

BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS

SHABBAT MESSAGE 02/18/12

SCRIPTURES

Hoshea (Hosea) 4:6

Hoshea (Hosea) 4:17 – 19

Kepha Bet (2 Peter) 2:1 – 22

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KEPHA'S WARNING

Kepha Bet 2:1 *But there also came to be false prophets among the people, as also among you there shall be false teachers, who shall secretly bring in destructive heresies, and deny the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves.*

Kepha Bet 2:2 *And many shall follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of,*

Kepha Bet 2:3 *and in greed, with fabricated words, they shall use you for gain. From of old their judgment does not linger, and their destruction does not slumber.*

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WHO IS KEPHA SPEAKING TO?

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Kepha Alef 1:1 *Kepha, an emissary of Yahshua Messiah, to the chosen, strangers of the dispersion in Pontos, Galatia, Kappadokia, Asia, and Bithunia,*

Kepha Alef 1:2 *chosen according to the foreknowledge of Elohim the Father, set apart by the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Yahshua Messiah: Favour and peace be increased to you.*

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He is speaking to Ephraimites/Israelites.

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FALSE BELIEF SYSTEMS

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There are currently thousands of false belief systems – some of them are intuitively obvious to the most casual observer. Others are much more subtle.

These false belief systems either deny Yahshua outright or reduce Him to just another prophet or just a man.

These false belief systems also deny Yahweh or create another Elohim or many mighty ones.

For most Believers avoiding these false belief systems is a “no-brainer” because they are so obvious.

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BUT WHAT ABOUT THE SUBTLE FALSE TEACHERS?

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“*Yea, hath God said ...*” (Beresheet 3:1, KJV)

Hasatan convinced Chavah to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil by slightly twisting the Command of Yahweh. Had hasatan outright lied to her she would have seen his deception and not eaten of the tree.

Hasatan's tactics are the same today to the Believer of Yahweh. The Believer can easily see the falseness of the false belief system and reject it but hasatan slightly twists the commands of Yahweh and the Word so that some Believers are swayed and turn from the true path of Scripture.

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WHO ARE THESE FALSE TEACHERS?

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You might have recognized many of these false teachers from Christian TV. You might also notice that these false teachers have an extremely large following.

The assumption might be that if so many people are following them then they are telling the truth.

They are subtle just like hasatan. They do not always outright lie but they mislead.

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WHAT DO THEY TEACH FROM?

Probably all of the false teachers claim to teach from Scripture. However, do they use Scripture properly?

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RULES FOR TEACHING FROM SCRIPTURE

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FIRST RULE – CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT

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The First Context Is The Context Of The Paragraph The Verse Is In.

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The Next Context Is The Chapter Context.

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The Third Context Is The Book Context.

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The Fourth Context Is The Whole Of Scripture Context.

Whatever is said in the verse, paragraph, chapter and book CANNOT be taken out of context of the whole of Scripture.

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SECOND RULE

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THERE ARE NO CONTRADICTIONS IN SCRIPTURE!

If there appears to be a “contradiction” in Scripture, it is our understanding or our interpretation that is in error. Yahweh is always the same, no matter what He teaches, and in what period He reveals that teaching, we can be assured that He does not contradict Himself. Yahweh would not reveal something in a later period that would contradict something He had previously revealed.

I have noticed that most, if not all, of the false teachers violate these two sets of rules constantly.

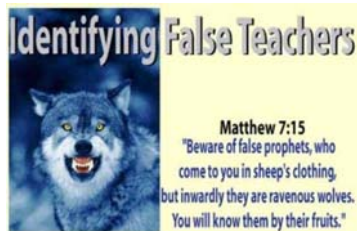
For example – a popular TV teacher uses a fragment of one verse, clearly taken out of context to justify a popular and erroneous christian doctrine. Simply looking up the verse will show the error.

Prove this yourself. Take whatever they teach and the Scripture they use (if they are actually using any Scripture) and hold it up against these two rules.

Take whatever I teach and hold it up to these two rules.

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IDENTIFYING THE FALSE TEACHER



Mattithyahu 7:15 – 16, “*But beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are savage wolves. By their fruits you shall know them. ...*”

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PROVING THE FALSE PROPHET

Mattithyahu 24:11 “*And many false prophets shall rise up and lead many astray.*”

THE Y2K NON-PROBLEM

Remember that? Christian “teachers” were prognosticating eloquently about the disasters of Y2K and they were selling books and videos like hot cakes. Believers were convinced that the world would come to some kind of end and they stock piled food and goods and so on.

What happened?

NOTHING!

Did the christian teachers repent of their false teaching – NO!

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PROSPERITY TEACHERS

A case in point – pastor MC (a very popular TV pastor) holds a conference called “God’s Commanded Blessing” based on Devarim (Deuteronomy) 28:2a which says:

“And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee” in the KJV

Pastor MC taught that God [sic] will just pour out His blessing on the Christian simply because they came to that conference. Of course, pastor MC expects a generous donation in the KFC bucket that will be passed around.

He did not teach the whole truth therefore, he did not teach the truth. He failed to mention that the blessings of verse 2 are based on the IF – Then statement of verse 1.

Devarim 2:1, *“And it shall be, if you diligently obey the voice of Yabweh your Elohim, to guard to do all His commands which I command you today, that Yabweh your Elohim shall set you high above all nations of the earth.”*

What pastor MC taught is the same as this:

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DOOM AND GLOOM AND RAPTURE TEACHERS



The teaching of the “Rapture” is based on using Scripture out of context. It is a false doctrine.

The problem with the rapture teaching is that it gives the Christian a “short timer’s” attitude. Which is summed up by saying that the Christian is going to get zapped up to heaven to the “wedding feast” (where they will serve shrimp cocktail and ham sandwiches) while the Jews get fried for not believing in Jesus.

This is nonsense.

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OTHER FALSE TEACHINGS

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Here is a list of false teachings:

We are not under the law but under grace.

All that old testament stuff was nailed to the cross.

Jesus took all the curses so we get all the blessings.

Name it and claim it.

Sunday is the “Sabbath”

We’re gentiles so we don’t have to do all the Jewish stuff

The church is the new Israel

It doesn’t matter what we call God, He knows who we are talking about.

Christmas and Easter

We can eat anything because Jesus made all foods clean

Praying to Jesus

Paul did away with the law

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FALSE TEACHERS WITHIN THE MESSIANIC MOVEMENT

The same measure applies to the Messianic teachers as is used for the Christian teachers.

CASES IN POINT

A certain popular Rabbi was well known for his excellent teachings on the restoration of all Israel. However, he began to stray from that teaching and eventually started teaching the doctrine of demons called the “lunar Sabbath”. It is not so much that all of his previous teaching is of no value but he is no longer listed (by me anyway) among teachers of Scriptural truth.

A certain Rabbi who is on the board of a Messianic Jewish organization teaches “Jew and gentile, one in Messiah” however, he and the organization consider the non-Jew to be second class and not part of God’s [sic] chosen people.

Many other Messianic Rabbis teach that Talmud and Torah are equally inspired by Yahweh and that all Messianic believers are obligated to follow Talmud.

Many other Rabbis teach that the Messianic believer must not speak the Name of Yahweh but must hide His Name and call Him “hey you”.

Some others even teach that certain books in the Brit Chadashah are not inspired and should not be used.

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MANY SHALL FOLLOW THE FALSE TEACHERS



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From personal and painful experience. These false teachers can and will lead believers astray. I personally know former believers who left the faith because they began following these false teachers.

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BY THEIR FRUITS



Mattithyahu 7:15-16 *“But beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are savage wolves. By their fruits you shall know them. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles?”*

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CONCLUSION

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Compare the teachers teaching to Scripture

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If the teaching sounds strange then check it against Scripture.

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If the Ruach Kodesh speaks to you and tells you this is wrong – it is wrong. Kick the dust off your feet and move on.