

Prophets of Fear

Nehemiah 6-7

Sanballat's Rap Sheet:

- Displeased that Nehemiah came to help Israel (2:10)
- Mocked the work (2:19)
- Anger → Extreme Anger!! (4:1)
- Plot to fight and cause confusion (4:7-8)
- "Let's do lunch" (6:1-2)
- Lying rumors (6:6-8)
- Hires a false prophet (6:12)

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Psalm 5:5

The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;
You hate all who do **iniquity**.

Psalm 6:9 [8]

Depart from me, all you who do **iniquity**, For
the Adonai has heard the voice of my weeping.

The Letter of Lies:

1. It is reported among the nations...
2. You & the Jews intend to rebel
3. This is why you are building the wall
4. You want to become the king
5. You have hired your own prophets
6. The King [Darius] will hear about this!
7. Let's get together and talk

FEAR



WEAKNESS

**The Enemy is afraid of you ...
until you become afraid of him**

Revelation 12:11

And they overcame [Satan] because of ...

- the blood of the Lamb and because of
- the word of their testimony, and *Truth*
- they did not love their life even when faced with death. *Love*

9th of Av

52 Days

25th of **Elul**

אלול

Song of Solomon 6:3

"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine..."

אני לדודי ודודי לי

Nehemiah 7:2

Then I put Hanani my brother, and Hananiah the commander of the fortress, in charge of Jerusalem, for he was **a faithful man and feared God** more than many.

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Elohim fears truth man

אִישׁ אֱמֶת יִרְאֵ אֶת אֱלֹהִים

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Tel Megiddo



False Prophets:

1 Kings 13:18 He said to him, “I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of Adonai, saying, ‘Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.’” **But he lied to him.**

A prophet can lie ... same as anybody.

Jeremiah 14:14 Then Adonai said to me, “The prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a **false vision, divination, futility** and **the deception of their own minds [hearts].**”

What is the prophet's source of prophecy?

Jeremiah 23:16, 21-22 Thus says Adonai of hosts, “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility. They speak a vision of their own imagination [heart], not from the mouth of Adonai... I did not send these prophets, but they ran. I did not speak to them, but they prophesied. But if they had stood in My council, then they would have announced My words to My people and would have turned them back from their evil way and from the evil of their deeds.”

***Prophets like to prophesy.
(Therein lies the danger.)***

Jeremiah 28:15 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen now, Hananiah, Adonai has not sent you, and you have made this people trust in a lie.”

***False prophets are still prophets.
False prophets promote falsehoods.***

Ezekiel 13:2,6 “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel, who are prophesying, and say to those who prophesy from their own hearts: ‘Hear the word of Adonai! ...They have seen false visions and lying divinations. They say, ‘Declares Adonai,’ when Adonai has not sent them, **and yet they expect him to fulfill their word.**”

False prophets hope to force God’s hand.

Matthew 7:15-20 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from

thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, you will recognize them by their fruits.”

***True prophets produce good fruit.
False prophets produce false fruit.***

Matthew 24:11,24 “Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many... For false Messiahs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

Signs & wonders are not proof of truth.

Acts 16:16-18 It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, “These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you ~~the~~ (a) way of salvation.” She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Yeshua the Messiah to come out of her!” And it came out at that very moment.

***Even truth is not proof.
(Remember Balaam!)***

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Prophets are a dime a dozen.

Truth

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