

## False Christs and False Prophets

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Hello everyone, it is January 1, of 2025, and this is the first message of this year by the Gregorian calendar and I started writing it on December the 20<sup>th</sup> of 2024. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> part of False Christs and False Prophets, but got submerged in grand kids and rolling in them, so it kind of takes up your time, and now that they're gone back home, we can get back to business here and look at some of the things, but it's an incredible blessing to be able to see the kids and watch them grow up, and I think that's just how it's supposed to be.

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When one looks into the Old Testament, into prophet, or prophets, plural, the Hebrew word W5030 is overwhelmingly used. And it is pronounced nah-vee, or nah-BEE, depending on where you source that. It's well above my pay grade, to say which is correct, I simply don't know. Strong's references it as an inspired man that prophesies or speaks under inspiration.

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Indeed, within the COG (Church of God) circles, prayers are offered that the message giver will speak in an inspired way, or deliver a message that shows divine help or direction. While we may have looked at this before, I like the commentary offered to us in Bible Hub on that specific word. I believe it is actually spelled nabi, it would be pronounced na-BEE according to this. Na-BEE.

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And it means a prophet, or inspired man. (Following from Bible Hub)

*The root of the word naba means "to prophesy" or "to speak by divine inspiration."*

So, the concept of a prophet is wider than, you know, what I think a lot of us would naturally think.

*The Greek equivalent of "nabi," used in the New Testament to describe prophets, including John the Baptist and Jesus as the ultimate prophet, is the word G4396, prophētēs.*

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*The term "nabi" refers to a prophet, an individual chosen by God to deliver His messages to the people. Prophets in the Hebrew Bible served as God's spokespersons, conveying divine will, guidance, warnings, and future events. They played a crucial role in maintaining the covenant relationship between God and Israel, often calling the people back to faithfulness and obedience.*

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Under the cultural and historical background, it says:

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*In ancient Israel, prophets were integral to the religious and social fabric. They were often called during times of crisis or moral decline to remind the people of God's laws and promises. Prophets like Moses, Samuel, Elijah, and Isaiah were pivotal figures who shaped the spiritual and political landscape of Israel.*

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And I think it's interesting to comment here, they shaped the political landscape as well.

*Their messages were not only predictive but also instructive, focusing on justice, repentance, and the coming of the Messiah.*

And I thought that was just interesting to begin to frame just what a prophet really is.

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Satan counterfeits these men of God, and God allows that. The choice of God's prophets seems to be ever present, either demon god's or the true one's. It goes right back to Eden; after telling Adam and Eve what to do, He offered them a choice, presented to them by the god want-to-be. We then should expect to see prophets from both sides in the biblical text, and indeed, that's what we find out.

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So, it's interesting, to get some background in place before we take a look at I Kings 18, which I think is a passage that has seen a lot of miles over the years. I think pretty much everybody is familiar with it, but perhaps we can look at that in a different light and a different vein today.

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By framing in a different way, different than I've looked at it in the past, you guys might be miles ahead of me, but that's fine, we'll just go ahead with it. The methodology of how God's word was given to the Old Testament prophets is actually quite interesting. Let's read of that in Numbers 12, verses 5 – 8. It says:

*<sup>5</sup>Then Yehovah came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward. <sup>6</sup>Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, Yehovah, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. <sup>7</sup>Not so with My servant Moses; he is faithful in all My house. <sup>8</sup>I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; and he sees the form of Yehovah. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?"*

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And if we go back to the previous study, Aaron was a prophet at this time. So, it's just interesting how that goes. How can Yehovah communicate with men? Well, how about, any way He chooses, would seem to cover it? The dreams, visions, planting a thought, and in the case of Moses, face to face.

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And that is qualified by the passage telling us Moses saw a form, as Numbers tells us. It's also interesting, while we look at this, we can go to Genesis 46, we can look at a few examples here. Genesis 46, verse 1.

*<sup>1</sup> So Israel (That would be Jacob) took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.*

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So, did Jacob know who the God of his father Isaac was? Absolutely.

*<sup>2</sup> Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!" And he said, "Here I am."*

So, He spoke to Jacob, appeared in a vision or a dream.

*<sup>3</sup> So He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. <sup>4</sup> I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."*

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So, that's interesting. Let's go to I Samuel. You know, examples of how God actually deals with people and prophets more specifically. If we go to I Samuel 3, let's take a look at that, and see how all that came about; how God does indeed interact, this whole idea that God cannot speak to people is absurd.

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I Samuel 3, verse 1.

*<sup>1</sup> Now the boy Samuel ministered to Yehovah before Eli. And the word of Yehovah was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.*

So, can God pick and choose what He's going to say and who He is going to say it to, and the time He is going to say it to them? Well, of course.

*<sup>2</sup> And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, <sup>3</sup> and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of Yehovah where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, <sup>4</sup> that Yehovah called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> Then Yehovah called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> (Now Samuel did not yet know Yehovah, nor was the word of Yehovah yet revealed to him.) <sup>8</sup> And*

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*Yehovah called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me."*

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Well, it took Eli a time to figure out what was going on as well. I would imagine it was an elderly gentleman trying to get a few "Z's" and kept getting woke up, it might have set a bit of a tone.

*Then Eli perceived that Yehovah had called the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, Yehovah, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.*

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So, he got some instructions from Eli on how to deal with it.

*<sup>10</sup>Now Yehovah came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears." <sup>11</sup>Then Yehovah said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup>In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them.*

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So, if you are the high priest, there is a responsibility; doesn't matter who it is, you've got a job to do and God seemed to be quite upset with that.

*<sup>14</sup>And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."*

That's a pretty stern sentence.

*<sup>15</sup>So Samuel lay down until morning, and opened the doors of the House of Yehovah. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision.*

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Well, you know, Eli and him are probably pretty close, and he gets a word from God that things aren't going to go really well for him.

*<sup>16</sup>Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son!" He answered, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>And he said, "What is the word that Yehovah spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you."*

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Remember, the apostle Paul said, "I held nothing back." It would seem maybe, there's something to learn from that.

*<sup>18</sup>Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is Yehovah. Let Him do what seems good to Him."*

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We see another example of an interaction in the book of Ezekiel. Let's go to Ezekiel 1 where we see God dealing with a prophet, and how He interacted with him. It's important that we understand some of these things, or at least for me to understand it. Ezekiel 1, and verses 1 – 3.

*<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.*

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Same kind of thing.

*<sup>2</sup>In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, <sup>3</sup>the word of Yehovah came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of Yehovah was there upon him.*

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So, that certainly would be an attention getter, and we then can read through the passage on your own time, verses 4 – 24 of the things Ezekiel was, in fact, allowed to see. If we go down to verse 25, it says:

*<sup>25</sup>And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings. <sup>26</sup>And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. <sup>27</sup>And I saw as the color of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward,*

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So, did he see something? Well, it sure sounds like it to me.

*I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. <sup>28</sup>As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yehovah.*

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Did he see that? You have to decide.

*And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.*

Probably a good reaction considering the enormity of what he was shown. (Chapter 2)

*<sup>1</sup> And He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.”*

*<sup>2</sup> Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet;*

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So, some of that power from God stands him up.

*and I heard Him who spoke to me. <sup>3</sup>And He said to me: “Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>For they are impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says LORD God.’ <sup>5</sup>As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they are a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them. <sup>6</sup>“And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house.*

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So, he was given some very specific instructions, by God as God’s prophet, and it sounds to me like God was well aware that He was sending him into a hornet’s nest. Verse 7.

*<sup>7</sup>You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious.*

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Notice; a true prophet of God goes to God’s people, and they don’t want to hear it.

*<sup>8</sup>But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house;*

So, I’m giving you something to do, go do it.

*open your mouth and eat what I give you.” <sup>9</sup>Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup>Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe.*

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So, really good news that Israel would probably be thrilled to hear. (Chapter 3)

*<sup>1</sup> Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." <sup>2</sup> So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. <sup>3</sup> And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So, I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness. <sup>4</sup> Then He said to me: "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.*

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You know, He sent Christ to do what? Speak God's words to them, and it was received about as well.

*<sup>5</sup> For you are not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, but to the house of Israel, <sup>6</sup> not to many people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you.*

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You know, Christ said, "A prophet is without honor in his own house." So, it seems God knew how that works.

*<sup>7</sup> But the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted. <sup>8</sup> Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads.*

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So, Ezekiel was given a lot of intestinal fortitude and strengthening to go and do the tasks God had appointed him to.

*<sup>9</sup> Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house."  
<sup>10</sup> Moreover He said to me: "Son of man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears.*

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So, we can see the kind of set up we have, God dealing with His various prophets. We see something similar as well; I don't want to belabor this, but it's all different, and I think we need to understand how this actually works when we are talking about prophets. We go Jeremiah 1, and we'll read verses 4 – 19.

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We need to pay attention to the similarities, the differences in God's interactions with His prophets.

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*<sup>4</sup>Then the word of Yehovah came to me, saying:*

Jeremiah 1:4

*<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;*

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Well, how would He do that? Well, it's pretty simple actually, He made Jeremiah's spirit; He knew what he was going to be like.

*before you were born, I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”*

So, right off the hop, God deliberately made this man a prophet and He equipped him to do so.

*<sup>6</sup>Then said I: “Ah, Yehovah God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” <sup>7</sup>But Yehovah said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,” says Yehovah. <sup>9</sup>Then Yehovah put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and Yehovah said to me:*

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So, here we have an example where he sees God's hand touching him on the mouth. That's the same One nobody has ever seen and the same One that's never talked to anybody? Uhm, maybe not.

*“Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.” <sup>11</sup>Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see a branch of an almond tree.” <sup>12</sup>Then Yehovah said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.” <sup>13</sup>And the word of Yehovah came to me the second time, saying, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a boiling pot, and it is facing away from the north.” <sup>14</sup>Then Yehovah said to me: “Out of the north calamity shall break forth on all the inhabitants of the land. <sup>15</sup>For behold, I am calling all the families of the kingdoms of the north,” says Yehovah; “They shall come and each one set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Judah. <sup>16</sup>I will utter My judgments against them concerning all their wickedness, because they have forsaken Me, burned incense to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands. <sup>17</sup>“Therefore, prepare yourself and arise, and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, lest I dismay you before them.*



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A warning; you got a job, you go do it.

*<sup>18</sup>For behold, I have made you this day a fortified city and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land— against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land. <sup>19</sup>They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you.*

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You know, were the people in the land, God's own people, real happy to hear what He had to say? No.

*<sup>19</sup>They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you," says Yehovah, "to deliver you."*

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God's prophet's messages were always real popular, so He enhanced those prophets in certain ways to do the job He sent them to do. The two witnesses of Revelation 11 will be just a popular, so let's have a look at that so we can grasp a bit of that. Revelation 11, and we are going to read a bit of it here. So, here we have, God calls them the two witnesses, but they will be speaking on God's behalf.

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Let's read about how popular they're going to be; and notice that God will give them the muscle to do their job. Revelation 11, verse 1.

*<sup>1</sup> Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. <sup>2</sup>But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city under foot for forty-two months. <sup>3</sup>And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy*

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They will speak under divine inspiration and direction.

*one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." <sup>4</sup>These are the two olive trees and the two lamp stands standing before the God of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.*

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Can we see what it's going to take to get the world's attention? And God will work through these people, and the world will really be happy with what they have to say and what they're doing.

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*<sup>6</sup>These (two witnesses) have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.*

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I'm sure everybody is going to be really happy with that.

*<sup>7</sup>When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.*

And this is interesting, we'll just touch this and I'm sure there will be something else to say. Our perception of Yehovah, does our image of Him, the one we have in our mind, reflect the one true God, or something else?

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Here are a couple of God's witnesses, people that He empowers tremendously, and He is going to allow them to be killed. Would your God do those kinds of things, or would your God not do those kinds of things? Is He only kind and loving and all the other adjectives that go along with that? Is your and my practical image of God in our minds real, or is it something of our imagination?

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*<sup>8</sup>And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

So, their dead bodies are going to be in Jerusalem.

*<sup>9</sup>Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days,*

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And they will really be sad about that. Ah, no, no actually they do

*... not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. <sup>10</sup>And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.*

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God's messages are always really, really popular amongst the people of the world.

*<sup>11</sup>Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them,*

God put their spirits back into them.

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*and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. <sup>12</sup>And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.*

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So, they actually were given spirit bodies when their spirit was put back in there, they were resurrected to another level of life. They rise, and they go to heaven. The teaching, that nobody goes to heaven ultimately, needs to be reconsidered in fact from what we see in the scriptures.

*<sup>13</sup>In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

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So, the light is starting to come on for these guys that, you know, maybe there's a few things that we need to learn here. So, can we see something similar to that in the pages of the Bible. Let's go to Matthew 10; Matthew 10, and we are going to look at verses 1 – 22.

*<sup>1</sup> And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.*

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Where did He get that power from? From God.

*<sup>2</sup>Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee,*

Etc. etc. through verse 3. And

*<sup>5</sup>These twelve (Verse 5) Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup>But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

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It was very specific.

*<sup>7</sup>And as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. <sup>9</sup>Provide neither gold, nor silver nor copper in your money belts, <sup>10</sup>nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food. <sup>11</sup>"Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. <sup>12</sup>And when you go into a household, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the*

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*household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. <sup>15</sup>Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!*

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Again, pointing to a time of physical resurrection. And we need to stop and think about those things when we come across them.

*<sup>16</sup>“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. <sup>17</sup>But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. <sup>18</sup>You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>But when they deliver you up,*

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You know, God’s servants were going to be delivered up. Would your God do that? He better.

*do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.*

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Notice, not the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Father.

*<sup>21</sup>“Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. <sup>22</sup>And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake.*

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Same show! If Yehovah or Yeshua would send a prophet today, do we think it would be any different? The record of scripture is actually quite consistent in this regard, and we read about that in Matthew 23, where we did spend a lot of time, but I’ll just reiterate it here, Christ saying: (Verse 34)

*<sup>34</sup>Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,*

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Same story, same thing. And it takes a deeper meaning on, once we understand the backdrop. The true prophets told the world, including Yehovah’s own people, what they didn’t want to hear. So, it’s a fair bet that Satan’s prophets will tell folks what they do

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want to hear.

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And, for those of you that have been following on in this study, it seems like we've come back full circle to Jeremiah 5; Jeremiah 5, verses 30 and 31. I'll just read that. This is Yehovah's or God's view on this.

*<sup>30</sup>“An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: <sup>31</sup>the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so. ...*

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So, if you find yourself really soaking up the message from somebody, ah, maybe stop and think about that for just a little while. When we frame it more completely, a deeper sense, or deeper grasp of what is being said, is conceptualized.

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Now we'll go down to I Kings 18. Let's go to I Kings 18, and see what we can glean from here. The scribe is going to like this message because there's lots of scriptures, and that really makes it easy for him to do this. We all know the story, perhaps we can have some deeper insights about I Kings 18.

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The time setting is after the separation of the kingdom of Israel, to the kingdom of Israel in the north, and the kingdom of Judah in the south. Israel had not gone into captivity to Assyria of course, which happened between 721 and 718BC, and Judah had not gone into captivity, that happening some 120 years later, around 600BC.

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If the timeline I have is in anyway accurate, and I've got a biblical history of the world thing and we're talking some few years before or around 900 BC. That would make sense to me, and we are going to read quite a bit of I Kings here and just comment as we go along and emphasize a few things that perhaps, we just haven't looked at before, I certainly didn't pay any attention to it; I got the story, but I didn't get the point.

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So, maybe we can walk through this and start to get some of the point. (I Kings 18:1)

*<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass after many days (I Kings 18:1) that the word of Yehovah came to Elijah,*

And Elijah we know is a prophet of God.

*in the third year, saying, “Go, present yourself to Ahab,*

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The king of the northern kingdom of Israel.

*and I will send rain on the earth.”*

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Well, they had been in a very serious drought and famine.

*<sup>2</sup>So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab; and there was a severe famine in Samaria.*

You notice there is no, I don't think so, it's dry there; he just went.

*<sup>3</sup>And Ahab had called Obadiah,*

Again, another prophet.

*who was in charge of his house. (Now Obadiah feared Yehovah greatly. <sup>4</sup>For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of Yehovah,*

She was his (Ahab's queen). You mean the God of the Bible allowed His prophets to be massacred by an evil queen? Yea, yea, actually He did.

*that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.)*

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So, things were a little rough.

*<sup>5</sup>And Ahab had said to Obadiah, “Go into the land to all the springs of water and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, so that we will not have to kill any livestock.” <sup>6</sup>So they divided the land between them to explore it; Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself. <sup>7</sup>Now as Obadiah was on his way, suddenly Elijah met him;*

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A meeting of two prophets.

*and he recognized him, and fell on his face, and said, “Is that you, my lord Elijah?” <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, “It is I. Go, tell your master, ‘Elijah is here.’” <sup>9</sup>So he said, “How have I sinned, that you are delivering your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me?*

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Jezebel had been having a field day killing God's prophets, and here Elijah, God's true prophet, wants to send Obadiah back to see this guy, and in his eyes, it's a death

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sentence. You notice, it's contact between God's prophet and the political power in the land directly.

*<sup>10</sup>As Yehovah your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to hunt for you;*

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So, Ahab was obviously working for team dark and looking for Elijah to kill him. Well, I wonder what spirit he might have been from?

*and when they said, 'He is not here,' he took an oath from the kingdom or nation that they could not find you. <sup>11</sup>And now you*

Come along and say:

*'Go, tell your master, "Elijah is here"'*

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And this whole thing is just cross threading for him at every level.

*<sup>12</sup>And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of Yehovah will carry you to a place I do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared Yehovah from my youth. <sup>13</sup>Was it not reported to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of Yehovah,*

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Again, Jezabel was allowed to kill Yehovah's prophets. He allowed that to happen. He also allowed a wicked queen, He also allowed false prophets in places they shouldn't have been. We need to think about that, and actually process that. So, he repeats the story.

*how I hid one hundred men of the LORD's prophets, fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water? <sup>14</sup>And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, "Elijah is here."' He will kill me!" <sup>15</sup>Then Elijah said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely present myself to him today."*

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And he'd been given his steering papers as we read in I Kings 18, the first couple of verses, where God says, you go. So, we've got a bit of an idea of the situation here.

*<sup>16</sup>So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. <sup>17</sup>Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O troubler of Israel?" <sup>18</sup>And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your*

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*father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of Yehovah and have followed the Baals.*

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Do we get that? There's a message from God's prophet to the secular powered king in the nation, who, along with his false prophets had turned Israel to the wrong side. They had followed Baal, and they had rejected and forsook the commandments of Yehovah. You can tell the spirit that controls a nation, whether back then or now, by whether they forsake the commandments of Yehovah, and are moved toward rebellion against Yehovah by keeping other things, other times, other days. Can we see that?

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Going on:

*<sup>19</sup>Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal,*

So, team dark was well represented.

*and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."*

Again, notice the close contact to the political power that the rulers of the nation were bowing and bending to.

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Baal is the masculine representation of Satan and Asherah, or Astarte, or Easter is the female representation, or presentation to humanity of Satan's false religions, and rebellion against God.

*<sup>20</sup>So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup>And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Yehovah is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him."*

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Notice the ultimate, put up or shut up moment that God brought about.

*But the people answered him not a word.*

When it came down to put up or shut up, they didn't know what to say.

*<sup>22</sup>Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of Yehovah; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. <sup>23</sup>Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but*



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*put no fire under it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it.*

Israel always wanted to worship demon gods. They did not worship Yehovah their God, they wanted the other side.

*<sup>24</sup>Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of Yehovah; and the God who answers by fire, He is God."*

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Well, that's pretty simple.

*So, all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken." <sup>25</sup>Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your God, but put no fire under it." <sup>26</sup>So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. <sup>27</sup>And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened." <sup>28</sup>So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. <sup>29</sup>And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention. <sup>30</sup>Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So, all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of Yehovah that was broken down. <sup>31</sup>And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of Yehovah had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name." <sup>32</sup>Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of Yehovah;*

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So, did they know God's name? Well, yeah.

*and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. <sup>33</sup>And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood." <sup>34</sup>Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a third time,"*

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*and they did it a third time. <sup>35</sup>So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. <sup>36</sup>And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your*

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*servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. <sup>37</sup>Hear me, O Yehovah, hear me, that this people may know that You are Yehovah Elohim, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again.” <sup>38</sup>Then the fire of Yehovah fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. <sup>39</sup>Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, “Yehovah, He is God! Yehovah, He is God!” <sup>40</sup>And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!” So, they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there. <sup>41</sup>Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain.”*

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He knew he had done his commission; he knew that God would provide rain.

*<sup>42</sup>So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, <sup>43</sup>and said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.” So, he went up and looked, and said, “There is nothing.” And seven times he said, “Go again.” <sup>44</sup>Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, “There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!” So, he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.’” <sup>45</sup>Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So, Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel. <sup>46</sup>Then the hand of Yehovah came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.*

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(I Kings 19:1)

*<sup>1</sup> And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets (Her prophets) with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” <sup>3</sup>And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. <sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, Yehovah, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!” <sup>5</sup>Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, “Arise and eat.” <sup>6</sup>Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>And the angel of Yehovah came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.” <sup>8</sup>So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>9</sup>And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of Yehovah came to him, and He said to him, “What are you*

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*doing here, Elijah?”<sup>10</sup>So he said, “I have been very zealous for Yehovah of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant,*

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Israel was in covenant with the Father.

*torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”<sup>11</sup>Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, Yehovah passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before Yehovah, but Yehovah was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but Yehovah was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but Yehovah was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. <sup>13</sup>So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>And he said, “I have been very zealous for Yehovah of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword.*

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God didn't stop that.

*I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”<sup>15</sup>Then Yehovah said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.*

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Would your God do something like that?

*<sup>18</sup>Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”*

You know, even though Elijah was one of God's prophets, he had no idea that God had seven thousand for Him in other places. And in the past, you know, if we're seeing situations where someone or somebody, maybe even ourselves thought we were the bee's knees; God's not limited, He can do what He wants, when He wants and by whom He wants, and He is very likely doing things today we wouldn't believe if we were told. So, I see that I'm just about out of time here. I apologize, looks like there is going to have to be a part 9, but there is just so much material here and things to look at, so until next time, bye for now.