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2 Peter 2

NLT

1 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.

2 Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered.

3 In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.

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2 Timothy 3

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13 But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.

14 But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you.

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Important Truths About False Prophets

1. There Will Be False Prophets (2 Peter 1)
2. False Prophets Will Increase (2 Timothy 3)
3. False Prophets Will Come From Among You (2 Peter 2)
4. Many People Will Follow False Prophets (2 Peter 2)
5. You Must Remain Faithful (2 Timothy 3)

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The source of their false prophecy wasn't necessarily directly demonic.

There was simply a large element of their own heart in what they said. Their own desires, their own hopes, their own wisdom, their own need for acceptance prompted their words.

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1 John 4

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1 Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.

2 This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God.

3 But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

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The message of the false prophets was attractive and even seductive. Their message was filled with hope and inspiration, packed with optimism and confidence – don't despair, God will deliver us and we will win against the Babylonians!

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A true prophet tells people what they need to hear, but a false prophet tells them what they want to hear. A true servant of God builds carefully on a strong foundation and keeps the wall in good repair, but a hireling builds carelessly and whitewashes things to make them look better.

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1 Corinthians 3

NLT

11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—
Jesus Christ.

12 Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw.

13 But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

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Matthew 7

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15 “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves.

16 You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

17 A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit.

20 Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

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They manufactured magic charms that people could wear on various parts of the body and thus ward off evil. They also told fortunes and enticed people to buy their services. Like the false prophets, they were using the crisis situation for personal gain and preying on the fears of the people.

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Isaiah 8

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19 Someone may say to you, “Let’s ask the mediums and those who consult the spirits of the dead. With their whisperings and mutterings, they will tell us what to do.” But shouldn’t people ask God for guidance? Should the living seek guidance from the dead?

20 Look to God’s instructions and teachings! People who contradict his word are completely in the dark.

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