

WHEN GOD IS AGAINST THE PROPHETS

(Jer. 23:23-32)

INTRODUCTION

(Jer. 1:1-10) God calls Jeremiah to **speaK His word** to His people to correct them.

Throughout the book, the oft repeated phrase is, "the Lord says ... "

In his **preaching**, Jeremiah was **not** seeking man's approval or commendation.

(Chapter 23) 4 times is the phrase: "God is against ... "

1. (v1-2) WHEN PASTORS SCATTER THE FLOCK

(v11-14) God is against church leaders when they do not preach truth, do not practice right living, influence the people to err, and do not repent.

Jeremiah's message repeated by Paul: (Acts 20:29-30; Rms. 16:17-18)

2. (v30) WHEN PROPHETS STEAL AWAY GOD'S WORD

(v14) "The prophets prophesy lies in my name ... "

Jesus gives a similar warning: (Mtt. 7:21-23) "... in my name ... depart from me ... "

Paul gives it emphasis: (1 Tim. 4:1-3) "... depart from the faith ... speaking lies ... "

Today, where in God's word, the Bible, does it say: "Attend the church of your choice"
"All roads lead to heaven" "Repeat this prayer and become a Christian"
"Baptism is optional"

3. (v31) WHEN PROPHETS SAY, "HE SAYS"

These false prophets were claiming to speak by inspiration when there wasn't any.

Trust in God's revealed word, the Bible, for your belief and practice:

(Acts 17:11; 1 Thess. 5:21; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

4. (v32) WHEN PROPHETS HOLD DREAMS FOR TRUTH

(v28) "the prophet that has a dream, let him tell it as a dream;
and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully" (see Ezek. 13:3)

Heed Paul's reproof: (Gal. 1:6-9)

CLOSE - **Hear the Bible truth for what to do to have forgiveness.**