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**Ezekiel 34:1 - 4 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: “Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? <sup>3</sup>You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, *but* you do not feed the flock. <sup>4</sup>The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them.



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**Ezekiel 34:5 - 8 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup>So they were scattered because *there was* no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. <sup>6</sup>My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching *for them.* <sup>7</sup>“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup>“As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock” —



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**Ezekiel 34:9 - 12 (NKJV)** <sup>9</sup>therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>10</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I *am* against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them.” <sup>11</sup>‘For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.



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**Ezekiel 34:13 - 16 (NKJV)** <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>"I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."



The Messiah is NOT  
finished with Israel!

# Are Shepherds today Speaking Lies in the Name of the Lord?

**Zechariah 13:1 - 3 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup>“In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. <sup>2</sup>“It shall be in that day,” says the LORD of hosts, “*that* I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land. <sup>3</sup>It shall come to pass *that* if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who begot him will say to him, ‘**You shall not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.**’ And his father and mother who begot him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.

- In the future, lying shepherds will not be tolerated.
- Why are they tolerated today?
- Because Satan is still on the loose and many of these lying shepherds have no idea they are speaking lies.
- These lying shepherds are also allowed to test us to see if we will seek out the truth.
- Are we seeking out the TRUTH or just believing whatever the lying shepherds tell us?

# Do Shepherds today Speak Lies in the Name of the Lord?

When ministers teach that Jesus Christ the Messiah was born on December 25<sup>th</sup> on Christmas Day, they are speaking a lie in the name of the lord. We know from scripture that the Messiah was born sometime in the fall when the shepherds were still out in the fields with their sheep, not in the winter.



What does the Christmas tree have to do with the birth of Christ?

Answer: Nothing!

# Do Shepherds today Speak Lies in the Name of the Lord?

When ministers teach that Jesus Christ the Messiah was crucified on Friday and resurrected on Sunday at sunrise, they are speaking a lie in the name of the lord. We know from scripture that the Messiah was in the tomb for 3 days and 3 nights and when Mary came to the tomb it was still dark and he had already risen.



What does the Easter Bunny have to do with the resurrection of Christ?

Answer: Nothing!

# Do Shepherds today Speak Lies in the Name of the Lord?

When ministers teach that the Sabbath is done away and replaced with Sunday which is the Lord's day, they are speaking a lie in the name of the lord. We know from scripture that the Messiah taught the Sabbath was made for MAN and the he is the Lord of the Sabbath. Nowhere did he do away with it. The Lord's day is the time just preceding and including the return of the Messiah, it is NOT a day of the week.



# Jesus did not teach the Sabbath was done away, he taught that the Sabbath was made FOR man!

**Mark 2:23 - 28 (NKJV)** <sup>23</sup>Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>And the Pharisees said to Him, “Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>But He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: <sup>26</sup>how he went into the house of God *in the days* of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?” <sup>27</sup>And He said to them, “**The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.** <sup>28</sup>Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”

- This was the Messiah’s golden opportunity to let everyone know that the Sabbath was no longer needed.
- Instead of doing away with the Sabbath, he established that the Sabbath was made FOR man.
- Those who live in a free country to be able to observe it without persecution realize what an incredible blessing it truly is for man.
- Each week we must stop our daily labor and spend time with our families and brethren and also take time to worship our Creator.
- It is not a burden like those who refuse to keep it say it is. It is one of the greatest blessings God has given to mankind.

# Christ did show the Jews were not keeping it properly, and encourage them to keep it in a more balanced way.

**Matthew 12:1 - 6 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup>At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. <sup>2</sup>And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!” <sup>3</sup>But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: <sup>4</sup>how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? <sup>5</sup>Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? <sup>6</sup>Yet I say to you that in this place there is *One* greater than the temple.



# Christ did show the Jews were not keeping it properly, and encourage them to keep it in a more balanced way.

**Matthew 12:7 - 14 (NKJV)** <sup>7</sup>But if you had known what *this* means, '*I desire mercy and not sacrifice,*' you would not have condemned the guiltless. <sup>8</sup>For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." <sup>9</sup>Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. <sup>10</sup>And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—that they might accuse Him. <sup>11</sup>Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift *it* out? <sup>12</sup>Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." <sup>13</sup>Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored as whole as the other. <sup>14</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.



Christ showed them how to keep the Sabbath more properly, he did not abolish it. Keep in mind they were already watering their animals on the Sabbath and this is how he got his point across.

# Do Shepherds today Speak Lies in the Name of the Lord?

When ministers teach that the Trinity is something a Christian must believe in order to be a Christian, they are speaking a lie in the name of the lord. The word trinity does not even appear in the bible and yet we are not a Christian if we don't believe it. The trinity lie masks the fact that God is a family which is in scripture in **Ephesians 3:15** which states, the Family in Heaven. And come on, The Father, The Son, Christ as a Husband, The Church as a Wife, we being Children of God, Family is how God represents himself throughout the bible. How can you not see he is a Family? They can not accept this truth because they can not do away with this foolish lie of the trinity. It's so sad.

**Ephesians 3:14 - 19 (NKJV)** <sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>**from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,** <sup>16</sup>that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup>that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—<sup>19</sup>to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**This verse so clearly shows to me that the trinity is a lie and God is a Family is the truth. Don't forget this one!**

# Do Shepherds today Speak Lies in the Name of the Lord?

When ministers teach when people die they go straight to heaven or hell, they are speaking a lie in the name of the lord. Jesus the Messiah clearly taught there would be a future resurrection of ALL peoples. Seeing this when I was young in the faith helped me see very clearly that the traditional Christianity ministers of the world really don't believe what Jesus taught. That was stunning to me, that they totally disregard what the Messiah taught. And they haven't changed a bit. They continue to teach this lie.



How many funerals have you had to sit through and listen to the minister lie about how someone is now in heaven?

I sit there thinking, read your bible and believe what the Messiah teaches, instead of the vain pagan traditions of the world.

# No one has ascended unto heaven except the Messiah!

**John 3:10 - 21 (NKJV)** <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? <sup>11</sup>Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

I showed this scripture to a friend of mine. He was stunned and read it a couple times before saying anything. He could not believe that scripture was there, but there it was staring him in the face. Finally, he told me, “That was before Christ’s resurrection. After his resurrection all that changed.”

I said, “Really?” Then I took him to another scripture:

**Acts 2:29 - 36**

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**Acts 2:29 - 36 (NKJV)** <sup>29</sup>“Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup>“**For David did not ascend into the heavens,** but he says himself: *‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, <sup>35</sup>Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”’* <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

I said, “This is in the book of Acts. Isn’t this after the resurrection of Christ?” Once again he stared in disbelief and he did not believe. He said he would look into it. We never got back on the subject.

Even though this was the TRUTH staring him in the face, he just could not believe.

I was really hoping he would look into it, because if he had come back with questions, then I would have taken him to the following scriptures:

# No one has ascended unto heaven except the Messiah!

**Matthew 11:20 - 24 (NKJV)** <sup>20</sup>Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: <sup>21</sup>“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup>But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. <sup>23</sup>And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup>But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

Now wait a minute, what is the Messiah talking about? It WILL be more tolerable in the judgment day for Tyre, Sidon and Sodom. He doesn't believe that all of these have died in their sins without accepting him as their Savior and are all burning in hell forever in punishment. That's because he taught of a coming resurrection of all people, not heaven or hell immediately for everyone when they die.

Do we have scriptures that clearly show this to be the truth the Messiah taught?

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**Matthew 12:39 - 42 (NKJV)** <sup>39</sup>But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup>For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup>**The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it,** because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here. <sup>42</sup>**The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it,** for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here.

Nineveh WILL rise in judgment WITH this generation. The Messiah clearly taught there was going to be a future resurrection of all mankind for judgment.

Those who teach we go straight to heaven or hell at death, quite frankly don't believe what the Messiah taught.

Matthew was not the only one to record this. Luke also records it.

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**Luke 11:29 - 32 (NKJV)** <sup>29</sup>And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. <sup>30</sup>For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. <sup>31</sup>**The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them**, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here. <sup>32</sup>**The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it**, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here.

Once again, those who teach we go straight to heaven or hell at death, quite frankly don't believe what the Messiah taught!

And I'm sick of hearing this lie propagated by them.

Why do they continue to teach this lie?

Because their church Fathers taught it and they are stuck in the box, even though it's not true, they think they **MUST** teach it because it is their doctrine. Sad, truly sad.

We are blessed to be free of these lying shepherds and able to accept the truth when God shows it to us.

# Examples of Shepherds today Speaking Lies in the Name of the Lord:

When ministers teach the Holy days of God are done away and replaced with traditional pagan days of man, they are speaking a lie in the name of the lord.

Turn with me in scripture where Jesus told his brothers to go keep Christmas or Easter. Now turn with me where he tells them to go up and keep the Feast.



# Jesus instructs his brothers to keep the Feast of Tabernacles and keeps it himself as well.

**John 7:1 - 15 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. <sup>2</sup>Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. <sup>3</sup>His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. <sup>4</sup>For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." <sup>5</sup>For even His brothers did not believe in Him. <sup>6</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. <sup>7</sup>The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup>**You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast,** for My time has not yet fully come." <sup>9</sup>When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee. <sup>10</sup>**But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.** <sup>11</sup>Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" <sup>12</sup>And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." <sup>13</sup>However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews. <sup>14</sup>**Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.** <sup>15</sup>And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

# Was the Apostle Paul a Feast Keeper and encourage others to keep it?

**Acts 18:18 - 21 (NKJV)** <sup>18</sup>So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila *were* with him. He had *his* hair cut off at Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow. <sup>19</sup>And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. <sup>20</sup>When they asked *him* to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent, <sup>21</sup>but took leave of them, saying, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing." And he sailed from Ephesus.

**1 Corinthians 5:6 - 8 (NKJV)**  
<sup>6</sup>Your glorying *is* not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup>Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. <sup>8</sup>Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

# Perhaps the worst lie of them all:

When ministers teach the laws of God are done away, they are speaking a lie in the name of the lord. And this one is going to cost them dearly. This lie is why the country is in such horrible moral decay. Without the law, how do we grow to become righteous? Once again this shows me so clearly that traditional Christianity does not believe the Messiah. He clearly stated he did NOT come to do away with the law or the prophets and yet this is exactly what they teach. And sadly, they are so steeped in deception they believe it to be true. How is this going to cost them?



**The law being nailed to the cross symbolizes Christ taking on our punishment for breaking the law, it does not do away with the law.**

**You can not have grace, without having law. If there is no law, then there is no need for grace.**

# We should believe the Messiah, not lying sheperds!

**Matthew 5:17 - 20 (NKJV)** <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>**For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.** <sup>19</sup>Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Have all things been fulfilled?  
No, then not one dotting of  
the I or crossing of the T will  
pass away from the law.**

**Is our righteousness  
exceeding that of the  
Pharisees? If not, we are not  
going to make it into God's  
Kingdom.**

# What is more important to the Messiah, great wonders or obedience?

## Matthew 7:13 - 16 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup>“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup>Because narrow *is* the gate and **difficult *is* the way which leads to life**, and there are few who find it. <sup>15</sup>“**Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.** <sup>16</sup>You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?



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## Matthew 7:17 - 21 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup>Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

<sup>21</sup>**“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**



**Brethren, are WE bearing the Fruit of the Spirit? We need to examine ourselves.**

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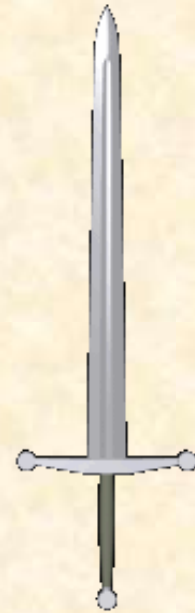
**Matthew 7:22 - 27 (NKJV)** <sup>22</sup>Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' <sup>23</sup>And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' <sup>24</sup>"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup>and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup>"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup>and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Those who build their house on the foundation of the lying shepherds will not be able to stand.

Notice these people go before the Messiah at his return expecting to be rewarded for what they have done. So deceived into believing God could be pleased with lawlessness. That's because their lying shepherds have taught them the law is done away and they believed and they will pay the price for it. They should have studied the words of the Messiah in their Bibles and believed him and not their lying ministers.

# The Fate of Lying Shepherds

**Zechariah 11:15 - 17 (NKJV)** <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Next, take for yourself the implements of a foolish shepherd. <sup>16</sup>For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land *who* will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces. <sup>17</sup>“Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword *shall be* against his arm And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded.”



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**Zechariah 13:1 - 3 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup>“In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. <sup>2</sup>“It shall be in that day,” says the LORD of hosts, “*that* I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land. <sup>3</sup>It shall come to pass *that* if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who begot him will say to him, ‘**You shall not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.**’ And his father and mother who begot him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.



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## Zechariah 13:4 - 6 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup>“And it shall be in that day *that* every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies; they will not wear a robe of coarse hair to deceive. <sup>5</sup>**But he will say, ‘I *am* no prophet, I *am* a farmer; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.’** <sup>6</sup>And *one* will say to him, ‘What are these wounds between your arms?’ Then he will answer, ‘*Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.’”

- One day these lying ministers will be ashamed for what they are teaching today.



