament.

TEST 3: THE MIRACLES' TARGET GROUP AND PURPOSE- miracles from God should at all-time be targeted at the needy group proposing to save lives and glorify Elohim the God of heaven and earth. Healing miracles from God through his servants are always targeted at the sick and not the healthy ones as Messiah hinted in **Luke 5:31** that' "***The healthy does not need a physician***". Announcing for people to come expecting mega healing miracles in a crusade instead of healing the real sick people in the hospitals and even crippled and blind in the streets is likened to a physician who claims to do neurosurgery to the needy patients in the stadium while the real needy are in the hospital desperate for help! Even Yahshua (Christ) did not do that. Their target and purpose are questionable. It's only the false prophets-the 'Egyptian magicians'- who do this. All miracles from Elohim (God) are spontaneous and cannot be planned evident by the ministry of Yahshua himself (**Mark 1:39-44**). James suggested the sick be the ones calling on the servants of God! (**James 5:13-**) and not vice versa.

TEST 4: HUMILITY-This is a trait commonly portrayed by Yahshua and his followers who even suggested the same to us (**Philippians 2:5-**). He once taught us to be like little children if we want to be great and to portray this trait of a servant and not king. (**Mathew 18:1-**). The false miracle workers can be tested through this. Do they have this trait? Do they want themselves to be glorified instead of God? Do they call themselves '**MIGHTY**'? The Bible shows only one is mighty, **Elohim** God the creator of heaven and earth (**Genesis 49:24**). He says he shares this authority with nobody else.

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