

1 **Marcion and Montanus**2 **Marcion**

- Marcion was a bishop's son who was active in the mid-100s.
- Marcion taught that the God of the Old Testament was not the God and Father of Jesus.
 - The Old Testament God created this evil world of suffering.
 - The Old Testament God is angry and violent.
 - The Old Testament God loves only the Jews.
 - The Father of Jesus is a God of love for all people.

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- Marcion rejected all of the Old Testament and accepted only a highly edited version of the Gospel of Luke and most of Paul's epistles as the word of God.
- Marcion's followers maintained a strictly ascetic lifestyle.

4 **Montanus**

- Montanus and two prophetesses preached with the voice of the Holy Spirit in Asia Minor in the mid-to-late 100s.
- Montanus' teachings
 - Montanus opposed Gnosticism.
 - Montanus opposed worldliness and compromise.
 - Montanus proclaimed the rapid return of Christ.
 - Montanus said that anyone who disagreed with him blasphemed the Holy Spirit.