Why should you not put your trust in false words?

Just before the judgment of God comes upon a person, a nation, or the entire world, Satan often raises a powerful wave of false prophets, whose mission is to soften and downplay the severity of the coming judgment.

Why? Because Satan knows that if people truly reflect on God’s coming judgment, many will repent—and that means he loses them. His primary goal is to drag as many souls as possible into hell with him (Revelation 12:12; Matthew 25:41).

Let us look at a powerful Biblical example that sheds full light on this matter. It is important to test every teaching with the Word of God. If a message or prophecy does not align with Scripture—or contradicts it—it is false. The Bible says:

> “To *the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no light in them.”*
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> *Isaiah 8:20 (NKJV)*

The Example of Israel’s Fall into Captivity

In the book of 2 Chronicles 36:15–17, we see a tragic moment in Israel’s history. The people had become so rebellious and wicked that God warned them they would soon be taken into captivity—just as they had once been under Pharaoh in Egypt.

God sent His servants, the prophets, to warn them, calling them to repentance. But they refused to listen:

> “And the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people... But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy.”
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> *2 Chronicles 36:15–16*

Instead of heeding God’s true prophets—like Isaiah and Jeremiah, who warned them to humble themselves and surrender to

Babylon—they chose to believe false prophets who promised peace, prosperity, and safety.

One such false prophet was Hananiah, who openly contradicted Jeremiah’s prophecy of judgment.

False Comfort vs. True Warning

In Jeremiah 28, Hananiah prophesied that God had broken the yoke of Babylon and that within two years, the exiles would return, and peace would be restored. Let’s read part of this:

> “Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: ‘I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within two full years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the Lord’s house… and I will bring back to this place Jeconiah… and all the captives of Judah.’”
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> *Jeremiah 28:2–4*

Jeremiah replied with deep discernment:

> “The prophets who have been before me… prophesied of war and disaster and pestilence… As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, then the prophet will be known, as one whom the Lord has truly sent.”
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> *Jeremiah 28:8–9*

But Hananiah continued in deception, even breaking the wooden yoke Jeremiah wore as a prophetic sign. The Lord responded swiftly:

> “Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, ‘Hear now, Hananiah, the Lord has not sent you, but you make these people trust in a lie.’”
>
> Jeremiah *28:15*

And God’s judgment followed:

> “Therefore thus says the Lord: ‘Behold, I will cast you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion against the Lord.’ So Hananiah the prophet died the same year…”
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> *Jeremiah 28:16–17*

The Same Spirit of Deception is Active Today

What happened in Israel is exactly what is happening in our generation.

We are drawing near to the end of time. The Day of Judgment is approaching. Many people are beginning to think about eternity, about the afterlife, about heaven and hell.

And just like in the days of Jeremiah, Satan has raised up a great multitude of false prophets to mislead people. Their job is to make people trust in lies.

> *“They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly,Saying, ‘Peace, peace!’ When there is no* peace.”
>
> Jeremiah *6:14*

These preachers rarely speak of sin, repentance, or judgment. Instead, they focus on:

Prosperity and wealth

Economic breakthroughs

Finding marriage partners

Success and destiny

But never on how to escape sin, how to crucify the flesh, how to live in holiness, or prepare for eternity. They see visions of you getting married tomorrow but can’t see the judgment awaiting you if you don’t repent.

They will prophesy over your business while you’re still living in adultery, drunkenness, unforgiveness, and idolatry—and never confront you.

Yet Jesus said:

> *“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”*
>
> *Luke 13:3*

A False Sense of Security

The Bible warns us in no uncertain terms:

> *“*
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> For *when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.”*

> *1 Thessalonians 5:3*

Today, many people are asking deep spiritual questions about the afterlife—but find no answers. Instead, they are told only about earthly success. But what benefit is there if someone gains the whole world and loses their soul?

> “For *what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?”Mark 8:36*

What Should You Do?

If you have not yet been forgiven of your sins, know that Jesus is ready to forgive you—no matter how great your sins may be. Countless people have received mercy through Him, and you can too.

Do not wait. The door of grace is still open, but not forever. A time will come when many will seek to repent, but it will be too late (Luke 13:24–28).

Steps to Take:

Separate yourself for a moment of reflection.

Confess your sins honestly before God, and repent (Proverbs 28:13).

Turn away from those sins in action, not just in words.

Be baptized if you haven’t already—according to Scripture:

> “John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there.”
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> John 3:23
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> “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
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> Acts 2:38

Let the Holy Spirit lead and empower you to live a holy life and understand the Scriptures.

Final Warning:

Do not be deceived by sweet words that ignore the truth of God’s coming judgment. Reject the voices that comfort your sin instead of confronting it.

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”

Matthew 7:15

Return to the Lord while He may be found.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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