

A Curse on False Teachers

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 2 Peter 2.
- B. Holy men speak holy messages.
- C. Peter gives three things to consider about false prophets.

II. Work of false prophets.

A. Characteristics of false prophets.

1. They are more interested in being popular than right. (Jeremiah 6:14, Ezekiel 13)
2. They were more interested in personal gain than anything else. (Jeremiah 23)
3. They lead people to immorality.
4. They lead people to false gods.

B. There will be false prophets among us. (Matthew 24)

1. There will be signs and wonders, but this does not mean a thing. (Mark 13)
2. There will be almost no true prophets left during the tribulation because the church will be raptured. (2 Peter 2:1)

C. They will secretly bring in heresies of destruction.

1. They always come in secretly.
2. They deny the work of Christ.
3. They deny the deity of Christ.

III. Effect of false prophets:

A. Many follow. (2 John 7)

1. The Christian who hangs around is going to lose his reward.
2. Christians are not to receive or fellowship with false teachers.

B. The truth of Christ is put down in pernicious ways.

1. There is an abandonment to immorality.
2. People in the world look at this and recognize that it is phony.

3. False prophets like to play god with the minds of other people.

IV. Destruction of false prophets.

A. If God did not spare the fallen angels in their sin, he will surely deal with the false prophets.
(Matthew 25:31)

B. The judgment of false prophets will be worse because they blaspheme Jesus Christ.

C. The false teachers despise the Lordship and mastery of Jesus Christ.

Application Questions:

1. What are some ways we can identify false prophets?

2. Who are some false prophets that are popular today?

3. Why is the judgment of false prophets more severe?
