

False Prophet Accusations

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Dear brother Jack,

I have a few remarks to make to your readers and to those who read the Five Doves website, and I am not trying to "tiptoe through the tulips" in making these remarks.

I often think of Jeremiah, for I know myself to be like him in some ways. I don't mean that proudly or arrogantly at all. God forbid! I am not a prophet of God and would never place myself on the same level as dear old Jeremiah. I just know that I share some of the same characteristics that he had, and we both serve the same God. As you read this I will let you be the judge of this statement.

I have a soft heart, and that is not a complaint. I don't ever want to have a cold hard heart. I know that Jeremiah had a soft heart and wept over his people, and I have such a heart. I watch the news and weep over the sin and mockery for God and His Word and things that are holy, carried out today by most of the American people; especially by the liberal news media. I weep over the murders and kidnappings and rapes, and the drunkenness and drugs, and the terrible abuse of women and little children, and the moral debauchery in general. I weep over the lying politicians and their betrayal of the American people. I weep over the graft and corruption that now permeates every strata of our society today. I weep over the young people in America and elsewhere in the world whose parents have abdicated their position as role models, and who don't give a tinker's dam about where their children spend eternity. And yes, I weep over the millions of lost souls who are totally unprepared to face the terrible judgments that are coming on this nation and upon the whole world.

And yes, I weep over "fallen brethren" who bring such shame and disgrace into the ranks of Christianity and to the cause of Christ. I weep over the heartaches and trials that some of my brothers and sisters in Christ are going through as they seek to live for the Lord, and I pray for them in tears. Yes, I have a heart that correlates with the heart of Jeremiah, God's weeping prophet, and I praise God for giving to me a caring and weeping heart.

I also think of Jeremiah as we wait upon our Lord. If folks would carefully study the **Book of Jeremiah**, they would find that God called Jeremiah to pronounce judgment upon the apostate and rebellious southern kingdom of Judah. His commission is clearly stated in **Jeremiah 1:4-10**. Jeremiah was obedient to the Lord and immediately began to preach what the Lord told him to preach; that God would imminently bring terrible judgment upon Judah.

The message was so urgent that Jeremiah himself believed that the judgment pronounced by the Lord was imminent; that is, that it was right at the door and coming any day. And every day Jeremiah rose to preach this message.

But forty years went past if folks would carefully study the time markers set forth in the **Book of Jeremiah**, and the predicted judgments hadn't come. The people of Judah laughed at and mocked Jeremiah and even wrote songs about him and his "crazy" prophecies of impending judgment. Even his own related family turned against him and mocked him.

Jeremiah himself became so discouraged that he even accused the Lord of lying to him, and he said to himself, "**I will speak no more.**" That was Jeremiah's mistake, and only reveals that he was human and felt keenly the hurt and shame being cast upon him. It didn't change the fact at all that God had called him and gave him the message he was to preach. But Jeremiah also said that the Word of the Lord was a "**fire in his bones**" and he couldn't withstand it. He went right back to preaching the message of impending judgment that the Lord told him to preach.

And guess what?

After 40 + years the judgment that God had told him to preach came to pass. Jeremiah's preaching was fulfilled to the letter. The Lord vindicated the word of the man He had called, and bestowed honor upon him; the man who had been faithfully obedient to his commission through mockery, scorn, trial and heartache, cast upon him even by his own family. Jeremiah faithfully stood for God, and faithfully preached God's message, and stood the test, and was vindicated by the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Now I have a question. During those 40 + years that Jeremiah preached that the judgment of God was imminent, and yet year after year passed without the prophesied judgment occurring, **was Jeremiah a false prophet?**

Now be careful how you answer this? God is listening! Your answer may reveal the wickedness of your own depraved faithless heart. But answer this question you will! You will answer it for me, or you will answer it for the Lord God Almighty. Take your choice!

Now we are living in the end of this age. All true believers know that our Lord is coming and coming soon. Some of us have been preaching this message for years, trying to warn the lost before it is too late. We believe we were called of God to preach this message, and that we are preaching what He is telling us to preach, just like Jeremiah believed he had been called of God and given his message from God. And just like Jeremiah, we have been mocked and scorned and ridiculed and despised by many. Some of our own relatives; loved ones, think we are "religious nuts," and pay no attention at all to what we have to say. Even some who claim to be our "Christian"

brothers and sisters think we have gone off the "deep end" on the Second Coming of Christ. Well, I have some more questions.

Shall we quit? Shall we be like Jeremiah, and say, "**I will speak no more...**"? Shall we? Do you critics really want us to quit? ...and leave you totally in the dark?

I can't speak for others. I can only speak for myself. I have written and posted several Bibles studies pointing out the Scriptural and spiritual significance of this year of **2008**. I have stated several times that I wholeheartedly believe the Lord is coming to rapture His people **in 2008**, and that the Tribulation on earth will begin **in 2008**. I am preaching the message that I sincerely believe the Lord has laid on my heart, and I have no apology to make to anyone for preaching this message. I believe what I am preaching came straight out of God's Word, and came from the leadership of His Holy Spirit. But what if the Lord doesn't come this year? Will that make me a "false prophet"? Some of you need to read **Deuteronomy 13** and **Deuteronomy 18** in context again, instead of just picking what you want out of those verses.

Jeremiah preached the message God gave him year after year. Each year that passed, the imminent judgment he preached just didn't come. Was he then wrong in preaching God's message? Well...?? Was he a "false prophet" for preaching the message God told him to preach? Well...?? Don't hem or haw around. Just answer the question.

Are God's men wrong today for preaching the **soon coming** of Christ to rapture His people to glory?and trying to warn the people of impending judgment and damnation to come? And if the Lord doesn't come at the time some of us sincerely believe He is coming, does that make us "false prophets" because we have faithfully preached the message we sincerely believe the Lord has laid on our hearts to preach?and done our very best to win lost souls to Christ?

Folks, if Jeremiah could remain faithful 40 + years preaching God's message under the circumstances he preached it under, can true men of God do any less?

If the Lord doesn't come **in 2008** I won't lose my faith. I'll look for Him **in 2009**, and I'll keep right on preaching the message He gives me to preach. This one fact stands sure and certain. The Lord is coming, and He is coming soon. I'm not going to change that message; not for ten thousand critics. I'm not going to give up my "**blessed hope,**" **Titus 2:13**, not for any man alive. Does everyone reading this understand that?

I am not a "false prophet," never have been, and never will be. There isn't a person alive who can lay that charge on me, for I refuse to bear it. Go lay it on someone who will carry it. I won't! In fact, you can plan on me becoming a "false prophet" the day hell freezes over, the flames of hell freeze into orange popsicles, and my critics and the devil are having an ice cream social in the pits of the damned. Is that understood?

Now those critics who don't appreciate this plain straightforward statement I have made, have my permission to like or lump it, stay mad, or ask God for the grace to get over it. Is this clear enough?

I'm looking for the Lord to come to rapture His people to glory **in 2008**. Those who don't want to hear it, or even hear the message of the Lord's coming, can stop their ears and show everyone that you are just an unbelieving religionist. As for me, I'll stop preaching this message **when they pry my Bible from my cold dead fingers, Titus 2:13; 2 Timothy 4:6-8.**

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