

## **KA4. Not Prophesying Falsely.**

*We are not to prophesy falsely.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

### **Key New Testament Scriptures**

#### 1 Corinthians 4:6

*So don't pronounce judgment prematurely, before the Lord comes; for he will bring to light what is now hidden in darkness; he will expose the motives of people's hearts; and then each will receive from God whatever praise he deserves. Now in what I have said here, brothers, I have used myself and Apollos as examples to teach you not to go beyond what the Tanakh says, proudly taking the side of one leader against another.*

#### 1 John 2:27

*As for you, the Messianic anointing you received from the Father remains in you, so that you have no need for anyone to teach you. On the contrary, as his Messianic anointing continues to teach you about all things, and is true, not a counterfeit, so, just as he taught you, remain united with him.*

#### 2 Peter 2:1-3

*But among the people there were also false prophets, just as there will be false teachers among you. Under false pretenses they will introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and thus bring on themselves swift destruction. Many will follow their debaucheries; and because of them, the true Way will be maligned. In their greed they will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their punishment, decreed long ago, is not idle; their destruction is not asleep!*

#### Revelation 19:20

*But the beast was taken captive, and with it the false prophet who, in its presence, had done the miracles which he had used to deceive those who had received the mark of the beast and those who had worshipped his image. The beast and the false prophet were both thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.*

### **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 7:15-20, 24:11, 24

Mark 13:22-23

1 John 4:1-6

Revelation 19:20, 20:10

### **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

KA02 Being on Our Guard Against False Prophets

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

### **Deuteronomy 13:1-6**

*Everything I am commanding you, you are to take care to do. Do not add to it or subtract from it. If a prophet or someone who gets messages while dreaming arises among you and he gives you a sign or wonder, and the sign or wonder comes about as he predicted when he said, 'Let's follow other gods, which you have not known; and let us serve them,' you are not to listen to what that prophet or dreamer says. For ADONAI your God is testing you, in order to find out whether you really do love ADONAI your God with all your heart and being. You are to follow ADONAI your God, fear him, obey his mitzvot, listen to what he says, serve him and cling to him; and that prophet or dreamer is to be put to death; because he urged rebellion against ADONAI your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from a life of slavery; in order to seduce you away from the path ADONAI your God ordered you to follow. This is how you are to rid your community of this wickedness.*

### **Deuteronomy 18:20**

*But if a prophet presumptuously speaks a word in my name which I didn't order him to say, or if he speaks in the name of other gods, then that prophet must die.*

### **Jeremiah 14:14**

*ADONAI replied, "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I didn't send them, order them or speak to them. They are prophesying false visions to you, worthless divinations, the delusions of their own minds.*

### **Jeremiah 27:15**

*'For I have not sent them,' says ADONAI, 'and they are prophesying falsely in my name, with the result that I will drive you out, and you will perish- you and the prophets prophesying to you.'*

## **Comment**

While there is no Scripture that specifically commands us (personally) to not prophesy falsely, we are justified in considering it a *Mitzvah* because of the plethora of Scriptures that warn us to not be misled by false prophets.

So serious is false prophecy, that in Deuteronomy 13:1-6 and 18:40, the Mosaic Law requires that false prophets be put to death. Dr. Juster is of the opinion that 1 Corinthians 14:29 provides for leeway and forgiveness for ordinary prophecy in the New Covenant; he writes:

“The best on this is Gordon Fee regarding: *"Let two or three prophets speak, while the others weigh what is said."* This is a command, and it prevents receiving false prophecy. The evaluation process is important, and errors in charismatic circles are often due to not judging or evaluating prophecy as commanded.”

The reader is advised to consider *Mitzvah* #KA2, and its comment and referenced Scriptures as a companion to this *Mitzvah* #KA4.

**Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

Z01 Believing End-Time False Prophets & Messiahs