

THE DANGER OF DECEPTION

JEREMIAH 29:8-9

THE PITFALLS OF FALSE PROPHETS

- What is a Prophet – nabi = a spokesman or speaker who has been AUTHORIZED to speak for another
- God gave HIS prophets a supernatural guidance for the purpose and significance of leading Israel
- For purposes of notoriety, fame, fortune, and demonic influence, others would self-proclaim themselves to be prophets

LABELING FALSE PROPHETS

- Jeremiah 14:14
- They were not sent by God
- They received no command from God
- They were not spoken to by God
- They were deceived in their own minds

ESTABLISHING GOD'S TRUE MESSENGERS

- They have a relationship with Christ (1 Cor. 12:3)
- They speak God's Word in truth (John 17:17)
- They are validated by God's Spirit (Romans 8:12-17)
- They will bear the fruit of love through Christ (John 13:35)