

Prophecy: The Lord Will Expose Lying Prophets in Media

Just as the Lord has raised up watchmen and watchwomen in this hour to pray for this nation and report what they see in the distance, so are there secular prophets and watchmen who are broadcasting false information and biased predictions aimed at undermining the agenda of heaven. Many of these false prophets manipulate the facts and skew our perceptions in order to keep us from learning the truth.

Those who are being used of the Lord to sound the alarm are often ridiculed, mocked or totally ignored by the mainstream media. The challenge we have faced is to see through the confusion in order to see God's plan at work. As believers continue to pray for those who report the news in the secular arena, we can be encouraged by a story in the Old Testament that sheds light on God's higher purpose and strategy.

In 1 Kings 22:13-37, the story is told of how God placed a lying spirit into the prophets of King Ahab's court, specifically so he would be "enticed" to listen—and thus be destroyed. Ahab had continually ignored the voice of the Lord and was rebellious in his heart. Because God saw the force of Ahab's false prophets at work, He used their own self-interest and greed against them. The king's ego led him to believe the false narrative, and he went into battle without the Lord's blessing.

Only one prophet, Micaiah, discerned the true voice of the Lord and warned Ahab not to go. Going against all the other false prophets, he risked his life to be faithful to God's word. It so enraged Ahab, he sided with his court and marched straight into a death trap. Just one word from a true prophet

of God was all that was needed to institute God's plan, and those who opposed Him were destroyed.

Scriptures tell us that God hardens hearts in order that His power might be seen (Rom. 9:17). Even as we pray for hearts to be softened towards the Father's will and heaven's plan, God sees those whose hearts are unregenerate and fixed against Him. He uses their own self-inflated importance and pride to accomplish His purposes.

We can take courage in this because God's enemies will be destroyed. As only He can do, His strategy draws them right into a corner with no way out. Those who speak truth will be vindicated, and God's plans will succeed. It doesn't matter how big the secular media giants are; God's Word is bigger. Even as we watch the false prophets of the day lie and manipulate the facts for their own gain, a trap is being set. God is pulling the strings and determining the outcome. Our part is to continue to pray and intercede for truth to be heard and God's will to be done.

To the watchmen of the hour, God says, "Declare My Word! Report the truth! Do not fear the enemy or those who prophesy against Me. Do not retaliate, but let My Word accomplish its purposes. Yours is to sound the alarm and trust My plan."

God wrote the playbook, and He is making His moves. The enemies of God will not prevail. Though their reports may be outrageous and their godless rants filled with contempt, it is the prayers and proclamations of God's prophetic people that will signal heaven's response for justice.

The strategy is simple: Trust in God. Declare His Word and watch His enemies fall. Their own deception will take them down.

For this reason, God sends them a powerful delusion so they will believe the lie and so all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in unrighteousness (see

2 Thess. 2:11-12). {eo}

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