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CH 25

FB 10

Sermon: It is by their fruit

Scripture: See Below

Main Message: Come out of this world and return to the Lord

In our bible study of Jeremiah, one of the many items that has repeatedly been demonstrated to us was the issue of false prophets. It was evident to those who served the Lord in the day of Jeremiah. It was not evident to many who just went along with their daily lives and only listened to the prophets that spoke of peace and safety. It was all they wanted to hear. Indeed, false prophets have always been around and are evident today for those with eyes to see and ears to hear.

When we don't learn from history, or ignore history, we are doomed to repeat it. God's history presented to us in the Bible is in fact being ignored which sets the stage for our current and future issues. As a world, we are no wiser, because many chase after their own lusts and pursue the things that are not of God just like they did in the time of Jeremiah.

Read Jeremiah 23 1-3, 9-14

Read Jeremiah 14:13-16

Today we have false prophets as well. Just like back then, there are some Pastors who preach and teach wonderful happy things continually and how God will make you successful, rich even, because of our Lord wants the best for you. Follow me for more messages of peace and safety and it's time for another offering which opens the floodgates of Heaven above. Masses of people flock to some of the more famous speakers who preach upon prosperity. We must be cautious. We must always follow the money because that is the clearest identifier of those who are false. Listen to Jesus' warnings to us. Yes if their fruit is monetary and self-indulgent beyond some reasonableness, you should run away.

Mathew 7:15-20

Or Peter 2:12-13

We are warned time and time again about those who are false.

However, there are others who "preach" falsehood and create false messages in order to convince the population. Just like in Jeremiah's day, we have those in positions of authority who continually repeat the same tired old message that will bring safety and security. This strategy works best when you also light a fire behind them with fear, uncertainty and doubt, popularly known as F.U.D. Spread enough overwhelming **FUD** with a chance for safety and security over that way, the masses will fall into line like a herd. I'm not talking about herd immunity, but herd mentality – like sheep to slaughter.

Nebuchadnezzar was coming to destroy and ransack Jerusalem. Jeremiah kept telling them to turn from their evil ways and turn back to God. He told them the truth of what Nebuchadnezzar would do, but the false prophets kept saying peace and safety. The "governing" bodies of the day suppressed the truth and locked up Jeremiah. The king even burned the words of Jeremiah because it didn't fit into the narrative of the day. The lies have been coming and will come and everyone has been deceived. Honestly, I don't even know sometimes what is true any more. What I do know is that I must begin doing the opposite of those who are evil and in high places whose only fruit is the exorbitant amount of **MONEY** they seem to collect. You certainly can't trust in Religion, politics, the educational system, or the economy. These are the 4 horseman of the Apocalypse that we see working in this world right now by which we are all controlled if we are not wise.

1 Thes 5:3 Sums it up. You won't hear me preach about peace and safety in a world which has none except what is offered by those who are evil and in charge.