

3. In whom and what will a true prophet teach man to believe?
4. What will he teach concerning repentance?
5. What will he instruct man to obey? Give two texts.
6. Which day will he urge all to keep?
7. With what will all his teachings harmonize? One text.
8. By what will a true prophet always be known?

LESSON LI.

FALSE PROPHETS.

1. False prophets are inspired by the lying spirit, which, of course, comes from the father of lies. John 8:44; 2 Chron. 18:18-23; Acts 16:16, 18.

2. They believe this lying spirit is the Lord's spirit. 2 Chron. 18:22, 23; Matt. 7:22, 23.

3. False prophets have visions, which they profess come from God. Eze. 13:2, 3, 6-10, 16, 22, 23; see also Jer. 23:14, 25-32.

4. The following are some unmistakable signs of false prophets:

(a) Their predictions fail. Deut. 18:20-22.

(b) They perform miracles to deceive the people, and thus cause them to believe that they have a right to reject and disobey God's law. Deut. 13:1-3; Rev. 13:13, 14; Matt. 24:24.

(c) They teach holiness without obedience to God's law. Num. 16:1-5; compare with chapter 15:38-40.

(d) They teach men to commit all kinds of sin. Jer. 7:8-11; 23:14.

(e) They teach that man need not keep the Lord's Sabbath. Eze. 22:25, 26.

(f) They pervert the gospel of Christ. Gal. 1:6-9.

(g) They reject the divinity of Christ. 1 John 4:1-3.

(h) Their fruits are evil. Matt. 7:15-23; Jer. 23:14.

5. We should beware of false prophets. Matt. 7:15; Deut. 13:1-4.

QUESTIONS.

1. By whose spirit are false prophets inspired?
2. Do they really believe that this lying spirit comes from God? How can they?

3. Give one reference which proves that false prophets have visions.
 4. What does the failure of a prediction prove?
 5. Will false prophets perform miracles? Give one text.
 6. What is the object of these miracles?
 7. What do they teach concerning holiness?
 8. What do they teach men to do?
 9. What do they teach about the Sabbath?
 10. How do they treat the gospel?
 11. How do they regard Christ?
 12. How may we know them? One text.
 13. Prove that we should beware of them.
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