

"False Prophets"  
Ezekiel 13

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

A. Prophecy against the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel who are prophesying, e.g. Jer. 28.

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

A. They prophesied out of their own \_\_\_\_\_. They were false prophets who did not speak on behalf of God.

Read Jeremiah 14:14

Read Jeremiah 23:16

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. \_\_\_\_\_ to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirits and have seen nothing!

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

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

A.

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.

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

A.

Q. Read Deuteronomy 13:1-5. What is the second test?

A. When their prophecy does come true, but they use it to lead others \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

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.

Note: In other words, where are your prophetic words now? They have been proven \_\_\_\_\_.

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 prophecy 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.

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_
2. God \_\_\_\_\_ everyone (i.e. tolerates sin)
3. The bible is not \_\_\_\_\_ for today.
4. The church needs to catch up with times; be \_\_\_\_\_ socially.
5. There are \_\_\_\_\_ ways of getting to heaven.

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.