

Deuteronomy 13:1-18 **False Prophets**

Prophet with Sign that Happens but Message is False

¹ "If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, ² and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods'--which you have not known--'and let us serve them,'

God is Testing You To See If You Can Discern the Deception

³ "you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

You Must Choose To Reject the False Message

⁴ You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.

Death Penalty for the Deceiving Prophet

⁵ But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.

No Matter How Close The Family Relationship;

⁶ "If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers, ⁷ of the gods of the people which are all around you, near to you or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth,

You Must Discern Deception, and the Penalty is the Same

⁸ you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him; ⁹ but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. ¹⁰ And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Purpose is That The People Will Hear and Fear, that it might be a Deterrent to Others

¹¹ So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you.

Utterly Destroy the City that has Certainly been Enticed into Idolatry

¹² "If you hear someone in one of your cities, which the LORD your God gives you to dwell in, saying, ¹³ 'Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods" ' --which you have not known-- ¹⁴ then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination was committed among you, ¹⁵ you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword--utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock, with the edge of the sword. ¹⁶ And you shall gather all its plunder into the middle of the street, and completely burn with fire the city and all its plunder, for the LORD your God; and it shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again. ¹⁷ So none of the accursed things shall remain in your hand, that the LORD may turn from the

fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, have compassion on you and multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers, 18 because you have listened to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep all His commandments which I command you today, to do what is right in the eyes of the LORD your God. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Prophet with Signs or Wonders that Actually Happen, but Message is False [Deuteronomy 13:1-2]

- ✧ If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass:
- ✧ When you hear a prophecy, be careful to check the **message** before you accept it as from God.
- ✧ Even when accompanied by evidential signs, the **message** must be in harmony with Holy Scripture.
- ✧ Remember God's Major Concern is regarding Deception in the Last Days. [Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 23-24, Mark 13:5-6, 21-22, Luke 17:22-24, 21:7-8, 2 Corinthians 11:12-15, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, Revelation 13:1-18, 1 Timothy 4:1-3, 2 Timothy 3:13, 2 Peter 3:17]
- ✧ The False Prophet who accompanies the Antichrist during the Great Tribulation will perform signs and wonders by which they will deceive the people of the earth. [Revelation 13:1-18, Matthew 24:23-24, Mark 13:21-22]

God is Testing You To See If You Can Discern the Deception [Deuteronomy 13:3]

- ✧ You shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
- ✧ The only way to discern the deceptive message is to know the truth revealed in Holy Scripture.
- ✧ Hold fast to the message you first received. [Deuteronomy 10:20, 11:22-23, 13:4, Joshua 22:5, 23:8, Isaiah 56:4-5, 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 5:21, Timothy 1:13, Hebrews 3:5-6, Revelation 2:13, 24-28, 3:1-6, 7-13]
- ✧ There is a real need to know all God has revealed in Scripture and to understand His Word. He has revealed what will happen in our time and in the Last Days.
- ✧ The best way is to do as the Bereans did, listen to the message, then search it out in Scripture to discern if it is true or false. [Acts 17:10-11]

You Must Choose To Reject the False Message [Deuteronomy 13:4]

- ✧ You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.
- ✧ This requires an active choice on the part of the individual.

Death Penalty for the Deceiving Prophet [Deuteronomy 13:5]

- ✧ But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death.
- ✧ The reason is:
 - ✧ Because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk.
- ✧ Purpose is:
 - ✧ So you shall put away the evil from your midst.
 - ✧ Death of the deceiver is a deterrent for others.

No Matter How Close The Family Relationship; [Deuteronomy 13:6-7]

- ✧ If the deceiver who would attempt to lead you astray from God, is your brother, the son of your mother, your son, your daughter, or your beloved wife, or your friend.
- ✧ If they should entice you to serve any god from anywhere around the world

You Must Discern Deception, and the Penalty is the Same [Deuteronomy 13:8-10]

- ✧ You shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him.
- ✧ You shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. You shall stone him with stones until he dies
- ✧ Reason:
 - ✧ Because he sought to entice you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Purpose is That The People Will Hear and Fear, that it might be a Deterrent to Others [Deuteronomy 13:11]

- ✧ So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you.

Utterly Destroy the City that has Certainly been Enticed into Idolatry [Deuteronomy 13:12-18]

- ✧ If you hear someone in one of your cities, which the LORD your God gives you to dwell in, saying, 'Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods" '--which you have not known:
- ✧ You shall diligently inquire and search out the truth of the report.
- ✧ If it proves to be true and certain that such an abomination was committed among you:
 - ✧ Then you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword--utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock, with the edge of the sword.
 - ✧ You shall gather all its plunder into the middle of the street, and completely burn with fire the city and all its plunder, for the LORD your God; and it shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again.
 - ✧ None of the accursed things shall remain in your hand.
- ✧ That Yehowah (the LORD) may turn from the fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, have compassion on you and multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers.
 - ✧ Because you have listened to the voice of Yehowah Eloheyk (the LORD your God), to keep all His commandments which I command you today, to do what is right in the eyes of the LORD your God.
- ✧ This is the same reason Yehowah called upon Israel to completely destroy the inhabitants of the land and their forms of idolatry, when the Children of Israel come into the Land. [Exodus 23:27-33, 34:10-17, Leviticus 18:24-30, Numbers 33:50-56, Deuteronomy 4:25-28, 5:24-25, 6:14-15, 7:1-5, 16-26, 9:7-29, 11:16-17, 26-32, 12:2-4, 29-31, 13:1-18, 16:21-22, 17:2-5, 18:9-14, 27:13-26, 29:14-18, 30:15-18, 31:14-22, 32:1-43]
- ✧ Yehowah hates the things people do when they forget His laws and start becoming tolerant of other religions. [Exodus 23:32-33, 34:12-17, Leviticus 18:24-30, 19:29, Deuteronomy 4:15-24, 6:10-15, 7:17-26, 8:11-20, 11:16-17, 12:31, 18:9-12, 20:16-18, 27:15, 29:14-18]