

**Zephaniah 3:4~ Her prophets were insolent, were men of treachery. Her priests themselves, profaned what was holy, they did violence to the Law.**

**1· Among her number, her prophets were insolent men, filled with treachery. Her very priests profaned what was holy, and their teachings did violence to the Law Covenant, that they were sworn to uphold.**

**[Question]** What kind of men were her prophets?

**[Question]** How did her priests treat the holy objects, and what did they teach?

**2· For both the prophet and the priest themselves have become polluted. Also in my own house I have found their badness, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 23:11)**

**[Question]** What had then become of both the prophets and the priesthood, and where had they brought their own badness?

**3· Your own prophets have visioned for you, worthless and unsatisfying things; And they have not uncovered your error, in order to turn back your captivity, but they kept visioning for you worthless and misleading pronouncements. (Lamentations 2:14)**

**[Question]** What did her false prophets keep visioning for her?

**[Question]** How can we always tell, that a prophet is false, for what does such a one always speak to the people?

**[Question]** What were the true prophets brought forth to expose to the people?

**4· Be on the watch for the false prophets, that come to **you** in sheep's covering, but inside, they are ravenous wolves. (Matthew 7:15)**

**[Question]** Whom did Jesus tell his disciples to keep a watch out for, for how would they appear, but what were they inside in the heart?

**5· However, there also came to be false prophets among the people, as there will also be false teachers among **you**. These very ones, will quietly bring in destructive sects, and will disown even the owner that bought them, bringing speedy destruction upon themselves. (2 Peter 2:1)**

**[Question]** What did Peter warn true Christians to beware of?

**[Question]** What would these false teachers bring into the true Christian congregation, and who even would they disown?

- 6· **Now the sons of Eli were good-for-nothing men, they did not acknowledge Yehowah. (1 Samuel 2:12)**

**[Question]** What kind of men were the two priests, the sons of Eli the High Priest?

- 7· **Her priests themselves have done violence to my Law, and they keep profaning my holy places. Between the holy thing and the common, they have made no distinction, and between the unclean thing and the clean, they have made nothing known, and from my Sabbaths they have hidden their eyes, and I am profaned in the midst of them. (Ezekiel 22:26)**

**[Question]** How did the priests treat Yehowah God's Law Covenant, and the holy places?

**[Question]** What things did they make no distinction between?

**[Question]** Also what did they hide their eyes from?

- 8· **Hear, please, this, you head ones of the house of Jacob and you commanders of the house of Israel, the ones detesting justice, and the ones who make even everything that is straight, crooked. (Micah 3:9)**

**[Question]** How did Micah show, what the commanders of Israel were doing wrong before their God Yehowah?

- 9· **I have seen those who are treacherous in dealing, and I do feel a loathing, because they have not kept your own saying. (Psalms 119:158)**

**[Question]** How did the Psalmist feel, at those who were treacherous dealers toward others?

- 10· **For from the least one of them even to the greatest one of them, every one is making for himself unjust gain, and from the prophet even to the priest, each one is acting falsely. (Jeremiah 6:13)**

**[Question]** What were they all doing, and who was involved in this money-making and unjust gain?

- 11· Here I am, against the prophets of false dreams, is the utterance of Yehowah, who relate them, and cause my people to wander about, because of their falsehoods, and because of their boasting. But I myself did not send them or command them. So, they will by no means benefit this people, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 23:32)**

**[Question]** What did the prophets of false dreams relate to Yehowah God's people, and what did this cause the people to do spiritually?

**[Question]** Did Yehowah God ever send such men, or speak through them?

- 12· Because of the sins of her prophets, the errors of her priests, there were in the midst of her, those pouring out the blood of righteous ones. (Lamentations 4:13)**

**[Question]** Why did Yehowah God bring destruction upon Jerusalem according to Jeremiah?

- 13· Son of man, prophesy concerning the prophets of Israel who are prophesying, and you must say to those prophesying out of their own heart; Hear the word of Yehowah. (Ezekiel 13:2)**

**[Question]** What was Jeremiah told to speak to those prophets who were prophesying out of their own hearts?