

“False Prophets”  
Ezekiel 13

vv. 1-2a Q. Who was Ezekiel supposed to speak to next?

A.

v. 2b Q. What was their main description?

A.

Read Jeremiah 14:14

Read Jeremiah 23:17

Q. What was the message to them?

A.

Q. Why is this ironic?

A.

Q. By way of review, what is then so important about being reminded of 2:4?

A.

v. 3 Q. What is the divine word from the LORD?

A.

Note: The Hebrew word, "\_\_\_\_\_!" is an interjection. Cp. 2:10. It anticipates a time of \_\_\_\_\_ and pain to its objects.

Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1-6. How does John use this theme?

v. 4 Q. How are these prophets further described?

A.

1. They are like \_\_\_\_\_ (foxes, coyotes, wild dogs) – scavenger animals looking for vulnerable prey or dead things to eat.
- v. 5. 2. They do not have the \_\_\_\_\_ to help but hide in their burrows.
- v. 6a 3. Their visions are \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Their divinations are a \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. 6b 5. They are \_\_\_\_\_. They honestly think God is speaking to them and expect their prophecies to be fulfilled.
- v. 7 6. They refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ their false status even when it is apparent to all.

Read Deuteronomy 18:21-22. What is one test of a false prophet?

Q. What is the second test?

Read Deuteronomy 13:1-5

A.

v. 8 Q. What consequences will a false prophet suffer per the word of the LORD.?

A.

1. The Sovereign Lord will be \_\_\_\_\_ them.

Note the change of title – speaking to \_\_\_\_\_ and not covenant.

v. 9a 2. The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ will be against them.

v. 9b 3. They will not \_\_\_\_\_ to the counsel of my people.

Note: This means that they will lose their public \_\_\_\_\_ or that they have been \_\_\_\_\_ from being used as a true prophet of God.

4. They will not be listed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the house of Israel.

Note: This means that they will lose their public \_\_\_\_\_ and/or their \_\_\_\_\_ standing with God.

5. They will never enter the \_\_\_\_\_ again.

v. 9c Q. What is the common intent?

A.

Note: Sovereign Lord = Lord Yahweh is added to this phrase that is not in 4:7,9; 11:10; 12:20.

v. 10. Q. What is another reason for the rebuke?

A.

1. Because they lead my people \_\_\_\_\_ saying, "Peace" when there is not peace.

Read Jeremiah 6:13-15

Read Jeremiah 23:17-19

2. Because when a flimsy wall is built, they cover it with \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: Instead of \_\_\_\_\_ people of the wall's inadequacy and even danger, they simply cover over it. They lead people to believe that it is \_\_\_\_\_ and secure when it is not; it is \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 11a Q. What is the message that God has for these prophets?

A. The wall will fall. You will be \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 11b Q. What will God metaphorically use to expose them?

A. (general) \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ will come in torrents.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ will be hurled down.

3. Violent \_\_\_\_\_ will burst forth.

v. 12 Q. What will the people say when this judgment happens?

A.

v. 13 Q. What does the LORD affirm?

A.

v. 14a Q. What will the LORD do?

A.

1. God will \_\_\_\_\_ the prophecies as false; tear it down.
2. But he will also expose the \_\_\_\_\_ or that which was ultimately behind those prophecies.

v. 14b 3. When it falls, you will fall with it and be \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Jeremiah 14:15-16.

v. 14c Q. What is the common intent, but more specific?

A.

v. 15a Q. What is reiterated?

A. God's wrath will be felt against the wall [the false \_\_\_\_\_ structure] and the plaster [the false \_\_\_\_\_].

vv. 15b-16 Q. What will God say to the people?

A.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is gone.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ are gone.

### **A Word to False Prophetesses**

v. 17 Q. Who does the LORD direct his attention to next?

A.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of your people who prophecy; prophetesses.

2. Who prophecied out of their own \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 18a Q. What does the LORD say?

A.

1. Woe to the women who sew \_\_\_\_\_ charms on all their wrists.

Note: Literally, "They sew \_\_\_\_\_ to all arm holes or all joints of the arm." (KJV) Cp. Jer. 38:12 – armpits.

2. Who make \_\_\_\_\_ of various lengths for their heads in order to ensnare people.

Note: The word "veil" can also indicate a form of \_\_\_\_\_ – which makes sense given the accusation in the next sentence.

Note: These false prophetesses wore unique \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to allure their victims.

v. 18b Q. What question does the Lord pose to these prophetesses?

A. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ the lives of my people but \_\_\_\_\_ your own [through financial or produce gain]?

v. 19a Q. What does the LORD accuse them of?

A. You have \_\_\_\_\_ me among my people for a few handfuls of barley and scraps of bread.

Q. What does it mean to "profane" God?

A. It means to \_\_\_\_\_ him or lower Him to common place – usually with other gods – or to a point of no consequence.

Read the following passages and formulate a further understanding.

Leviticus 18:21

Leviticus 19:12,

Leviticus 21:6

Leviticus 22:2

Leviticus 22:32-33

v. 19b Q. What were the results of their ministry?

A.

1. By lying to those willing to listen you \_\_\_\_\_ those who should not have died [perhaps earnestly seeking to hear from the Lord]
2. By lying, you have also \_\_\_\_\_ those who should not live.

Q. What does this mean?

A. They \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous to the point of no hope or in making decisions where they literally lost their lives, and they \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked so that they would keep going – in their wickedness. Cp. v. 22

v. 20 Q. What action steps is the LORD going to take?

A.

1. I am against your magic charms, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ them from your arms.
2. I will set \_\_\_\_\_ the people that you ensnare.

v. 21a

3. I will \_\_\_\_\_ the veil from your faces.
4. I will \_\_\_\_\_ my people from your hands
5. They will no longer fall \_\_\_\_\_ to your power.

v. 21 Q. What was the common intent?

A.

v. 22 Q. What is the further clarification of verse 19?

A.

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous with your lies when I had brought them no grief (negative prophesy).
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked not to turn from their evil ways and so to save their lives.

v. 23a Q. What is the conclusion of the matter?

A.

1. You will \_\_\_\_\_ see false visions or practice divination.
2. I will \_\_\_\_\_ my people from your hands.

Read Zechariah 13:1-6

v. 23b Q. What is the common intent?

A.

Q. How did Jesus address this issue in his day?

A.

1. Matthew 7:15-20



2. Matthew 24:11, 24

Q. Were there true and false prophets/prophetesses in the New Testament?

Read Acts 11:21

Read Acts 13:6

Read Acts 21:8-9

Read Acts 21:10-11

Read Revelation 2:20

Note: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Read (on your own) 1 Corinthians 12-14 and spiritual gift of prophecy for the encouragement of the church.

Q. Predicted?

Read Revelation 16:13

Read Revelation 19:20

Q. Do you believe that there are prophets today?

A. Three Main Positions:

1.

2.

3.

Q. There has been a drastic increase in self-proclaimed prophets over the last ten years. How do we discern if they are true or not?

A.

Q. Why is the level of biblical illiteracy a problem?

A.

Q. What is the false messaging being touted today?

A.

Q. If the false messaging is the lie at present, what is the wall? The foundation?

A.

1. Wall =

2. Foundation =

Q. Are horoscopes, Ouija Boards, palm readings, and tarot cards for predicting the future harmless?

A.