

Ezekiel 13:1-23 **False Prophets – Who Prophecy in the Name of Yahweh When Yahweh has not spoken**

Woe to Foolish Prophets

1 And the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, 'Hear the word Yahweh (the Lord)!'"

3 Thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!

4 O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts.

5 You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of Yahweh (the Lord).

6 They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh (the Lord)!' But Yahweh (the Lord) has not sent them; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed.

7 Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, 'Yahweh (The Lord) says,' but I have not spoken."

8 Therefore thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you," says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).

9 "My hand will be against the prophets who envision futility and who divine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of My people, nor be written in the record of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).

10 "Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace — and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untempered mortar —

11 say to those who plaster it with untempered mortar, that it will fall. There will be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear it down.

12 Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the mortar with which you plastered it?'"

13 Therefore thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it.

14 So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I am Yahweh (the Lord).

15 "Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untempered mortar; and I will say to you, 'The wall is no more, nor those who plastered it,

16 that is, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when there is no peace,'" says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).

False Prophetesses

17 "Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them,

18 and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Woe to the women who sew magic charms on their sleeves

and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive?

19 And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?"

20 "Therefore thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds.

21 I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. Then you shall know that I am Yahweh (the Lord).

22 "Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have strengthened the hands of the wicked, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life.

23 Therefore you shall no longer envision futility nor practice divination; for I will deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I am Yahweh (the Lord).""

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Facts Revealed:

False Prophets Warned [Ezekiel 13:1-16]

- ✧ And the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to me, saying,
"Son of man, prophesy against the **prophets** of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, '**Hear the word Yahweh (the Lord)!**'" [Ezekiel 13:1-5]
 - ✧ Many people seeking to appear super spiritual bring messages beginning with "Thus Says The Lord," or "Hear the word of the Lord," but they speak from their own imaginative heart because Yahweh did not speak to them nor send them.
 - ✧ Many false prophets were quick to speak in the "Name of Yahweh" in both Israel and Judah.
 - ✧ Many were deceived by such messages, just as they are today.
 - ✧ Adoney Yahweh sent Ezekiel to warn false prophets and the people who hear them.
 - ✧ False messages cause the people to feel secure when judgment is approaching.
 - ✧ People need to be warned against coming disaster so they can act to protect themselves.
 - ✧ Complacency prevented the people from realizing they needed to rise up and stand in the gap to prepare the people for coming Wrath.
- ✧ They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, '**Thus says Yahweh (the Lord)!**' But Yahweh (the Lord) has not sent them; yet they hope that their word may be confirmed. Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, 'Yahweh (The Lord) says,' but I have not spoken." [Ezekiel 13:6-7]
 - ✧ They speak futility and false divination in the Name of Yahweh when Yahweh has not spoken,
 - ✧ They hope in vain that their message will be confirmed.
 - ✧ Yahweh knows all about their false message and the harm it does to the people causing them to believe in a lie.
- ✧ Therefore thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "Because you have **spoken nonsense** and **envisioned lies**, therefore I am indeed against you," says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).
"My hand will be against the prophets who envision futility and who divine lies; they shall

not be in the assembly of My people, nor be written in the record of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God). [Ezekiel 13:8-16]

- ✧ Yahweh will severely punish the False Prophets.
- ✧ They will be punished **because they have deceived the people** by saying they will have **peace** when **there is no peace**, for judgment and captivity is coming down upon them.
- ✧ They will then know that Yahweh certainly is Adoney Yahweh (The Lord God).
- ✧ Divine Judgment is a revelation of Yahweh Himself and His Righteousness.
- ✧ The book of Revelation states that it is a **revelation of Jesus Christ** which shows the punishment of world wide sin and establishment of the Kingdom age followed by the eternal New Heaven, New Earth, and the Holy City New Jerusalem for the Saints, and the eternal Lake of Fire for the wicked.

False Prophetesses [Ezekiel 13:17-23]

- ✧ "Likewise, son of man, set your face against the **daughters** of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them, and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Woe to the women who sew magic charms on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive?" [Ezekiel 13:17-18]
- ✧ Women are also involved in presenting false prophecies to deceive the people for personal gain.
- ✧ By saying to sinners, they are secure just the way they are and they will have peace, they profane Yahweh's Holy Name by giving false messages of hope to sinners as they fail to call sinners to repentance to save their lives.
- ✧ Thus they encourage the sinners and discourage the righteous.
- ✧ Christians today tell sinners "God loves you just the way you are" and they fail to call them to repentance, so the sinner finds no reason to view himself as a sinner in need of salvation, but is satisfied in his sin, which will in the end bring wrath down on his unrepentant head.
- ✧ Yahweh is against false prophets and prophetess who discourage the righteous with their lies and embolden the wicked so he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life.
- ✧ Yahweh promised to deliver His people from their hands and then they will know that He is Yahweh.
- ✧ Yahweh said to Jeremiah, "**If they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings.** [Jeremiah 23:22] NKJV