

The History of False Pastors, Prophets, shepherds, and watchmen.

Rev. 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them ***that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.***

2Peter 2: 13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; 14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: 15 Which have forsaken the right way, **and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.** 17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. 18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Jude 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, **and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward,** and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Isa. 9:15 The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. 16 For the ***leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.*** 28:7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and ***the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.*** 29:10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: ***the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.*** 11 And the vision

of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: 30:9 That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that ***will not hear the law*** of the LORD: 10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto ***us right things***, speak unto us smooth things, ***prophecy deceits***: 11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. 12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: 41:22 Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. 23 Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. 24 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you. 25 I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. 26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words. 43:27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me. 56:10 ***His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs***, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. 11 Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are ***shepherds that cannot understand***: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. 12 Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

Hosea 4:5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. 6 ***My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee***, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast ***forgotten the law of thy God***, I will also forget thy children. 9:8 The watchman of Ephraim was with my God: but ***the prophet is a snare*** of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God. 9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

Micah 3:5 Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets ***that make my people err***, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. 6 Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. 7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they

shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God. 8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. 9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity. 10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. 11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof **teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money:** yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, ***Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.*** 7:4 The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

Zeph. 3:4 ***Her prophets are light and treacherous persons:*** her priests have polluted the sanctuary, ***they have done violence to the law.***

Jer. 2:8 The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and ***they that handle the law knew me not:*** the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. . . 26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets, 27 Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. . . . 30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. 5:12 They have belied the LORD, and said, It is not he; ***neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword*** nor famine: 13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them . . 30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; 31 The prophets ***prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so:*** and what will ye do in the end thereof? 6:13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest ***every one dealeth falsely.*** 14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, ***Peace, peace; when there is no peace.*** 17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. 8:10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest ***every one dealeth falsely*** 14:13 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but ***I will give you assured peace*** in this place. 14 Then the LORD said unto me, **The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.** 15 Therefore thus

saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. 16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. 10:21 For **the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.** 12:10 **Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.** 22:22 **The wind shall eat up all thy pastors,** and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

Jer. 23:1 ***Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter*** the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. 2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel ***against the pastors*** that feed my people; Ye have ***scattered*** my flock, and ***driven*** them away, and have not visited them: behold, ***I will visit upon you the evil of your doings,*** saith the LORD. 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD. 5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land. 9 Mine 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 hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness. 10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. 11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. 12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. 13 And I have seen ***folly in the prophets*** of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. 14 I have seen also in ***the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the***

hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. 15 Therefore thus saith the LORD 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 is profaneness gone forth into all the land. 16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, **Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.** 17 They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that *walketh after the imagination of his own heart*, No evil shall come upon you. 18 For who *hath stood in the counsel of the LORD*, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? 19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. 20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. 21 **I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.** 22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people **to hear my words, then they should have turned them** from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. 23 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets said, **that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.** 26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are **prophets of the deceit of their own heart;** 27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. 28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. 29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. 31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. 32 Behold, I am against them **that prophesy false dreams**, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet **I sent them not, nor commanded them:** therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD. 33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD. 34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house. 35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken? 36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word

shall be his burden; **for ye have perverted the words of the living God**, of the LORD of hosts our God. 37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken? 38 But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD; 39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence: 40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

Jer. 26:11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. 27:9 **Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers**, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: . . . 15 For **I have not sent them**, saith the LORD, **yet they prophesy a lie in my name**; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you. 16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; **Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you**, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for **they prophesy a lie unto you**. 17 **Hearken not unto them**; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city be laid waste? 18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon. 29:8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; **Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.** 32:32 Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33 And **they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.**

Lam. 2:9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD. . . . 14 **Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity**, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee **false burdens and causes** of banishment. 4:13 For **the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests,**

that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her, 14 They have *wandered as blind men* in the streets, they have *polluted themselves* with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.

Ezekiel **13:2** Son of man, *prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy*, and say thou unto them that prophesy *out of their own hearts*, ***Hear ye the word of the LORD***; 3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the *foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!* 4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. 5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD. 6 *They have seen vanity and lying divination*, saying, The LORD saith: and the ***LORD hath not sent them***: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word. 7 *Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination*, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; ***albeit I have not spoken?*** 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; *Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you*, saith the Lord GOD. 9 *And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies*: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, ***neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel***, neither shall they *enter into the land* of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD. 10 Because, even because *they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace*; and one built up a wall, and, lo, *others daubed it with untempered mortar*: 11 Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that *it shall fall*: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind *shall rend it*. 12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, *Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?* 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it. 14 So will I *break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar*, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. 15 *Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them* that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it; 16 *To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace*, saith the Lord GOD. ***14:9*** And ***if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him*** from the midst of my people Israel. 10 And *they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him*; ***22:25*** ***There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof***, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; *they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things*; they have made her many widows in the

midst thereof. 26 ***Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.*** 27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like ***wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.*** 28 And her ***prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.*** **33:6** But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow ***not*** the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but ***his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.*** **34:1** And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, ***prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy,*** and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; ***Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves!*** should not the shepherds feed the flocks? 3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ***ye feed not the flock.*** 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye ***brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.*** 5 And they were ***scattered***, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were ***scattered***. 6 My sheep ***wandered through all the mountains,*** and upon ***every high hill:*** yea, my flock was ***scattered*** upon ***all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.*** 7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; 8 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely ***because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat*** to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds ***search*** for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; 9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; 10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, ***I am against the shepherds;*** and ***I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more;*** for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them. 11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and ***will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.*** 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring ***them to their own land,*** and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause ***them to lie down,*** saith the Lord GOD. 16 ***I will seek that which***

was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment. 17 And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats. 18 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but *ye must tread down with your feet the residue* of your pastures? and to have *drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?* 19 And as for my flock, they eat that which *ye have trodden* with your feet; and they drink that *which ye have fouled with your feet*.

Note See Hebrews 11:37,38. Luke 6:22. John 16:2.

Matt. 7:15 *Beware of false prophets*, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Matt. 23:1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, 2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but *do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not*. 4 For *they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers*. 5 But all their works they do for *to be seen of men*: they make *broad* their phylacteries, and *enlarge* the borders of their garments, 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, 7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. 8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. 11 But he that is greatest among you *shall be your servant*. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. 13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! *for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in*. 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! *for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation*. 15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and *when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves*. 16 Woe unto you, *ye blind guides*, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! 17 *Ye fools and blind*: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? 18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. 19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the

altar that sanctifieth the gift? 20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. 21 And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. 22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon. 23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, **and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done,** and not to leave the other undone. 24 Ye **blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.** 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, **but within they are full of extortion and excess.** 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto **whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.** 28 **Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.** 29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 **Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.** 32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 33 **Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?** 34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and **some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:** 35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. 36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. 39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Matt. 24:24:11 And **many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.** 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. . . 24 **For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

2Cor. 11:13 For **such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.** 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers

also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

2Tim. 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they *heap to themselves teachers*, having itching ears; 4 And *they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.* 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

2Peter 1:1 But *there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you*, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, *even denying the Lord that bought them*, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

1John 3:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: *because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

Rev. 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of *the false prophet*. 14 For *they are the spirits of devils*, working miracles, which go forth *unto the kings of the earth* and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 19:20 And the beast was taken, and *with him the false prophet that wrought miracles* before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. *See Rev. 18:3,9; 14:8.*

Rev. 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, *If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.* Pro. 30:6 *Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.* Due. 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. 12:32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

Jer. 28:9 The prophet which prophesieth of peace, *when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.* **Due. 13:1** If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and *giveth thee a sign or a wonder,* **2** *And the sign or the wonder come to pass,* whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; **3** Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: *for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.* **4** *Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.* **5** And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; *because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God,* which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, *to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in.* So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee. **6** If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; **7** Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; **8** Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: **9** But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. **10** And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. **11** And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you. **1Cor. 14:32** And the spirits of the prophets *are subject to the prophets.*

Acts 7:52 *Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted?* and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: **Matt. 23:31** Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that *ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.*

Jer. 22:22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

Why did they Do these things?

Eph. 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not

as other Gentiles walk, *in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:* 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Rom. 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for *it is not subject to the law of God,* neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences *contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.* 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Phil. 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, *who mind earthly things.*)

Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but *even their mind and conscience is defiled.* 16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

1Cor. 14:32 And the *spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.* 33 *For God is not the author of confusion,*

2Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that *no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.* 21 For the prophecy *came not* in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.