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PROPHETIC WORD OR PATHETIC WORD

There are many prophetic words or messages being put forth these days. Social media applications give them a convenient means of distribution. There are even prophetic forums which post messages from many different voices. Some are from God, and some are not from Him.

Jeremiah 14:13-16 addresses the issue of false prophets, the givers of a “pathetic word.” There were many of them in his day, some who even came hard against Jeremiah. They “prophesied” peace and safety. They often said that there would be no famine, no disasters, that all will be well for the nation.

What do we hear today in these times? There are many who say that a great end time revival will sweep the land. People like to believe that. Others say judgement is coming upon the world. People don’t wish to hear that. So how do we determine that which is true from that which is untrue?

I suggest two ways. First, in I John 4:1 it tells us, **“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”** I Corinthians 14:32 says, **“and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.”** The human spirit of the prophet is subject to the soul of the individual prophet which means regardless whether he heard from God or not, he can choose what to speak. His mind, or his will or his own thoughts might be what he speaks. Is he going to speak what God gave him, or will he choose to put his own personal thoughts into his words? This is why John says, **“try the spirits”** (of the prophets). See if it bears witness with your spirit.

The thing you must do is see if it lines up with the written scripture. If you do not know the Word, this might be difficult to do. This is why you need to diligently study the bible. A true prophecy will line up with The Bible.

There are many words today that speak of a great revival sweeping the land, but is it true? Most of us would agree that we are living in the end times, but the bible says that the end times would see an apostate church, which is what we now have. It speaks of terrible judgements coming. We are seeing some of that now.

So, who do you believe? Does your spirit feel it is a good and true word? Does it match what the bible says? Does the “prophet” have a proven track record?

The Bible warns of false prophets sent by Satan to deceive people. II Corinthians 11:13-15 warns us of false apostles (and prophets) **“transformed as (changed into) the ministers of righteousness,”** just as **“Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”** Do not be deceived. Let Holy Spirit be your guide and use the bible as your measuring stick.