

“The visions of your prophets were false and worthless; they did not expose your sin to ward off your captivity. The prophecies they gave you were false and misleading.”

(Lamentations 2:14 NIV)

“Your prophets had nothing to tell you but lies; Their preaching deceived you by never exposing your sin. They made you think you did not need to repent.”

*(Lamentations 2:14
Good News Translation)*

In the book of laments the whole Judah and the people of Jerusalem were in deep pain and suffering. For the LORD allowed Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylonia to invade Judah and destroyed Jerusalem, even the temple of God. God did that because the people they already moved away from God and started to worship gods other than Him, and they were living in utterly sinful conduct of living, in immoralities, in drunkenness, injustice, corruption, murder, etc.

Why the people they were behaving in such a bad way? Somebody was responsible on what had happened, who?

1- The visions of your prophets were false and worthless; Your

prophets had nothing to tell you but lies: *They were preaching to the people but not what God want the people to know and what He wants them to do. Prophecy is to declare the will of God in the life of the people. Usually people are not willing to go along the will of God. The responsibility of the true preacher or prophet is to direct the people to do God’s will and not to encourage them to go on and do their own will.*

2- They did not expose your sin to ward off your captivity; Their preaching deceived you by never exposing your sin: *Preaching should expose sins by defining them clearly and illustrate them and their bad effects from the scriptures. Sin leads to bondages. The aim of preaching is to define the true way of life, exposing and defining sins, and describing the way to repent and return to God, so bondages will be broken and cleared.*

3- The prophecies they gave you were false and misleading; they made you think you did not need to repent: *Nothing worse than a preaching that does not give the audience a clue for the need for repentance. Such preaching is misleading and deceives the people to continue to live in sin.*

People would like to hear sermons that focus on how much good they are. But the same people will be very upset if their sins are point out and clearly defined. Many who preach they preach to make people happy, but they are harming them and they are harming themselves by making God angry when they don’t tell the truth to the people to lead them to repentance.

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to stand firm and not to compromise, in order to tell your people their sins and their wrong doings, so they will have the opportunity to repent and got saved. Lord protect me and provide for me so I continue to declare your will and your truth to the people around me, this is my prayer and thanksgiving to you in Jesus name Amen.

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“¹²No one anywhere, not even rulers of foreign nations, believed that any invader could enter Jerusalem's gates. ¹³But it happened, because her prophets sinned and her priests were guilty of causing the death of innocent people.”

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