

The Book of Ezekiel
Lesson 14: The Truth About the False- Part 2
“False Prophecy/False Piety”
Ezekiel 13:1-14:11 (ANSWERS)
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Recap from Lesson 13:

- 1. False Confidence (12:1-28)**
 - a. He, the Lord, warned him that he would be ministering to a **Rebellious** people (**Ezek. 2:3-8**) who were spiritually **Blind** and **Deaf**.
 - b. **The Leaders Cannot Escape (Vss. 1-16)**
 - i. The Lord instructed Ezekiel to **Play** the part of a **Fugitive** escaping from a **Besieged** City.
 - c. **The People will Live in Terror (Vss. 17-28)**
 - i. He was illustrating the **Tragic** condition of the people in Jerusalem during the Babylonian siege.
 - ii. The theme of Ezekiel’s message (**12:21-28**) was the **Certainty** and the **Nearness** of God’s judgment on Jerusalem and the land of Judah.
 - d. **There is No Substitute for God’s Word!**

Session 14

Introduction:

- Ezekiel had answered the shallow, selfish thinking of the exiles and the people in Jerusalem, but now he attacked the source of their blind optimism: **The Message of the False Prophets**.
- 1. The Lying Prophets (Vss. 1-16)**
 - a. Four times in this paragraph God declares that the false prophets saw the **(Nothingness)** and spoke lies. (**Jer. 23:21-22**)
 - b. They spoke out of their own **Imaginations**, and their **“Inspirations”** was self-induced.
 - i. Ezekiel compared them to the **Foxes** (Jackals) that lived as scavengers in the deserted ruins of the land.
 - ii. Ezekiel also compared the false prophets to **Workmen** who failed to build something that would last.
 - c. A true prophet tells people what they **Need** to hear, but a false prophets tell them what they **Want** to hear. (**2 Tim. 4:1-5**)
 - i. A **True** servant of God builds carefully on a **Strong** foundation and keeps the walls in good **Repair** but a **Hireling** builds carelessly and whitewashes things to make them **Look** better.
 - d. It is a serious thing to be **Called** by God and to **Speak** His Word to His People.
 - i. To **Assume** a place in ministry without being called and gifted is arrogance.
 - 2. The Lying Sorceresses (Vss. 17-23)**
 - a. The gift of prophecy was **Not** given exclusively to **Men**, for several prophetesses are named in Scripture.

- i. Miriam- **Ex. 15:20**
 - ii. Deborah- **Judg. 4:4-5**
 - iii. The Wife of Isaiah- **Isa. 8:3**
 - iv. Huldah- **2 Ki. 22:14**
 - v. The Daughters of Philip the Evangelist- **Acts 21:8-9**
 - vi. Noadiah (Self-professed)- **Neh. 6:14**
- b. They practiced the **Magical** arts they had probably learned in Babylon, all of which were **Forbidden** of the Jews (**Deut. 18:9-14**).
- i. Instead of **Condemning** the evil and **Rewarding** the good, they were **Slaying** the good and **Rewarding** the evil!

Chapter 14:1-11 **"False Piety"**

1. He **Exposed Their Hidden Sin (Vss. 1-5)**
 - a. **Outwardly** they were serving the Lord, but secretly they were worshipping **Idols**. Instead of having a love for God and His Word in their hearts, the elders had idols in their hearts.
2. He **Called Them to Repent (Vss. 6-11)**
 - a. **Repentance** is a change of mind and heart, it means turning **From** sin and turning **To** the Lord.
 - b. Once repentance takes place, individuals will notice the power found in Jesus Christ!
 - i. It is the **Condition** of the person's heart that **Determines** the response to the Lord's test, for God deals with people according to their **Hearts**.