

Class #5 - Damage Control!

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Topic: Protocols Of Prophetic Damage Control! False Prophets & Prophecy! Balaam, Zedekiah

There is a DAMAGE CONTROL department within the prophetic!

Why is there a damage control department??

God Doesn't Trust The Prophets:

Numbers 12:6-8 NLT "And the LORD said to them, "Now listen to what I say: "If there were prophets among you, I, the LORD, would reveal myself in visions. I would speak to them in dreams. But not with my servant Moses. Of all my house, **HE IS THE ONE I TRUST.** I speak to him face to face, clearly, and not in riddles! He sees the LORD as he is. So why were you not afraid to criticize my servant Moses?"

In the versus above its is (potentially) implied that God is looking for someone he can trust.

There are THREE Categories:

UNDERDEVELOPED - not fully developed. not advanced economically. not developed sufficiently to normal.

UNREGULATED - not controlled or supervised by regulations or laws.

UNORGANIZED - not represented by or formed into a labor union.

IMPARTATION IN THE BONES (JEREMIAH)

Jeremiah 20:9 KJV "Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my

more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.”

CONTAMINATION IN THE BONES

Proverbs 14:30 NLT “A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body; jealousy is like cancer in the bones.”

FALSE PROPHETS

ZEDEKIAH

1 Kings 22:10-11 “King Ahab of Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah, dressed in their royal robes, were sitting on thrones at the threshing floor near the gate of Samaria. All of Ahab's prophets were prophesying there in front of them. [11] One of them, Zedekiah son of Kenaanah, made some iron horns and proclaimed, "This is what the LORD says: With these horns you will gore the Arameans to death!"

HANANIAH

Jeremiah 28:15-17 “Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen, Hananiah! The Lord has not sent you, yet you have persuaded this nation to trust in lies. Therefore this is what the Lord says: 'I am about to remove you from the face of the earth. This very year you are going to die, because you have preached rebellion against the Lord.' ” In the seventh month of that same year, Hananiah the prophet died.”

FALSE PROPHET IS A SYSTEM (REVELATION)

The most well-known New Testament false prophet is the one mentioned in the Book of Revelation. The false prophet is the agent of the Beast, and he is ultimately cast with the Beast into the lake of fire and brimstone:

Revelation 19:20 "And the Beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had worked the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the Beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulphur."

CHARACTERISTIC OF FALSE PROPHECY

1. MISGUIDE

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Deuteronomy 13:1-3 NLT "Suppose there are prophets among you or those who dream dreams about the future, and they promise you signs or miracles, and the predicted signs or miracles occur. If they then say, 'Come, let us worship other gods'-gods you have not known before- do not listen to them. The LORD your God is testing you to see if you truly love him with all your heart and soul."

2. FALSE TEACHING

2 Peter 2:1 NLT "But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves."

3. FAILED PROPHECY

Deuteronomy 18:19-22 NLT "I will personally deal with anyone who will not listen to the messages the prophet proclaims on my behalf. But any prophet who falsely claims to speak in my name or who speaks in the name of another god must die.' "But you may wonder, 'How will we know whether or not a prophecy is from the LORD?' If the prophet speaks in the LORD's name but his prediction does not happen or come true, you will know that the LORD did not give that message. That prophet has spoken without my authority and need not be feared."

1. What they say does not line up with God's Word.

God's word is the final and only authority on matters related to life and godliness. If God inspires someone to speak on His behalf, then what is revealed will never contradict God's established written Word.

1 Timothy 6:20–21 (NKJV) "O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen."

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If God inspires someone to speak on His behalf, then what is revealed will be factual.

Nehemiah 6:8 (NKJV) “Then I sent to him, saying, “No such things as you say are being done, but you invent them in your own heart.”

John 8:44 (NKJV) “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

3. What they say does not line up with the truth.

If God inspires someone to speak on His behalf, then what is revealed will be factual.

John 14:6 (NKJV) “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through Me.”

4. What they say does not honor Jesus Christ and they are drawing you after themselves not Jesus.

If God inspires someone to speak on His behalf, then what is revealed will be honoring of Jesus Christ. If a person urges you to live contrary to Jesus or follow them, drawing attention to themselves, then reject them.

2 Corinthians 11:2–4 (NKJV) “For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!”

5. What they say doesn't make any biblical sense.

Many false teachers have no understanding of the Bible, let alone the character and nature of God. They are filled with pride and arrogance. Avoid them.

1 Timothy 1:4–7 (NKJV) “nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.”

6. What they say is filled with appeals for your money.

False teachers are in it for your money, as much as they can get. They are misusing the Bible and taking advantage of your sincerity to take your money.

1 Peter 5:2–4 (NKJV) “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.”

7. What they say on behalf of God is just plain WRONG.

This is an important one. If they say they are prophesying on behalf of God, “Thus sayeth the Lord,” and they are wrong, and it didn’t come to pass, they are FALSE PROPHETS. Reject them.

Deuteronomy 18:20–22 (NKJV) “But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?’—when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”

8. What they say & do does not reflect the words of Jesus.

A false prophet and teacher is a person who says they speak for God yet live a very

ungodly lie.

1 Timothy 6:3–5 (NKJV) *“If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.”*

9. They claim to go to hell and heaven many times, like they have a key, and come back with weird unverifiable information.

A false prophet loves to use grandiose false claims about going to heaven or hell (why would anyone go to hell) and seeing things that no one else gets to see, only them. If you listen to them though they will tell you. The descriptions they come back with are **pure nonsense**. Not even Paul, the apostle, was allowed to share what he saw in heaven, and he only saw it once.

2 Corinthians 12:1–6 (NKJV) *“It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.”*

10. Theirs lives produce rotten, bad fruit.

Their lives represent the true revelation of their heart. This can be hard to see because many popular false prophets and false teachers are followed on YouTube or television from a distance. The value of being in your local church, under the teaching and authority of your pastors and elders, is essential.

Matthew 7:15–20 (NKJV) *“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do*

clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them."

We are living in the last days. Many false prophets surround us. Please, be careful and prayerful about who you listen to and who you choose to follow. Listen carefully for the unmistakable voice of the Lord.

1 John 4:1–3 (NKJV) "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming and is now already in the world."

WRONG PROPHETS

1. CARNAL

Ezekiel 14:4-5,7-11 NLT "Tell them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: The people of Israel have set up idols in their hearts and fallen into sin, and then they go to a prophet asking for a message. So I, the LORD, will give them the kind of answer their great idolatry deserves. [5] I will do this to capture the minds and hearts of all my people who have turned from me to worship their detestable idols.' [7] I, the LORD, will answer all those, both Israelites and foreigners, who reject me and set up idols in their hearts and so fall into sin, and who then come to a prophet asking for my advice. [8] I will turn against such people and make a terrible example of them, eliminating them from among my people. Then you will know that I am the LORD. [9] "'And if a prophet is deceived into giving a message, it is because I, the LORD, have deceived that prophet. I will lift my fist against such prophets and cut them off from the community of Israel. [10] False prophets and those who seek their guidance will all be punished for their sins. [11] In this way, the people of Israel will learn not to stray from me, polluting themselves with sin. They will be my people, and I will be their God. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!'"

2. UNCONTROLLED IMAGINATION

Jeremiah 23:16-17 KJV

[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.

3. STEALING WORDS

Jeremiah 23:30 ESV "Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who steal my words from one another."

BALAAM

Numbers 22:7-12 NLT "Balak's messengers, who were elders of Moab and Midian, set out with money to pay Balaam to place a curse upon Israel. They went to Balaam and delivered Balak's message to him. "Stay here overnight," Balaam said. "In the morning I will tell you whatever the LORD directs me to say." So the officials from Moab stayed there with Balaam. That night God came to Balaam and asked him, "Who are these men visiting you?" Balaam said to God, "Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent me this message: 'Look, a vast horde of people has arrived from Egypt, and they cover the face of the earth. Come and curse these people for me. Then perhaps I will be able to stand up to them and drive them from the land.'" But God told Balaam, "Do not go with them. You are not to curse these people, for they have been blessed!"

Balaam was a mercenary prophet of the worst kind. He was famous, self-willed, double-minded, eloquent, presumptuous, and an evil counselor. In Joshua 13:22, Balaam is described as a "soothsayer," while in Numbers 22:6 he is said to be a man whose blessings and curses are effective. He is from Pethor, a city in the region of upper Mesopotamia, near Carchemish, by the Euphrates River, and has an international reputation as a true prophet. This city of Pethor was located about 350 miles north of Jericho. It was near the present border of Turkey. Since he lived in a Gentile land apart from Israel, he was a Gentile. He had a gift of prophecy. On occasions, God talked directly to Balaam.

THE WAY OF BALAAM!

2 Peter 2:15-16 NLT "They have wandered off the right road and followed the footsteps of Balaam son of Beor, who loved to earn money by doing wrong. [16] But Balaam was stopped from his mad course when his donkey rebuked him with a human voice."

HOW TO RESPOND TO FAILED PROPHECY?

- 1. ANALYZE THE ERROR**
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGE THE ERROR**
- 3. APOLOGIZE FOR THE ERROR**