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**John 8:32**

...and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

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**1 John 4**

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

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**Nehemiah 6**

Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night."

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**Nehemiah 6**

But I said, "Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in." And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

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### Nehemiah 6

For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me.

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### Nehemiah 6

Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.

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### False Prophets

Voice	Family - Role	Represents
<b>Shemiah</b>	Jew, Prophet	False prophet hired by Tobiah and Sanballat to put fear into Nehemiah
<b>Nobiah</b>	Jewess, Prophetess	False prophetess influenced by Tobiah and Sanballat to cause Nehemiah to question his calling.

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**2 Peter 2:1-3**

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.

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**2 Peter 2:1-3**

And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

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### Test of Teachers and Prophets

<b>Source</b>	Is the teaching based on the Bible or other sources?
<b>Savior</b>	Is Jesus Christ virgin-born Son of God, God the Son, the Messiah, God in human flesh, co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father?
<b>Subject</b>	Is the subject the gospel of Jesus Christ?
<b>Salvation</b>	Is salvation by grace alone through faith alone? Or do they try to mix in works,
<b>Sanctification</b>	Do they teach and endeavor to live a holy life?

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- 1. **Method** of subtle false teaching
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**Matthew 7**

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.

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**Matthew 24:24**

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

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- 1. **Method** of subtle false teaching
- 2. **Manner** of sensual life
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