

Why NAR (New Apostolic Reformation) movement is dangerous

The New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) introduces unbiblical teachings that distort the gospel and lead believers astray. Here are key concerns with Scripture to clarify its dangers:

False Authority of Modern Apostles and Prophets

NAR elevates modern “apostles” and “prophets” as authoritative, often equating their words with Scripture.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching...

Ephesians 2:20 True apostles laid the church’s foundation not hold conferences.

Obsession with Miraculous Signs and Wonders

NAR prioritizes miracles and experiences over the gospel.

Matthew 12:39 An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign.

1 Timothy 6:3-4 Scripture calls for sound teaching, not sensationalism.

Dominion Theology

NAR claims the church will establish God’s kingdom on earth before Christ’s return.

John 18:36 My kingdom is not of this world.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven...meet the Lord in the air

2 Timothy 3:1-7 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

Manipulation and Control

Leaders misuse “*touch not the Lord’s anointed*” (Psalm 105:15) to suppress criticism and force loyalty.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

2 Corinthians 11:13-14 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

False Prophecies

NAR prophets frequently fail, violating God’s standard.

Deuteronomy 18:22 “If the word does not come to pass... that is a word the Lord has not spoken”

False prophecies harm faith and dishonor God.

Conclusion: The NAR misleads by distorting the gospel, elevating man’s authority, and prioritizing experiences over Christ. Believers must remain rooted in Scripture and test all teachings against the Word of God.

Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts”.

2 Timothy 4:1-4 I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead *at His appearing and His kingdom*; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

From a Pastor's wife on how NAR destroyed their church fellowship:

"Just found this two weeks late but want to share my story (it is a bit hard to share, as we know we have a lot to be forgiven for and we have a lot of things we should have/could have/would have done differently, if we had had the wisdom). I'm sharing because I want you to know how easily you can be manipulated by NAR without even realizing it.

My husband and I were young and inexperienced when he became the lead pastor of a little church. He was given way too much power, zero training, no one was there to be "guidance" or "accountability" or "wisdom" for him. He is and always was a good man, so he never took advantage of any of that - but we were young and did not have the wisdom that's needed in such a position.

Anyway - basically, we had a group of people join our (again, TINY) church who we quickly became close friends with. We brought them onto our "leadership team" and eventually they were involved in everything with us, kind of like a team of staff (some of them were paid, some not. No one was paid much, including my husband, fwiw).

Over time, slowly, and right under our noses and even with our permission - NAR started seeping its way into our church. We had never heard of it and had no idea what it was... but we 100% unintentionally allowed it in. We allowed it to be preached and taught in our church. We allowed NAR to take over so much, that eventually we realized what was happening and tried to put a stop to it (we didn't have a name for it still, but we started noticing the unbiblical stuff). He tried to call out some of the false teachings he was recognizing... pull back on some of the things we had allowed in. Push back on some of the practices that were going on in our church. And by that point, we had accidentally allowed it to go so far that everyone in our church absolutely hated our guts for daring to push back against it/against the leaders who were encouraging it/etc.

To this day, neither of us can fathom how we allowed it in, and in leadership, and to TAKE OVER without even realizing it. It's like... it snuck in, tiny little bits at a time. It snuck in, hiding itself in little bits of scripture so we felt like it was "biblical," little bits at a time, until it just so blatantly wasn't biblical anymore. We were manipulated into believing and basically practicing NAR by the end (not the nationalism part but the rest of our church definitely fell in line with that part, too).

Thanks be to God, he got us out. One day we knew it was time to go, and we left. When my husband resigned, the denomination decided it was time to shut down the church, and they sold the building. It wasn't until much later that we discovered NAR and WOW it has helped us process what happened to us (or what we allowed to happen, depending on how harsh we are being with ourselves that day).

We ask for forgiveness regularly for the harm we caused anyone who stepped foot into our church. We ask for forgiveness for allowing something in that destroyed a church that had been a church for well over a century. For the sins we committed in becoming a part of this, and for not having the wisdom to avoid it. We pray that the harm we caused would be fixed and that people's eyes would be opened like ours have been opened.

Please don't get me wrong - there were (obviously) so many issues before my husband became the lead pastor (otherwise there would have been wise counsel, a board, etc.) But NAR wasn't one of them that was there prior to us - and NAR is what killed it in the end. And on a personal note, NAR is what almost killed us. We are both still healing from the trauma of that place, and literally moved across the state to get away.

I pray that this destructive force would be recognized and brought OUT of churches instead of continually being brought IN. It is truly heartbreaking the damage this can cause."

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