

DEUTERONOMY

THE LAST SERMON OF MOSES

WEEK 7

CHAPTERS 13-14

STUDY GUIDE INSTRUCTIONS

Each week our study will consist of four components. First, you will watch a brief video. Each video will last no more than 15 minutes. Second and most important, you will read the Deuteronomy chapters that we are studying. Third, you will work through the study guide. This guide will be a tremendous help in your self-study. Simply follow the examples provided. Finally, come to our group time prepared to discuss what you have learned.

WEEK 7: DEUTERONOMY 13-14



WATCH: WATCH VIDEO #7



READ: READ DEUTERONOMY 13-14



STUDY: COMPLETE THE STUDY GUIDE FOR WEEK 7



DISCUSS: INSTRUCTION / APPLICATION QUESTIONS

STUDY GUIDE INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for "Discuss: Instruction/Application" questions in the study guide.

- First, look up the 'Instruction' passage in the Law and briefly summarize it in one or two sentences. (The instruction passage is the part of the law that instructs Israel on how they were to act, believe, or live. Do not use commentaries. Instead, simply look up the verse and summarize its instruction to Israel.)
- Next, look up the 'Application' passage (THE APPLICATION PASSAGE IS NOT YOUR APPLICATION. IT IS THE PASSAGE IN WHICH THE LAW MUST BE APPLIED OR UNDERSTOOD IN ORDER TO CORRECTLY BE INTERPRETED) and briefly summarize it in one or two sentences.
- Finally, explain why/how the instruction passage relates to / impacts the interpretation of the 'application' passage. For example, "The Law instructs Israel not to do X. Israel is doing X. That is bad."



Deuteronomy 13:1-11 in Ruth 1:15

Instruction (Deut 13:1-11) – Test of a False Prophet

Application (Ruth 1:15) - Naomi's Request for Ruth



Deuteronomy 13:1-11 in Ezekiel 13:1-16

Instruction (Deut 13:1-11) – Test of a False Prophet

Application (Ezekiel 13:1-16) – False Prophets in Israel



Deuteronomy 13:1-11; 18:20-22 in Matthew 7:15-23

Instruction (Deut 13:1-11; 18:20-22) – The Test of a Prophet

Application (Matt 7:15-23) – The Test of a False Prophet



Deuteronomy 13:1-11; 18:20-22 in 2 Peter 2:1-3:2

Instruction (Deut 13:1-11; 18:20-22) – The Test of a Prophet

Application (2 Pet 2:1-3:2) – Warning against False Teachers





Is this a problem in light of Deuteronomy 13?

What is the penalty set forth for someone trying to lead another from following the Lord?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Is the author of Ruth presenting Naomi as a positive character?

Is the author presenting Ruth the Moabitess (note the irony) as a positive character?



2. In Ezekiel 13 false prophets are leading the people astray. What does the text say is the source of their inspiration?

Do you see any similar occurrences in the church today? (In other words, are there people claiming to be "prophets" in the church who are "prophesying" from their own desires and hoping for their fulfillment?)

What was the outcome of the false prophet's actions in Ezekiel 13?



3. Throughout both the Old Testament and the New Testament, a prophet was to be evaluated by his words.

Read Matthew 7:15-23 and then read Matthew 12:30-37. The same author (Matthew) is quoting the same speaker (Jesus) speaking to the same hearers (Pharisees) in reference to their words.

In light of Deuteronomy 13, Ezekiel 13, and Jesus's words here, how careful should we be to make sure that our words match those of the Lord?

What are some ways that you can ensure that happens?



4. Peter writes his second letter (2 Peter) in order to warn the people about the false teachers that will be coming into the church.

How ought one to evaluate a teacher?

If you do not know the Word of God then how can you evaluate a teacher or "prophet"?

Read 2 Peter chapter 2 together and notice how the false teacher entices.

How does this relate to Ezekiel 13?

How can you protect yourself from being led astray?

