

## Ezekiel 12-13 – 31 May 2015

### Introduction –

We all know people affected by false teachers, and it doesn't have to be from other religions. Many listen to the Pope, Creflow Dollar or just a bad so-called pastor.

If more to care for the eternal destine of those being influenced by these false teachers, the more we'll want to persuade them away for these bad leaders.

### **5 Ways to turn people away from False Teachers**

12:1-2 –

- a. **The 1<sup>st</sup> way to turn people away from false teachers is convince them that they have the ability to interpret the Bible for themselves.**
  - i. In Ezekiel: They have the ability to hear/see b/c they have the Law and the truth available to them.
  - ii. Teach people that the Bible agrees with the Creation and their conscience.

12:3-7 –

- a. Acting this out isn't in vain b/c (vs 3) maybe some will consider the thing.
- b. The certainty that captivity is coming and not peace to Jerusalem.
- c. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> way to turn people away from false teachers is to provoke them to thought by your actions.**
  - i. John 13:35 – “by this all men will know that you are My disciples, that you have love one for another.”
  - ii. Rom 12:20 – “if your enemy hungers, feed him...for in so doing, you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

12:8-9 – Ezekiel's acting was intended to provoke them to ask.

12:10-12 – King Zedekiah would even try escaping at night as Ezekiel is picturing.

12:13 –

This verse says Zedekiah be taken to Babylon yet won't see it.

Jer 32:4 says Zedekiah will see and speak with Nebu

Jer 39:1-5 – EXPLAINS – Zedekiah's attempted escape at night thru the walls but was caught at Jericho, taken to Nebu at Riblah and had his eyes put out.

12:14-16 – They shall know that I am the Lord.

12:17-20 – God is still seeking to get their attention.

What a difference then the way Westborough "Baptist" church or some street preachers demean their audience.

12:21-22 –

- a. "Jer and Eze are false b/c it hasn't happened yet", they would say. Just as they did in the days of Noah and are doing again in the last days. (Where is the promise of His coming?)

- b. The 3<sup>rd</sup> way to turn people away from false teachers is show them how the Bible is proven by prophetic events.**
  - i. Prophecies of 1<sup>st</sup> coming, Israel's restoration.

12:23-25 –

- a. Gossip is saying behind someone's back what you would never say to their face and flattery is saying to their face what you would never say behind their back.
- b. They flattered the people for their own greedy gain.
- c. God says, I will prove my prophet's words b/c I'll perform their words right now.

12:26-28 – Even those that believed didn't think it would happen now.

13:1-3 – These are “so-called Christians” within the “church”.

- a. Jesus, Peter and Paul all spoke out against false prophets from within the church.
- b. These false prophets are saying what's in their flesh and mind, b/c they hadn't ever experienced God for themselves.
- c. **The 4<sup>th</sup> way to turn people away from false teachers is convince them that their just speaking opinion and not the truth of the Bible.**
  - i. Jonathan Booher call – Jesus knew what was in their minds (perceived their thoughts)...  
“and the disciples did it too in the book of Acts”.....oh really, where's that at.
  - ii. Read Col 2:3-10
    - 1. I don't think some of us are convinced that Christ has all the answers, and that we “need” some of the world's opinions.
      - a. Does the Bible have the answer for anger? Yes
      - b. Does the Bible have the answer for the welfare issue? Not all on welfare have this issue but many do...it's called laziness or the sluggard? Yes

- c. Does the Bible have the answer for a very rough marriage? Yes
- d. Depression? Yes
- e. Are you sure of the answers to these questions? Yes

13:4-5 –

- a. They haven't built up the spiritual intellect and moral defenses of the people.
- b. **The 5<sup>th</sup> way to turn people away from false teachers is convince them that the feel-good is not always real-good. Need deep, hard substance**
  - i. Too much candy in your diet will kill you!
  - ii. Feel good is only good when it's true.
  - iii. You ever had someone say they were a Christian, but you're pretty sure they're not, but you just smile and nod? Gotta push thru the feel-good and challenge them...their eternal destiny is on the line.
    - 1. Matt 10:34 – Think not that I've come..

13:6 – They gave the people a false hope, they didn't speak the hard truth.

13:7-9 – They SAID that they were speaking on behalf of the Lord...but they weren't!

- a. Don't take the name of the Lord in vain.
- b. People will know that we're Christians. Are we carrying the name of the Lord on vain?

13:10-12 – Is being positive always good?

- a. Name it and claim it, blab it and grab it. Positive confession isn't good....if it isn't true!
  - i. Positive Encouraging KLOVE – not balanced.
  - ii. Joel Osteen – Just the positive isn't enough from a pastor.
- b. They will be ashamed in the future for their false claims of peace. Christians will not be ashamed in the future, for all our expectations will be fulfilled!

13:13-16 – So that you may know that I am the Lord.

13:17-19

a. Vs 18

- i. These daughters of Israel were known to practice witchcraft and sorcery.
- ii. Pillows to all armholes – Comforting someone to take their ease.
- iii. Kerchiefs upon the head of every stature – Tying a veil around the head to show their undoing or imprisonment.
- iv. Hunting the good guys and propping up the bad guys.

b. Vs 19

- i. **The 6<sup>th</sup> way to turn people away from false teachers is show that they're just after your money.**
  1. II Peter says that they do it for covetousness.



- ii. They did it for the money, but they could only do it by lying about the Lord in the process.
- iii. There is always some people that need encouragement and some to need a kick in the pants.
- iv. Comfort the challenged, and challenge the comfortable.

13:20-23

- a. “With lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad.”
  - i. My Stephen often tries to help but makes mistakes. I need to not be too hard on him.
- b. “Strengthened the hand of the wicked that he should not return from his wicked way.”
  - i. Don’t accidentally comfort someone in their false religion...it’s easy to do.

## Conclusion – *Review these 6*

May God give your guidance and peace as you help your friends, your kids, your grandkids and yourself to be able to identify and deny these false teachers