

WHY DID

BLOOD AND WATER

COME OUT OF JESUS' SIDE WHEN HE WAS PIERCED?

- Living water is needed to cleanse from impurity
- Blood is needed to atone for sins
- Living water = *mayim chaim*
- John 19:32 – 35
- Death was not hidden away; people knew what came out of a sword or spear wound... It wasn't water!!

CUTTING OFF THE IDOLS FROM THE LAND



- **Asham** sacrifice deals with the sin itself
- **Hatta'at** sacrifice deals with the condition sin causes
- Verse 2: **kareth** = cut-off = separation even up to and including destruction
- **Tzara'at** = a skin disease caused by one's inner spiritual condition of uncleanness



THE END OF RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

- Zechariah is not speaking about pagan prophets
- These are prophets from Prophet Academies
- There is tolerance among Jews and Christians for Allah, and other Eastern gods
- The spirit of something means the proclivity of our minds to adopt something as right and proper



- Some people who escape the false prophet expulsion will continue to falsely prophesy
- The NT Prophet is closer to a Bible Teacher
- Responsibility to deal with these false prophets is their parents
- Revelation 20:7 - 10

The Pastor's Dilemma



- OT prophets were kings of application; but most people weren't willing to accept it
- God will protect His holy name at any cost
- Jesus did NOT change or abolish the laws, warnings, and severe consequences
- Matthew 5:17 - 20



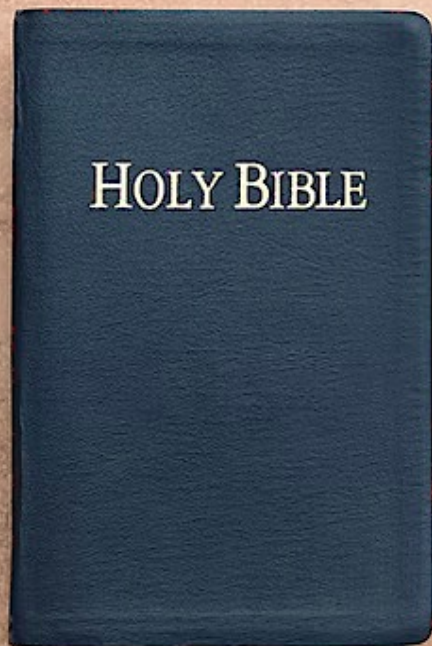
CONFRONTING A FALSE PROPHET



- The most important tool to ferret out false prophets is the Bible
- Deut. 13:5 – 12
- Since in modern society we can't stone false prophets, then what?
- Warn them and do NOT support them!
- Zechariah over and over reminds us that this is an End Times prophecy

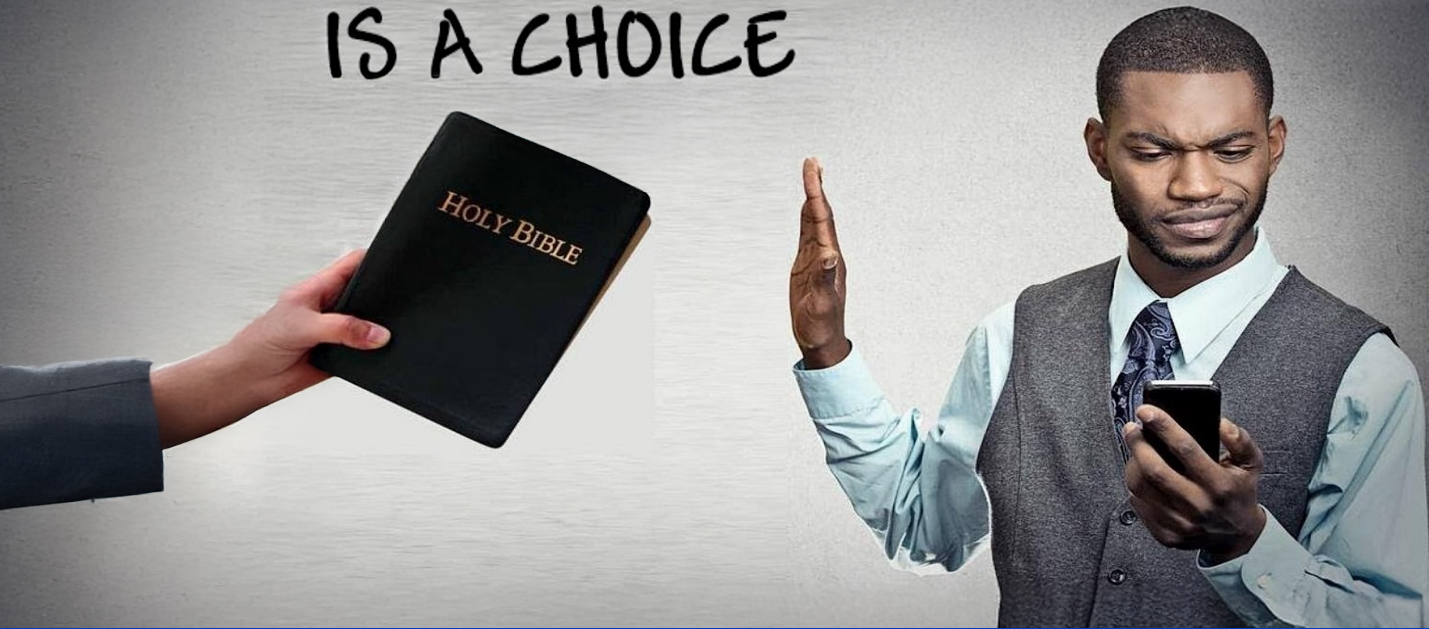


- Zech 13:4 speaking ONLY about those who profess YHWH or Yeshua
- Hebrew Roots must be included as a 3rd group
- We, too, must be examined and held accountable
- The irony continues, ending with the only way to discern a Prophet is to hold him up to the Bible



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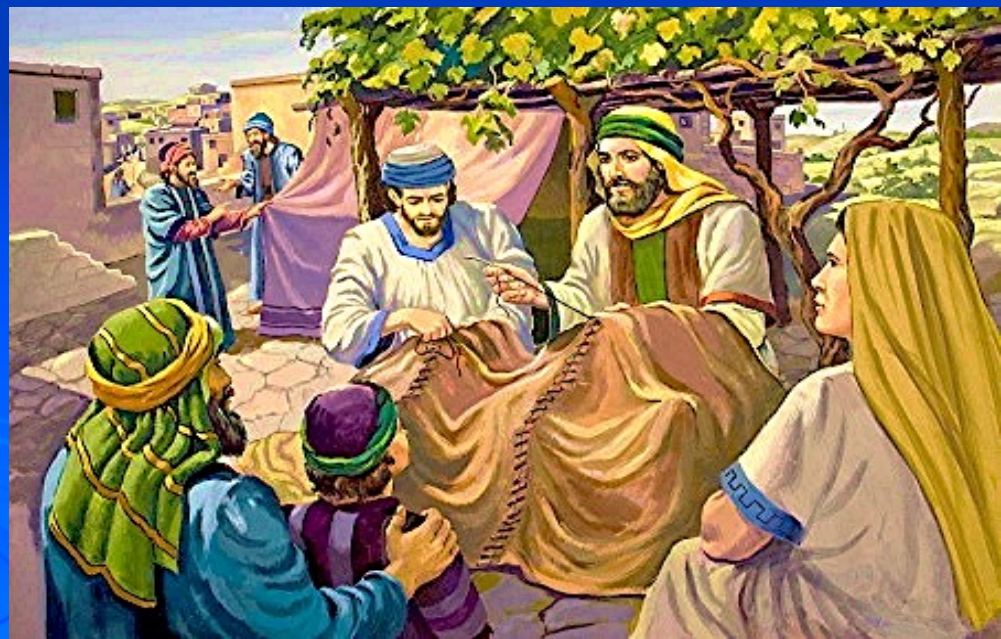
IGNORANCE OF GOD'S WORD IS A CHOICE



- 500 years ago, the Bible was out of reach for all but kings, theological schools, and the wealthy
- After the invention of the printing press, acquiring the Holy Scriptures became more widespread
- Today, Bibles are from cheap to free
- It is on us to know God's Word so that we can identify False Prophets

THE CALLING OF A PROPHET

- Amos 7:14
- No true Prophet had to learn to be one
- Being a Prophet was NOT a change of profession
- Whether OT Prophet or NT prophet, they were not always prophets
- The false prophets here in Zech. 13, were mostly the guild-prophets



"AWAKEN, O SWORD!"



- Nuances about the coming judgment
- Zech. 13:7
- The remainder of chapter 13 is more poetic
- This is the Sword of Yehoveh
- It is the disobedient that are being punished
- "My shepherd" means the leaders of Israel