



---

## Deuteronomy Chapter 13

### The Prophets Test

Before we get started here this evening at like to just once again welcome everybody and say thank you for joining us for tonight study into Deuteronomy chapter 13 which has everything to do with the testing of a prophet.

Today in our time I can think of nothing more important than being able to test a prophet. The Hebrew word for prophet is “nabiy” and it essentially means to be a spokesman. When someone says that they are a prophet (or a nabiy), what they are saying is that God speaks through them. And if a prophet says something that God has not spoken, this qualifies them as a false prophet. And I would submit to you my friends that we have far too many false prophets in the world today who claim to be speaking what God has said when God has not spoken.

And I would also contend that in these last days that we are now living in even more of these false prophets will arise on the world stage in order to attempt to hide, distort, and even destroy the truth according to the word of Yehovah God that he has given us within the confines of the 66 books of our Bibles.

Just last week during our study into Deuteronomy chapter 12 we spoke in great detail about pagan things and pagan idols and how many Christians today are still dragging pagan evergreen trees into their homes and forcing their children to bow down before them on a day that

they blatantly lie to their children by telling them that it is the birthday of Jesus.

And we went into great detail concerning how many times the phrase “under every green tree” is used throughout the Bible to describe the pagan practices of pagan people who lived ages before us.

And we also spoke in some detail about what the prophet James tells us concerning people who make themselves friends of the world and thereby enemies of God. And we read the warning in Deuteronomy chapter 12 where Yehovah God tells us that we are not to inquire about any other gods who were worshiped in that way and that we should not think that we have the liberty to worship our God the same way that the pagan gods were being worshiped. And we were also warned not to add to his word or take away from his word.

And all of what we just learned last week in Deuteronomy chapter 12 is pertinent and directly related to Deuteronomy chapter 13 which talks about false prophets and those who would spread such demonically inspired traditions amongst God’s people.

False prophets are indeed nothing more than the devils’ ministers. And we have spoken in great detail about how the devil has always had an army of Christians.

Some people find it derogatory to say that the devil has an army of Christians, but all we have to do is look back at the dark ages and to see the rampage of the Roman Catholic Church and the blood that she has on her hands from her inquisitions and the attempted annihilation of whole societies like the Albigenses and the Waldenses and the Hussites and anyone else who was found even reading or owning a Bible back in that time.

We as modern-day Christians must always remember our church history. We as modern-day Christians must always remember the blood that has

been spilt in order for us to even have this Bible to study from this very evening. We as modern-day Christians must always remember the sacrifice of others that was made so that you and I might be able to study these God breathed Scriptures freely here this evening.

The devil has always had an army of Christians who are no Christians at all. An army of disciples who say that they are the disciples of our Messiah and are not. And this is exactly why our Messiah gave praise to the assembly in Ephesus for having the ability to test to those who called themselves apostles and were not. **Revelation chapter 2 verses one and two (scrn 1)**

**To the Church in Ephesus**

**Rev 2:1** “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

**Rev 2:2** “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.



The assembly in Ephesus because they were abiding in the word that had been given to them were able to decipher between true apostles and false apostles. **(scrn 2 show)**

G652  
ἀπόστολος

apostolos

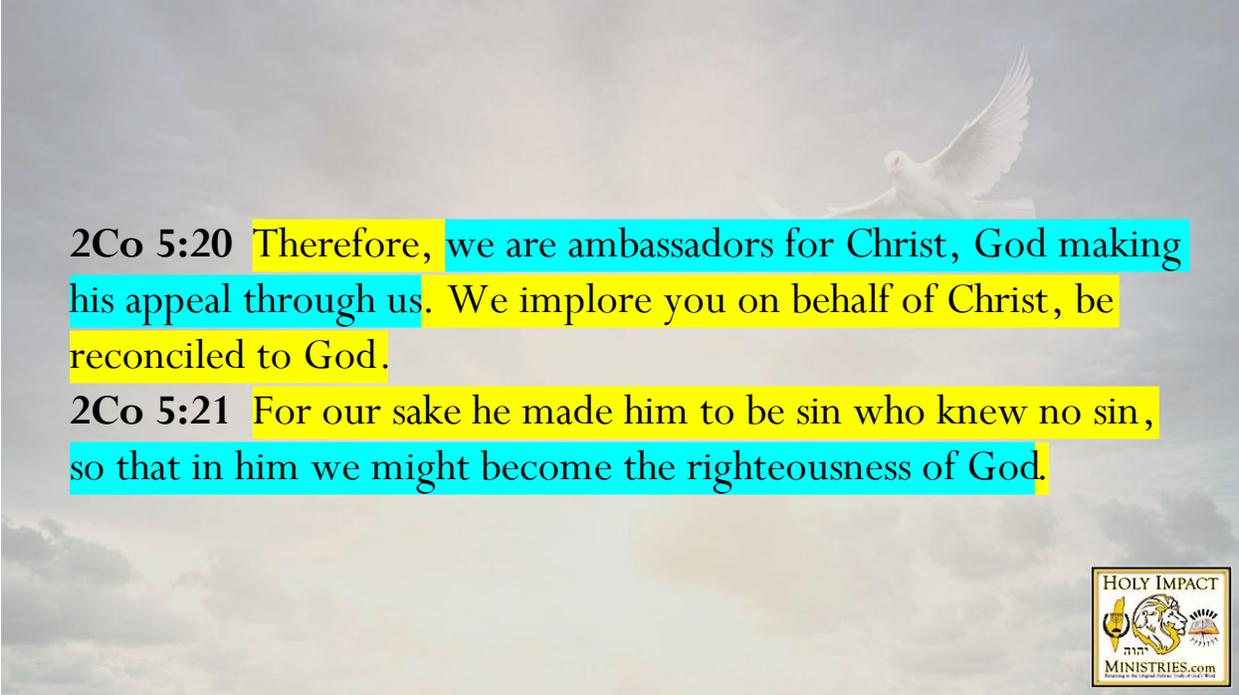
ap-os'-tol-os

From G649; a delegate; specifically an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ (“apostle”), (with miraculous powers): - apostle, messenger, he that is sent.

Total KJV occurrences: 81



And for those of you who do not know, the biblical definition of an apostle is simply to be a delegate or an ambassador of the gospel, a messenger that is indeed sent in order to proclaim the truth of Yehovah God’s word to the world. **Second Corinthians chapter 5 verses 20 and 21 (scrn 3)**



2Co 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2Co 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



If we have the spirit of Yehovah God dwelling within us, and if we have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come and we have been enlightened and have tasted the heavenly gift and have shared in the Ruach Hakodesh, the Holy Spirit of God himself we have become the light of the world and the salt of the earth. And in order to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth we must indeed be ambassadors for our Messiah so that Yehovah God might make his appeal through us to call others to be reconciled to Yehovah God. For it was indeed for our sake that he made him to be sin who knew no sin so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

And therefore, the concept of being a prophet is really no different than being an apostle or a disciple or a true Christian. We as true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians simply cannot afford to leave the word of Yehovah God behind or to put the word of Yehovah God behind any other book or any other writing, or any other tradition, or any other practice, or any other doctrine.

If we are indeed ambassadors for our Messiah and Yehovah God is

indeed making his appeal through us, then we will have the wherewithal and the tenacity and the fortitude to stand upon the word of God and not be shaken by any other book, or any other writing, or any other tradition, or any other practice, or any other doctrine. **Matthew chapter 7 verses 24 through 27 E1**

### **Build Your House on the Rock**

Mat 7:24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Mat 7:25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Mat 7:26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Mat 7:27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Here once again in Matthew chapter 7 our Messiah makes the differentiation between those who build their houses on his word which is the rock and those who build their houses on anything else besides his word which is the sand.

And according to our Messiah right here in the New Testament those who hear his words will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. But... but... anyone who hears these words written in our Bible, in the New Testament and does not do them because they have traded them for any other book or any other writing, or any other tradition, or any other practice or any other doctrine will have built their houses in the sand. And I tell you the truth... those people who have done these things will indeed have their houses blown away by the wind. The first storm the comes will blow that house away and indeed... great will be the fall of it.

I tell you the truth my friends, there are many people today who claim to be teaching the word of God because God has sent them when God has not even spoken to them. There are many people in the world today who

are nothing more than dreamers of dreams. People who never test the spirits. People who believe that every dream they have makes them special because God is speaking to them when all the while... God has not spoken. And I tell you the truth, it is these dreamers of dreams that back in Moses' day were commanded to be stoned to death because they taught rebellion against Yehovah. We must remember that any time that we say Yehovah God has spoken when Yehovah God has not spoken, we are indeed teaching rebellion against Yehovah. And this is exactly why the false prophet was always commanded to be stoned to death because just as is written in the New Testament... a little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Keeping all of this in mind I'd like to now turn to **the first three verses of Deuteronomy chapter 13 (scrn 4)**

Deu 13:1 "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,

Deu 13:2 and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,'

Deu 13:3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.



The first thing that I want us to notice is the very first verse of Deuteronomy chapter 13 where we are told that if a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder that he tells you comes to pass, in other words his prophecy does indeed happen... we are not to be fooled! And I want to

stop right here because this is going to become even more important in these last days that we are now living in.

We must always remember that the devil is no stooge. Our adversary is wonderfully brilliant. And there should be no doubt in our minds that he does indeed have powers and abilities to make things happen upon the earth. He has the ability to move things supernaturally, he has the ability to enter into the soul of a person and even possess them, and he also has the ability to do all kinds of illusions and signs and wonders. But this does not make him a true prophet. And just to make this point I would like us to turn to **Exodus chapter 7 verses eight through 13 E2**

**Exo 7:8** Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron,

**Exo 7:9** "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'"

**Exo 7:10** So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent.

**Exo 7:11** Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts.

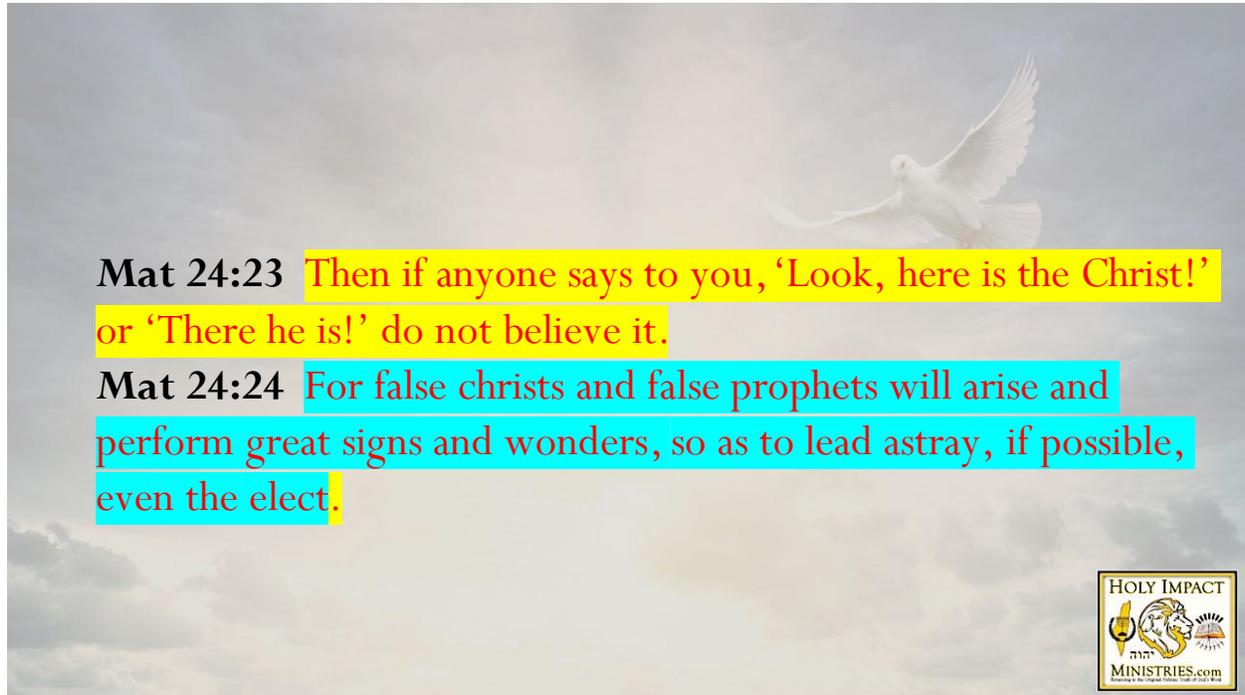
**Exo 7:12** For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

**Exo 7:13** Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Here in the seventh chapter of the book of Exodus we find Yehovah God giving Moses the power to throw his staff down and turn it into a serpent in front of the Pharaoh of Egypt. But this in no way shakes the Pharaoh of Egypt. All the Pharaoh of Egypt does is call his sorcerers and the magicians of Egypt who did the exact same thing by their secret arts. And I want us to pay close attention to these secret arts that the sorcerers of Egypt used in order to turn their staffs into serpents.

My friends, does the devil have the power to create illusions in the minds of men? Does the devil have power to divine and to tell the future? Does the devil have power to bring fire down from the sky and

to do many mighty miracles in the sites of men? What does our Messiah tell us about the end of the age in **Matthew chapter 24 verses 23 and 24? (scrn 5)**



According to our Messiah here in Matthew chapter 24 false messiahs and false prophets will indeed perform great signs and wonders in order to lead astray, if possible, even the very elect!

Another place that we can look to in order to see the power of the evil one is in the story of Balaam who the Bible tells us was a diviner. Let's turn very quickly to **Numbers chapter 22 verses one through seven E3**

### **Balak Summons Balaam**

**Num 22:1** Then the people of Israel set out and camped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho.

**Num 22:2** And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

**Num 22:3** And Moab was in great dread of the people, because they were many. Moab was overcome with fear of the people of Israel.

**Num 22:4** And Moab said to the elders of Midian, "This horde will now lick

up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field.” So Balak the son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time,

Num 22:5 sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is near the River in the land of the people of Amaw, to call him, saying, “Behold, a people has come out of Egypt. They cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me.

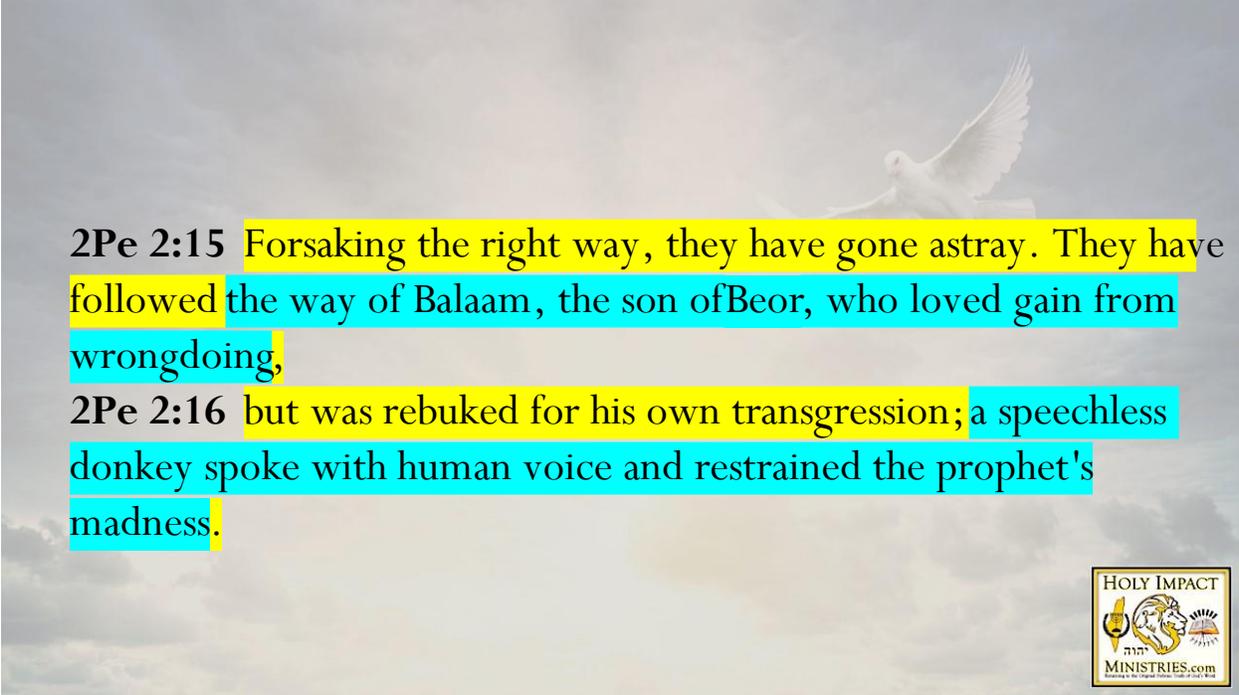
Num 22:6 Come now, curse this people for me, since they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.”

Num 22:7 So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the fees for divination in their hand. And they came to Balaam and gave him Balak's message.

Here in Numbers chapter 22 Balak who is the king of Moab sends for Balaam the diviner to curse the people of Israel so that the king of Moab can destroy the people of Israel who were more numerous than he was. And so, in Numbers chapter 22 verse seven the elders of Moab and the leaders of median depart with the fees for divination in their hand and they bring this money to Balaam so that Balaam will curse the house of Israel and give king Balak the victory of battle over the house of Israel. And I also want us to notice here in Numbers chapter 22 verse six that the king of Moab says, and I quote, “perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed and he whom you curse is cursed (talking about Balam).

And therefore, it should be clear that the king of Moab truly believed that Balaam had the power to bless and to curse people much like the Roman Catholic Church today believes that their so-called priests that we are to call “father’s” can both bless and curse people.

Balaam was indeed the quintessential poster child of a false prophet. Here’s what the prophet Peter tells us concerning Balaam in **second Peter chapter 2 verses 15 and 16 (scrn 6)**



2Pe 2:15 Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing,

2Pe 2:16 but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.



All throughout the book of Numbers beginning with chapter 22 we are told that Yehovah God would not allow Balaam to curse the house of Israel for the king of Moab. Yehovah God himself stepped in and took control of this diviner called Balam. And even though Balaam seemed to obey the commandment of Yehovah God for the most part, it is clearly written all throughout the Bible that Balaam was indeed a pagan diviner. And we are also told that Balaam was killed with the rest of the enemies of God in Numbers chapter 31, but not before through his deception he caused the death of over 24,000 Israelites. Let's turn to **Numbers chapter 25 verses one through nine E4**

### **Baal Worship at Peor**

**Num 25:1** While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab.

Num 25:2 These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.

Num 25:3 So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

Num 25:4 And the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the chiefs of the people and hang them in the sun before the LORD, that the fierce anger of the

LORD may turn away from Israel.”

Num 25:5 And Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Each of you kill those of his men who have yoked themselves to Baal of Peor.”

Num 25:6 And behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought a Midianite woman to his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping in the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Num 25:7 When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the congregation and took a spear in his hand

Num 25:8 and went after the man of Israel into the chamber and pierced both of them, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague on the people of Israel was stopped.

Num 25:9 Nevertheless, those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

Why was it that the house of Israel began to whore with the daughters of Moab? Why was it that Israel yoked itself to Baal of Peor? Why was it that the chiefs of the people of Israel needed to be hanged in the sun before Yehovah? The answer to those very questions are answered in **Numbers chapter 31 verse 16 (scrn 7)**



Num 31:16 Behold, these, on Balaam's advice, caused the people of Israel to act treacherously against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and so the plague came among the congregation of the LORD.



You see, it was this one false prophet by the name of Balaam that caused

over 24,000 Israelites to be rejected by Yehovah God and put to death.

Do you see the power of one false prophet? Do you see the power that a false prophet wields? And do you now understand why it was that Yehovah God commanded in the days of Moses that a false prophet was to be stoned to death?

A little leaven leavens the whole lump. When a false prophet begins to lead God's people away from the truth of God's word through any other book, through any other writing, through any other tradition, that false prophet is capable of literally destroying thousands if not millions of people by leading them into rebellion against the spoken word of Yehovah.

Let's turn now to **Deuteronomy chapter 13 verses four through 18 E5**

**Deu 13:4** You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.

**Deu 13:5** But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

**Deu 13:6** "If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which neither you nor your fathers have known,

**Deu 13:7** some of the gods of the peoples who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other,

**Deu 13:8** you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him.

**Deu 13:9** But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.

**Deu 13:10** You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

**Deu 13:11** And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such

wickedness as this among you.

Deu 13:12 "If you hear in one of your cities, which the LORD your God is giving you to dwell there,

Deu 13:13 that certain worthless fellows have gone out among you and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known,

Deu 13:14 then you shall inquire and make search and ask diligently. And behold, if it be true and certain that such an abomination has been done among you,

Deu 13:15 you shall surely put the inhabitants of that city to the sword, devoting it to destruction, all who are in it and its cattle, with the edge of the sword.

Deu 13:16 You shall gather all its spoil into the midst of its open square and burn the city and all its spoil with fire, as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God. It shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again.

Deu 13:17 None of the devoted things shall stick to your hand, that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger and show you mercy and have compassion on you and multiply you, as he swore to your fathers,

Deu 13:18 if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, keeping all his commandments that I am commanding you today, and doing what is right in the sight of the LORD your God.

Once again, we are commanded to walk after Yehovah our Elohim and to fear him and to keep his commandments and to obey his voice. We are not commanded to follow after any other pastor, priest, Bishop, Pope, Rabbi, apostle, disciple, prophet or evangelist. We are not to follow after any other book, after any other writing, after any other doctrine, after any other tradition that does not fall directly and perfectly in line with the word of Yehovah our Elohim.

And this is the way that we are to test false prophets. Keeping this in mind I'd like to ask you another question... what happens when false profits rise up and begin to teach and preach that the word of God is a curse?

What happens when false prophets rise up and begin to teach and preach that God's word was a mistake and therefore has all been done away with?

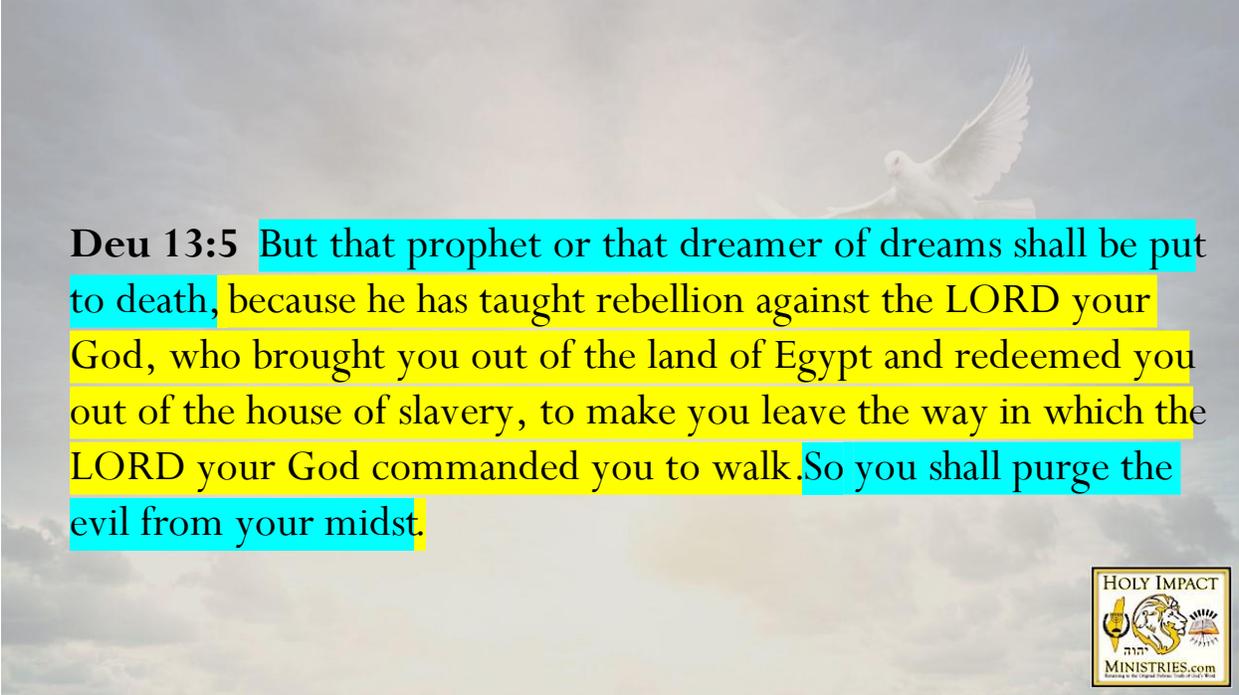
What happens when a false prophet arises and thinks to change the times and the law of God? What happens when a false prophet arises and decides to make it all about himself by celebrating his own birthday under every green tree and creating his own sabbaths on the first day of the week?

What happens when a false prophet arises claiming that God has said when God has not spoken? What happens when a false prophet arises sitting on a golden throne in Rome claiming himself to be... God?

Does this not fit the quintessential description of a false prophet according to Deuteronomy chapter 13?

And so, the question then becomes, what do we do with those who have created another god... that they call us to worship? What do we do with these false prophets that pray to the dead instead of the living God? What do we do with these false prophets that have set up their own sabbaths and their own traditions in order to worship their own man-made god?

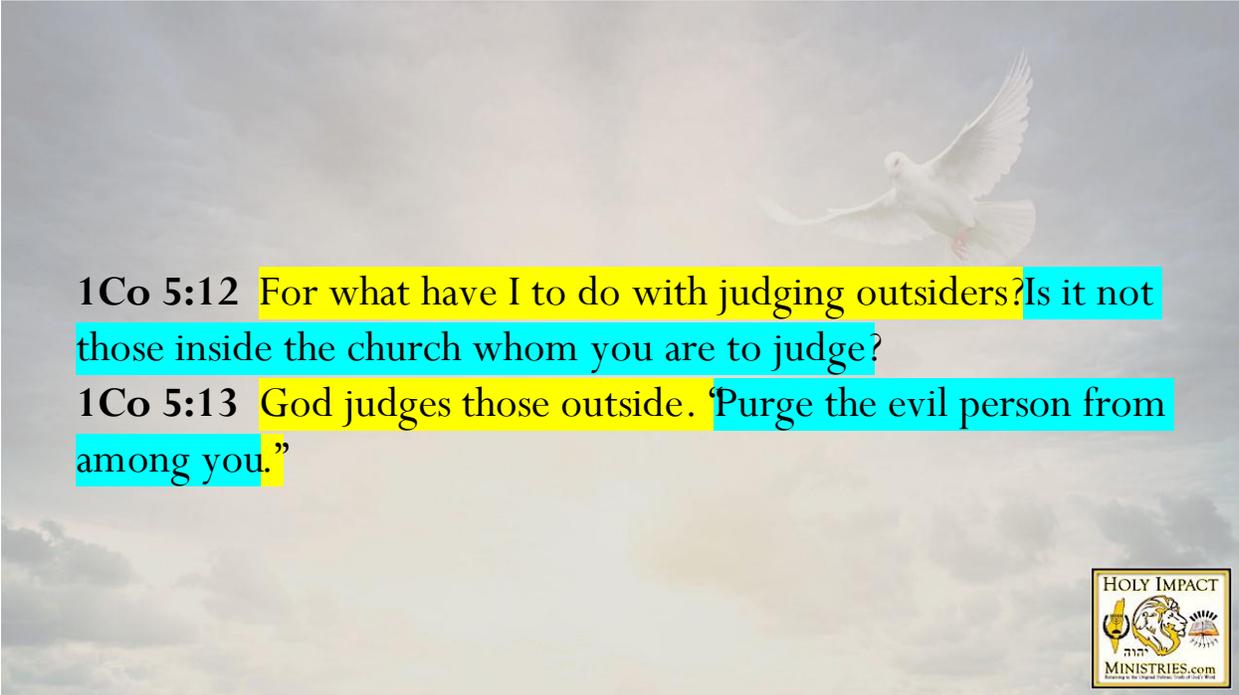
According to Deuteronomy chapter 13 those things and those people should be dead to us. All those books, and all those writings and all of those traditions and all of those doctrines along with those who teach them should be dead to us. **Deuteronomy chapter 13 verse five (scrn 8)**



Deu 13:5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.



And I would also like for us all to notice that it is written here in Deuteronomy chapter 13 verse five that we are to purge the evil person from our midst. Contrast that with **First Corinthians chapter 5 verses 12 and 13 of the New Testament (scrn 9)**



1Co 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?

1Co 5:13 God judges those outside. 'Purge the evil person from among you.'



And so, we are told both in the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Deuteronomy of the Old Testament and first Corinthians chapter 5 of the New Testament to purge the evil person from among us. I ask you plainly... has anything changed between the Old Testament and the New Testament?

Because I would submit to you that the only thing that is changed between the Old Testament and the New Testament is that during the time of Moses the tabernacle still stood upon the earth and God still dwelt among men. That's the only difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The legal court system and the ultimate judge who was once dwelling with man on earth is no longer dwelling amongst men on earth. And neither is his judicial court system. And therefore, because we no longer have a high priest on earth or a temple to go to or even the Urim and the Thummim which were the two stones that the high priest carried with him behind the Ephod in order to ask yes or no questions of Yehovah... The law of Yehovah has become spiritual in nature. And because the law is spiritual, it must be discerned spiritually.

And therefore, the question then becomes what are the spiritual implications of Deuteronomy chapter 13 and the stoning of false prophets?

Clearly, the relationship between actually stoning a false prophet to death according to the letter of the law back in the days of Moses... and the spiritual understanding of the law today in our time... is that modern day false prophets along with their doctrine of demons should be dead to us.

Our ears should no longer hear them, and our eyes should no longer see them. Our hearts should be turned away from them and they should indeed be... for all intents and purposes... dead to us. And it's important

that we are very clear here. If someone says that Yehovah God has said something, and it does not come to pass... that is an immediate sign that the person who spoke these things is a false prophet. Not says I, but says our God breathed Scripture in **Deuteronomy chapter 18 verses 20 through 22 (scrn 10)**

**Deu 18:20** But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

**Deu 18:21** And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'—

**Deu 18:22** when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.



How many times have we heard about the prophet Edgar Casey? What about Nostradamus? What about Ellen G white or Joseph Smith? If... if they or any other modern-day prophet has prophesied something, even one thing that did not come to pass or that did not come true... that is a word that Yehovah has not spoken. And just as we are told in Deuteronomy chapter 18 verse 22, we need not be afraid of them which means that we should not be following their instruction.

And you might also include in this batch of false prophets many of today's extra biblical books also known as apocryphal books. If we find a prophecy within any of these writings that does not come to pass or come true, we can surely know that the hands of a false prophet are indeed responsible.

And my friends, I would like to once again warn you for the trillionth time... most of these apocryphal books have had absolutely no oversight over them. They have been published and republished several different times over throughout the centuries. There is no way to go back and to check the original Hebrew or Greek manuscript concerning them. When you purchase the book of Enoch for example, there is no numbered version of the book of Enoch that will show you exactly what Enoch said in the original Hebrew language. Listen closely to the historical foundations of the book of Enoch: (GO TO WIKIPEDIA)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book\\_of\\_Enoch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Enoch)

The Book of Enoch is an ancient Hebrew apocalyptic religious text, ascribed by tradition to Enoch, the great-grandfather of Noah. Enoch contains unique material on the origins of demons and Nephilim, why some angels fell from heaven, an explanation of why the Genesis flood was morally necessary, and prophetic exposition of the thousand-year reign of the Messiah. Three books are traditionally attributed to Enoch, including the distinct works 2 Enoch and 3 Enoch, although none of the three books are considered canonical scripture by the majority of Jewish or Christian bodies.

The older sections I Enoch (mainly in the Book of the Watchers) of the text are estimated to date from about 300–200 BC, and the latest part (Book of Parables) probably to 100 BC.

And I want us to stop and think about this for just a moment. First Enoch which is the oldest of the three books of Enoch only dates back to between 300 to 200 BC which means before Christ. And therefore, the book of Enoch does not date back to the time of the Torah or even the days of Moses as far as we know. The book of Enoch is a relatively new work that was found between 300 and 200 BC. And therefore, even though a few verses of the book of Enoch are quoted in the New Testament, we need to stop and contemplate just how long this book has been around and... whether or not we even have the exact copy of the

book of Enoch that the apostles had. Because I would submit to you that we do not. Once again, the book of Enoch has been republished and redistributed several different times by several different people with no real oversight to the original manuscript. Once again, not to say that the book of Enoch does not have some historical value... but simply to say this...

If a false prophet has manipulated the book of Enoch which would be extremely easy to do today in our time, it would be very easy for that false prophet to think to change the times and the law of God just like Roman Catholicism has thought to do. And if we are not using our God breathed Scripture as a measuring stick against the book of Enoch in order to hold the book of Enoch accountable to the word of God... then we and our children will be susceptible to being led astray. Let's continue on with the historical documentation...

Various Aramaic fragments found in the Dead Sea Scrolls, as well as Koine Greek and Latin fragments, are proof that the Book of Enoch was known by Jews and early Near Eastern Christians. This book was also quoted by some 1st and 2nd century authors as in the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs. Authors of the New Testament were also familiar with some content of the story. A short section of 1 Enoch (1:9) is cited in the New Testament Epistle of Jude, Jude 1:14–15, and is attributed there to "Enoch the Seventh from Adam" (1 Enoch 60:8), although this section of 1 Enoch is a midrash on Deuteronomy 33:2. Several copies of the earlier sections of 1 Enoch were preserved among the Dead Sea Scrolls.

It is not part of the biblical canon used by Jews, apart from Beta Israel (Ethiopian Jews). While the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church and Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church consider the Book of Enoch as canonical, other Christian groups regard it as non-canonical or non-inspired, but may accept it as having some historical or theological interest.

It is today wholly extant only in the Ethiopian Ge'ez language. For this and other reasons, the traditional Ethiopian belief is that the original language of the work was Ge'ez, whereas modern scholars argue that it was first written in either Aramaic or Hebrew, the languages first used for Jewish texts; Ephraim Isaac suggests that the Book of Enoch, like the Book of Daniel, was composed partially in Aramaic and partially in Hebrew. No Hebrew version is known to have survived.

And therefore, since no Hebrew version is known to have survived, we have no way of going back and checking to see if the book of Enoch that we have today is an original work from the original man Enoch. All we have today are manuscripts and fragments in recent languages that have been transcribed by men that we do not know. If you believe as some do that the book of Enoch was written partially in Aramaic and partially in Hebrew... then you must agree that the book of Enoch could not have been written during the days of Moses when the Aramaic language did not exist! The Aramaic language is thought to have first appeared among the Aramaeans about the late 11<sup>th</sup> century BC. There was no Aramaic language before Moses, and so then how could the book of Enoch have been written by the man Enoch in a language that did not exist in Enoch's time? And so, this belief also has its problems not to say that Enoch was not originally written in Hebrew. But the point is... that we cannot test it on its own merit, and this is exactly why anything that we read in the book of Enoch that goes against the spoken word of Yehvoah God must and I repeat MUST... be disregarded and dead to us.

Once again... the mixing and mingling of God's word is one of the best used snares of the Devil himself and has been from the beginning of time. A mixing and mingling of God's word is no word of God at all. God's word is pristine, and true and is the rock that we must build our houses upon!

And therefore, this leaves a lot of open-ended questions concerning the book of just Enoch alone. And this is just one of many apocryphal books and questions that need to be asked when teaching and preaching an

apocryphal book today as the inspired word of God.

In the end, it's important that we do as our Messiah has told us to do. And that is to build our houses on the rock which is the word of Yehovah God. And if we choose to read any other book, we must contemplate the measure of oversight that has been taken to keep these apocryphal books true to their original manuscripts. Are these now today a mixing and mingling of the truth... or are they inspired as so many believe? I tell you the truth... the word of Yehvoah God is the only way to uncover the truth because it and it alone is... the truth.

And my hope and my prayer is that this will be a warning to all those who are so easily led astray by the writings and the doctrines and the traditions and the dogmas of men who have said things that Yehovah God has not spoken.

There is much to contemplate here. And once again I would submit to you that in these last days that we are now living in, this commandment of testing a false prophet should be jumping off the pages of our Bibles like fireworks. Because I would submit to you, that the number of false prophets today has risen exponentially from the days of Moses, and I would also contend that the number of false prophets in our time will continue to rise exponentially before the return of our Messiah.

Once again, this is not a game that we play. This is indeed a spiritual warfare that we are engaged in. And it is written that we must indeed endure but not only endure... but to also conquer.

And with that being said, I will once again ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the

proper door can be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.