

## False Christs and False Prophets

### Part 10

By Boyd Yahn

Hello all, it is January 9<sup>th</sup> of 2025, and this is part 10 of the False Christs and False Prophets series. Gorgeous weather here, we are back in the banana belt, it was about -5C (23F) when I got up this morning, and it's about 0 (32F) right now. So, for our part of the world, the bright sunny sky and temperatures around freezing is much nicer than -40 (-40F) and windy. So, we'll take it and we're thankful.

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In study 9 we took the time to follow the path of one who had God's spirit, but ultimately chose another path to lead his life. And in so doing, we looked at the step-by-step building of Satan's mind into him, hostile to Yehovah and in rebellion to God. This is important, it directly applies to those of the ekklesia, who find themselves confronted with the same decisions as they live out their physical lives; which way am I going to go.

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The Old Testament, which many Christians, surprisingly have little or no knowledge of, some even proclaiming, rather loudly, they are New Testament folks, is a treasure trove of information regarding prophets, both true and false. Stepping back from that, that shouldn't really surprise us. Yehovah's true prophets, in stark contrast to the false ones.

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One telling them the truth that they didn't want to hear, and the other side telling them the lies that they did want to hear. Yehovah's prophets proclaiming to Israel to get in line with His ways; the other leading Israel to not repent, and leading them in rebellion against Yehovah's ways. Again, this shouldn't surprise us.

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Hebrews 1:1 tells us that it is Yehovah that spoke through the fathers through those very prophets. So, obviously there had to be communication between Yehovah and the human instruments He was using to do so. So often, as one we might actually expect, the word of Yehovah came to Ezekiel, the word of Yehovah came to Isaiah and Jeremiah and so on. Pick a name of the Old Testament prophets, and then that message, once given to the prophets, was passed on often to people unwilling to hear it with the ears of the day.

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We'll see more of this as we resume our study. If you turn with me to II Chronicles 18, we'll begin the study there today. The companion account is found in I Kings 22, for those who like to read the parallel accounts to see if more detail is available. But let's pick up the story in II Chronicles 18 and we will begin here. Verse 1

*<sup>1</sup> Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab.*

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At this point in time the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah had actually separated, and that is a point that is overlooked by a lot of Christianity today, and they're not the same.

*<sup>2</sup>After some years he went down to visit Ahab in Samaria; and Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him and the people who were with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead. <sup>3</sup>So Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me against Ramoth Gilead?" And he answered him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people; we will be with you in the war."*

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That's what kings actually do. In Satan's world, the basis of society is war, and we would actually have to be quite blind not to see that playing out in our own time, where the world seems to be increasingly moving towards war, and provocations are going on it seems every time you turn around.

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We read of some of that. Satan's world is built on the foundation of war, and we saw that in, you know, behind the curtains look at what goes on in II Chronicles 18, 1 - 3. Its going to be so terribly, terribly different when it's God's world.

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We can go to Isaiah 2:4 where we will read:

*<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.*

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The foundation of God's kingdom will be peace, not war. And what a glorious time that will actually be. If we go to Micah 4, and we'll read verses 1 - 4, and we'll see the same thing. A juxtaposition of what we read in II Chronicles.

*<sup>1</sup>Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of Yehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it. <sup>2</sup>Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,*

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The mountain of Yehovah, the kingdom of God.

*to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of Yehovah from*

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*Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.*

So, the whole system right now is completely upside down to the way it will be in the kingdom of God. Notice verse 4.

*<sup>4</sup>But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of The LORD of hosts has spoken.*

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So, you know, it's the kings who make the wars. The peasants, the common folks, may be more inclined to just live their lives in peace, they don't need the wars. But it is the kings who actually bring that about. And, so, here we have a case of two kings, of Israel and of Judah, and that's exactly what they are doing, plotting another war.

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So, we go on with the story, and let's pick it up here again in verse 5 (of I Kings 22)

*<sup>5</sup>Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the word of Yehovah today."*

So, the Jewish king is asking for some confirmation of what they should do from Yehovah's prophets.

*<sup>6</sup>Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?"*

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Notice these are the king of Israel's prophets.

*So, they said, "Go up, for God will deliver it into the hand of the king."*

So, they were consistent to a man that the game is on.

*<sup>7</sup>And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not still a prophet of Yehovah here, that we may inquire of Him?"*

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So, these were prophets of Jezebel and Ahab, and he wanted to see if there was another story.

*<sup>8</sup>So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man, by whom we may inquire of Yehovah;*

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But notice this.

*but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.” He is Micaiah the son of Imlah. And Jehoshaphat said, “Let not the king say such things!”*

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So, Ahab was mean-mouthing God’s true prophet; didn’t like him because he always told him things he didn’t want to hear, and that certainly seems to fit the pattern.

*<sup>9</sup>Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, “Bring Micaiah the son of Imlah quickly!” <sup>10</sup>The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, having put on their robes, sat each on his throne, at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.*

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So, they were surrounded by the best of the best supposedly.

*<sup>11</sup>Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, “Thus says Yehovah: ‘*

So, he is speaking on behalf of God himself.

*With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.”*

Basically, telling the kings what they wanted to hear.

*<sup>12</sup>And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, “Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for Yehovah will deliver it into the king’s hand.” <sup>13</sup>Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, “Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord*

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So, they are all on the same team.

*encourage the king. (therefore) Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement.”*

Obviously, in an attempt to compromise him.

*<sup>14</sup>And Micaiah said, “As Yehovah lives, whatever my God says to me, that I will speak.” <sup>15</sup>Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, “Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall we refrain?” And he answered him, “Go and prosper, for Yehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king!”*

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Wasn't he supposed to say something that he wanted to hear? Well, he did. Ahab knew that was the case, obviously.

*<sup>16</sup>So the king said to him, "How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of Yehovah?"*

So, he knew that he was being led on.

*<sup>17</sup>Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And Yehovah said, 'These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.'" <sup>18</sup>And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"*

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You know, as soon as you don't hear what you want to hear it's not a good thing.

*<sup>19</sup>Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of Yehovah: I saw Yehovah sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. <sup>20</sup>And Yehovah said, 'Who will persuade Ahab (king of Israel) to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?'*

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Yehovah wanted Ahab's kingdom to come to an end.

*So, one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. <sup>21</sup>Then a spirit came forward and stood before Yehovah, and said, 'I will persuade him.' <sup>22</sup>Yehovah said to him, 'In what way?' So, he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And Yehovah said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.'*

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So, here Yehovah is engaging a lying spirit to go and influence the prophets of Ahab to steer him into a battle in which he will die. Would your God do something like that?

*<sup>23</sup>Therefore look! Yehovah has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and Yehovah has declared disaster against you."*

Well, he is getting more in character, kind of what Ahab expected to hear.

*<sup>24</sup>Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from Yehovah go from me to speak to you?"*

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And that's a little fuzzy in the New King James to me. But if you go to the New Living Translation, what he is actually saying is, "Since when did the spirit of Yehovah leave me to speak to you". That's much easier to understand. He's been shown to be a liar, envious that Yehovah would speak to Micaiah, and not through him, and shows his true spirit in the fact that the lying spirit from Yehovah totally deceived him. He must have thought that he was being spoken to by God Himself. They all spoke the same thing.

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So, you can see how God can use spirits in this world to direct things in a way that He wants them to go. And we need to be, at least somewhat, cognizant of that. You know, Yehovah sent a lying spirit, used a fallen spirit, to the false prophet. Yehovah rules the world through fallen sprits, just as Psalm 82 tells us.

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If we go to the little book of Daniel, we'll have a look at that in Daniel 10. And sometimes we need to look at this stuff to think about it a little bit. God is ruling the world, He has given it to Satan and Satan has his lieutenants and his close consorts; but they run the place under God's supervision and limitations obviously.

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But if we go to Daniel 10:13, when Daniel was praying, there was a very powerful demonic personality withholding or stopping Gabirel from coming to Daniel. Let's read it.

*<sup>13</sup>But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings (plural, other fallen spirits) of Persia.*

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Does God use fallen sprits to rule nations? Yes, He does. Are there many of them involved in doing so? Yes, there are. When that personality fell in Satan's rebellion, did God remove his capacity? Perhaps some, but certainly not all. Would God allow this world to be ruled by fallen spirit personalities? Yes!

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When the creation itself was disrupted and left in a state of decay from the rebellion of the angels. Did he fix it right away? He did not. He allowed it to happen; yes, He did. So, sometimes we need to look at what is actually done and look at it a little deeper and say, you know, maybe there's a little something more we can learn about our Father and how He actually thinks, and how He operates.

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You know, you go into Romans 8, and the whole creation is waiting for the appearance of the ekklesia in their sprit form to remove the bondage of decay and make it go away. Could have God have stopped that entire process? Of course. Did He? Nope.

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He did not. So, we understand some of those things, we should not be surprised by Yehovah's sending a lying spirit into all the false prophets. The methodology I don't know. How did the fallen spirit get into the heads of all of those people? I don't know the answer, but the fact was, he did, and they were all in one accord.

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So, you know, there are many things that we can learn, if we just stop to think about some of these things. Maybe our thoughts will not always be just exactly correct, but the more we examine what is, if the biblical record is correct, the more we look at these things, the more we can get an idea of what God does and how He functions, and we can see His footprints behind everything if we're willing to look.

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Jeremiah, it seems, also had his run in with the false prophets, and I might add, is it just me, or did we just read that Micaiah saw the LORD, and in Isaiah 6, Isaiah saw the LORD, ah, I think there's other places we've looked at too, maybe we should, maybe rejig our thinking in that area.

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If we go to Jeremiah 23, we'll see that Jeremiah had his run in with the false prophets back in the day. And the account is recorded for us off and on throughout the book of Jeremiah, but Jeremiah 23 is a pretty good place to take a look at it. And we pick it up in verse 9.

*<sup>9</sup>My heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of Yehovah, and because of His holy words. <sup>10</sup>For the land is full of adulterers;*

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He could see what should be, and he could see why it was the way it was because of the prophets, the false teachers, and he could see the way it should be. Verse 10.

*<sup>10</sup>For the land is full of adulterers; for because of a curse the land mourns. The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up. Their course of life is evil, and their might is not right. <sup>11</sup>“For both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in My house I have found their wickedness,” says Yehovah. <sup>12</sup>“Therefore, their way shall be to them like slippery ways; in the darkness they shall be driven on and fall in them; for I will bring disaster on them, the year of their punishment,” says Yehovah. <sup>13</sup>“And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria: they prophesied by Baal and caused My people Israel to err. <sup>14</sup>Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: they commit adultery and walk in lies; they also strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns back from his wickedness.*

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Do we not see the similar things in today's society where wickedness is encouraged and vested, covered up.

*All of them are like Sodom to Me, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah.*

*<sup>15</sup>“Therefore, thus says Yehovah of hosts concerning the prophets: ‘Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall; for from the prophets of Jerusalem profaneness has gone out into all the land.’”*

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So, there is an influence that's nationwide by false prophets. We should not be surprised by that.

*<sup>16</sup>Thus says Yehovah of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of Yehovah.*

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It doesn't mean that they didn't have visions, they weren't from God.

*<sup>17</sup>They continually say to those who despise Me, ‘The LORD has said, “You shall have peace”’;*

Telling them what they want to hear.

*and to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’”*

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Well, wouldn't that be exactly what those people would want to hear?

*<sup>18</sup>For who has stood in the counsel of Yehovah, and has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it? <sup>19</sup>Behold, a whirlwind of Yehovah has gone forth in fury—a violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of Yehovah will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.*

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There's going to come a time when they are resurrected, and they will face the music.

*<sup>21</sup>“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But 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.*



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The purpose of a prophet of God is to turn people from evil towards the righteousness of God, and not into rebellion against God.

*<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God near at hand,” says Yehovah, “And not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?” says Yehovah; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says Yehovah. <sup>25</sup>“I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name,*

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And that is where a lot of the deception comes from, they prophesy as if they are speaking for Yehovah himself.

*saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’*

Well, I do think they did dream, the source was the concern.

*<sup>26</sup>How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who try to make My people forget My name*

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And we touched on that before; they are trying to get people to forget Yehovah by their dreams, and everybody talks about it.

*... as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>“The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully.*

The two sides.

*What is the chaff to the wheat?” says Yehovah. <sup>29</sup>“Is not My word like a fire?” says Yehovah, “And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? <sup>30</sup>“Therefore behold, I am against the prophets,” says Yehovah, “who steal My words everyone from his neighbor. <sup>31</sup>Behold, I am against the prophets,” says Yehovah, “who use their tongues and say, ‘He says.’ <sup>32</sup>Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams,” says Yehovah, “and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore, they shall not profit this people at all,” says Yehovah.*

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*<sup>33</sup>“So when these people or the prophet or the priest ask you, saying, ‘What is the oracle of Yehovah?’ You shall then say to them, ‘What oracle?’ I will even forsake you,” says Yehovah. <sup>34</sup>“And as for the prophet and the priest and the people who say, ‘The oracle of Yehovah!’ I will even punish that man and his house. <sup>35</sup>Thus every one of you shall say to his neighbor, and everyone to his brother, ‘What has*

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*The LORD answered?’ and, ‘What has the LORD spoken?’ <sup>36</sup>And the oracle of the LORD you shall mention no more. For every man’s word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our God.*

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So, here we have the living God, the LORD of hosts, and our God. It is all the same one true God.

*<sup>37</sup>Thus you shall say to the prophet, ‘What has the LORD answered you?’ and, ‘What has the LORD spoken?’ <sup>38</sup>But since you say, ‘The oracle of the LORD!’ Therefore, thus says the LORD: ‘Because you say this word, “The oracle of the LORD!” And I have sent to you, saying, “Do not say, ‘The oracle of the LORD!’” <sup>39</sup>therefore behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you and forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and will cast you out of My presence. <sup>40</sup>And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.”’*

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That’s quite an indictment. Again, the purpose of a false prophet is to have folks forget Yehovah, and to lead them into rebellion. And while I was reading this, I thought, if Christ is to be our head, and we do not make it so, are those who will not accept the headship of the Biblical Christ, in rebellion against God? What about something like I Corinthians 11:7? If we go to I Corinthians 11:7 Paul said something, you know, in this society especially, would be just way off the charts. If we read this:

*<sup>7</sup>For a man indeed ought not to cover his head,*

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His God given responsibility and authority.

*since he is*

And we have a definition scripture here again. A man is

*the image*

That’s the same word as when we looked at the image of God, exactly the same word, icon.

*and glory of God;*

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So, if a man will summarily give up his position of authority, which is the glory of God, is he in rebellion against God? If a woman will not allow the man to lead, refusing to allow him to do so, would she also be in rebellion before God Himself? It does say:

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*but woman is the glory of man.*

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You know, the tentacles of rebellion go extremely deep. It's something to consider if you look at our society, they don't even know what a man and a woman is anymore, can't define it. That's a long way from I Corinthians 11, verse 7.

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Ezekiel too, it seems, was given some understanding and direction with regards to false prophets. So, let's look at that. (Ezekiel 13, verse 1 – 23)

*<sup>1</sup> And the word of Yehovah (God the Father) came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>“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 of Yehovah!’”*

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So, they claim to speak for God, and yet they were really teaching or preaching something from themselves.

*<sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD God: “Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! <sup>4</sup>O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. <sup>5</sup>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 Yehovah. <sup>6</sup>They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, ‘Thus says Yehovah!’ But Yehovah has not sent them; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed. <sup>7</sup>Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, ‘The LORD says,’ but I have not spoken.”*

*<sup>8</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD God: “Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you,” says the LORD God <sup>9</sup>“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 Yehovah God. <sup>10</sup>“Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, ‘Peace!’ when there is no peace—*

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And telling them what they want to hear.

*and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untampered mortar—<sup>11</sup>say to those who plaster it with untampered 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. <sup>12</sup>Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you, ‘Where is the mortar with which you plastered it?’” <sup>13</sup>Therefore thus says 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. <sup>14</sup>So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untampered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will*

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*be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I am Yehovah. <sup>15</sup>“Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untampered mortar; and I will say to you, ‘The wall is no more, nor those who plastered it, <sup>16</sup>that is,*

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Again, a definition scripture.

*the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when there is no peace,” says Yehovah God. <sup>17</sup>“Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them, <sup>18</sup>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? <sup>19</sup>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?” <sup>20</sup>Therefore thus says 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. <sup>21</sup>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 Yehovah. <sup>22</sup>“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,*

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Is that not exactly what we would expect of a false prophet? Those who are righteous and would be righteous are sad at what they are seeing, and they have strengthened the hands of those who are wicked. Again, the opposite couldn't be more obvious.

*so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life.*

You know, there's benefit, short term, for unrighteous behavior.

*<sup>23</sup>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 Yehovah.””*

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There's going to come a day when it's going to change, but God allows this kind of stuff now for a very special reason. People must choose who they will listen to. The ekklesia will be drawn to the will of the Father. Those who are not part of the ekklesia are drawn to the other side. And for now, God allows them to do their work. Why then, does God allow them to do their work? There are some; I'll use this term "celebrated modern prophets", I'll use the term celebrated quite loosely, who do have a record of saying things that do come true.

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Well, what about that? There were specific instructions given to Israel in Deuteronomy 13 that I think covers this off really, really quite well. So, we are going to read Deuteronomy 13.

*<sup>1</sup>“If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, <sup>2</sup>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,’*

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And because we know there are fallen spirits used to rule the nations, there would be an incredible pull there to get the ekklesia to follow them. The math really isn't that hard to do.

*<sup>3</sup>you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for Yehovah your God is testing you to know whether you love Yehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>4</sup>You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.*

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So, there are going to be tests. God allows there to be tests. Could some of these false prophets actually say what was going to happen? Yes, when they rule the nations within God's limits, things could happen. But invariably they will attempt to lead you into rebellion against God. The directions in verse 4 couldn't be more clear.

*<sup>4</sup>You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. <sup>5</sup>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,*

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Turn you away in terms of rebellion.

*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. <sup>6</sup>“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, <sup>7</sup> 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, <sup>8</sup> you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him; <sup>9</sup>but you shall surely kill him;*

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You know, in Saul's example, how those very close to him were used to turn 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. <sup>10</sup>And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from Yehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. <sup>11</sup>So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you. <sup>12</sup>"If you hear someone in one of your cities, which Yehovah your God gives you to dwell in, saying, <sup>13</sup>'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—<sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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 Yehovah your God. It shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built again. <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>because you have listened to the voice of Yehovah your God, to keep all His commandments which I command you today, to do what is right in the eyes of Yehovah your God.*

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An incredibly powerful passage. And, you know, there is a chain of integrity here, that I think is a fruit of looking at this study, and I would just counsel you, if you found this helpful, and if you find it important, get out your concordance and look up prophet, and look up prophets (plural) and read every single scripture that is mentioned. That might take you a day, it might take you two three or four-hour settings to do that, but by doing so, you are going to get a picture of this whole, God's prophets and false prophets thing that will be awfully hard to remove from your consciousness. And I believe that will serve you very, very well, all of us very well as we go forward.

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You know, there's a chain of integrity from the Old Testament prophets, right into the New Testament, that was not so obvious to me before actually going down this study. If we go to Matthew 2:5, I've pointed out in this dynamic before, but you know, Matthew 2:5.

*<sup>5</sup>So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:*

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So, there's a connection, if it was said by one of God's prophets in the past, it will be fulfilled. There is a chain of integrity in the scriptures. If you read of it in the Old, you see the completion of it in the New.

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You know, Matthew 2:23.

*<sup>23</sup>And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."*

If we go to John 1; John 1 and we are going to read verses 45 and 46, we can see this, but thinking about it in terms of fulfilled prophecy wouldn't have been the first thing that was on my own list.

*<sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael (John 1, verse 45) and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."*

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So, we can see that these things were fulfilled, there is some weight behind them, and we see a continuation throughout the scriptures. You know, so many things that the prophet said, happened at the time of Christ or will yet be fulfilled. Because they were spoken with the authority and the backdrop of the prophets.

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Again, Christ was a prophet, He spoke about many things, so we can absolutely expect that the things He spoke of, will in fact, happen. He said, "My words will not pass away." So, the weight of the things that the prophet said, true prophets, goes an awfully long way.

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And it struck me, just as we begin to wind down here, all of a sudden, scriptures that were a bit obtuse to me, a bit opaque, they started to make some sense when I started to think in terms of continuity, or the chain of integrity. We see that in I Corinthians 14.

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We see an example here, and Paul is directing the meetings of, we'll call it the church, although I don't like that word, it's actually the ekklesia. In I Corinthians 14:29 he says:

*<sup>29</sup>Let two or three prophets speak,*

So, were there prophets in the days of Paul? Well, yea.

*and let the others judge.*

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So, if there were prophets speaking, the others were supposed to judge, not just absorb everything. Judge what they are saying.

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*<sup>30</sup>But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first be quiet. <sup>31</sup>For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.*

I can't imagine that type of a format being allowed in any of the churches I've attended over the years. Going on:

*<sup>32</sup>And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.*

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I always read that, what's that all about? Well, any prophets, as Paul is talking about, that existed at his time, and Agabus was one of them we read about. They then are subject to the writings of the prophets of the Old Testament. So, if they would not speak in the manner of the prophets of the Old Testament, speaking repentance, obedience and returning to the ways and values of God, then they are not true prophets at all.

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And I think that would be an exceptionally powerful tool to carry forward with us as we go on, and the deceptions that are about us, get worse and worse and worse. It says:

*<sup>33</sup>For God is not the author of confusion*

For how come Ezekiel said this, and you say that, we need to take those things into consideration.

*God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches (or gatherings or the assemblies) of the saints.*

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You know, we've got an interesting backdrop of understanding now. I was watching, a few days ago on YouTube, a man who claims to be a modern prophet, who supposedly has a good track record, speaking in the name of Yehovah, with a festive paraphernalia as a backdrop, and with this series in mind, I had to think, hum, how about that?