

God performs His strange Work by sending
DECEIVING SPIRITS TO POSSESS INTENTIONAL LIARS / FRAUDS IN POLITICAL & RELIGIOUS REALM

Ezekiel 13:1-2 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy from ~~their own inspiration~~ their own **minds**,

'Listen to the word of the LORD!

10 It is definitely because they have misled My people by saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace.

And when anyone builds a wall, behold, they plaster ~~it over~~ **over it** with whitewash;

11 so tell those who plaster ~~it over~~ **over it** with whitewash, that it will ~~fall~~ **fail**.

22 Because you {*i.e.*, lying religious leaders} disheartened the righteous with falsehood when I did not cause him {*i.e.*, the righteous person} grief, but have encouraged the wicked not to turn from his wicked way and preserve his life

Ezekiel 14:1 Then some elders of Israel came to me and sat down before me.

2-3 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity."

6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Repent {*i.e.*, change your mind} and turn away from your idols and turn your faces away from all your abominations.

8 I will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb,
and I will cut him off from among My people.

So you will know that I am the LORD.

9 But if the prophet {*i.e.*, the false prophet} is prevailed upon to speak a word, ~~it is I, the LORD, who have prevailed upon that prophet,~~ **I the LORD have deceived that prophet** and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel.

2 Thessalonians 2:11 For this reason God will send upon them ~~a deluding influence~~ a **strong delusion** so that they will believe what is false in order that they all may be judged

1 Kings 22:19 Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

20 "The LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that.

21 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.'

22 "The LORD said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his *{i.e., Ahab's}* prophets.'

Then He said, 'You are to entice him and also prevail. Go and do so.'

12 -13 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, and send famine against it -

14 even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves," declares the Lord GOD.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

15 If I were to cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and ~~it becomes desolate~~ **I make it childless ...** {literally, "desolate in the womb"}

23 Then they will comfort you when you see their conduct and actions, for you will know that I have not done in vain whatever I did to it," declares the Lord GOD.

Jeremiah 29:1 Now these are the words of the letter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, the priests, the prophets and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

4-6 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, 'Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease.'

11 (Septuagint) 'I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **a certain future.**'

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 For God has not destined us for wrath *{i.e., the Great Tribulation}*, but for obtaining salvation *{i.e., deliverance from this fallen world}* through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.