

## TRUE AND FALSE PROPHETS PART 1

Key Verses: *-Deut 18: 15-22 (to be read together).*

There has been such an upsurge in prophetic messages that it is necessary to be able to discern the true from the false. Many influential persons have made predictions that have not come to pass, yet many continue to trust them as true mouth-pieces of Yahweh. Yahweh's word is very clear in teaching us how to discern between the true and the false. It is prophesied that many false prophets shall arise in the last days. In this study we shall look at false prophets and in the next study we shall look at true prophets.

### RECOGNISING FALSE PROPHETS

- a) Jer 23: 17,18,21 Pretend to be sent by Yahweh
- b) Zep 3:4 "Light and treacherous" "Light" means they are frothy and without substance.
- c) Micah 3:11 Covetous
- d) Matt 7:15 Crafty
- e) Isa 28:7 Some times they are drunkards, and affected by other spirits.
- f) Jer 23:11,14 Immoral and profane
- g) Eze 13:2 Called foolish
- h) Eze 13:4 Why are they like desert foxes? Foxes dwelt among the ruins and these prophets are at home in a crumbling society.

### HOW THEY OPERATE

- a) 1 Kings 21:21,22 Influenced by evil spirits
- b) Jer 14:14; Eze 22:28; Ac 13:6. Often practice divination and witchcraft and lies in the name of Yahweh
- c) Jer 23:28,32. Often pretended to receive dreams from Yahweh.
- d) Dreams may arise from inward desires, the word of Yahweh is more sure.
- e) Jer 23:30. What does it mean to "steal my words"?
- f) Jer 23:16,26 Eze 13:2 Speak out of their own heart.
- g) Eze 13:10-12 They build up false hope.
- h) Eze 14:9 Often deceived by God as a judgment.
- i) Jer 23:13; Mic 3:5. Lead into error.

### THEIR JUDGEMENT

- a) Jer 23:15,34 Bitter experience, punished.
- b) Jer 23: 37-40 forgotten and forsaken and cast out, bearing everlasting reproach, and perpetual shame.
- c) Jer 14:15 Sword and famine.

**Think on these things: -**

***People of this sort were prophesied to arise in the last days. This is the time for discernment, and to be rooted and grounded in the truth. Next week we shall consider the operation of true prophets.***