

**Mt.7.15-20 “The DECEPTION of False Prophets”**  
**Matthew Series: ‘THE KING IS COMING’ #101**  
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**INTRODUCTION: Jude 24-25**

1. **Definition** of False Prophet

2. THE **DANGER** OF FALSE PROPHETS

Beware always **warns** of danger – it is a call to be on **guard**.

**Wolves** are known for being **merciless** & ferocious (Ez.22.27) – **ravenous** = “**swindler**” (Lk.18.11)  
Our first need is to get ourselves...;

➤ **right** with the **Lord**,

1<sup>st</sup> group Jude mentions is composed of **believers**:

➤ who have been tempted to **doubt** their faith, &

2<sup>nd</sup> group is composed of **unbelievers**:

➤ who need to be **grabbed**, as it were,

3<sup>rd</sup> group is composed of those who are confirmed in **false religion**:

➤ special **care** is needed & special **dependence** on the Lord for;

✓ ... lest we ourselves become spiritually **contaminated** by their polluted views & ways.

3. THE **DECEPTION** OF FALSE PROPHETS

When an enemy is seen we are alerted & can be **P**\_\_\_\_\_ to defend ourselves.

**False prophets** deceive the flock by impersonating the **S**\_\_\_\_\_, who wears **sheep’s clothing**...

❖ **Heretics** are those who openly **R**\_\_\_\_\_ the word of God.

❖ **Apostate teachers** are those who **O**\_\_\_\_\_ followed the true faith.

They do not claim to represent, biblical Christianity.

❖ The **F**\_\_\_\_\_ **S**\_\_\_\_\_ (the deceiver), on the other hand, gives the appearance of orthodoxy.

False prophets are almost always **P**\_\_\_\_\_ & **P**\_\_\_\_\_.

They know and use **B**\_\_\_\_\_ terminology &

Many false prophets also appear to be **S**\_\_\_\_\_.

False Teachers frequently show their true colors by what they do **N**\_\_\_\_\_ affirm.

They simply **I**\_\_\_\_\_ “negative” & uncomfortable truths.

**False prophets use Jesus Christ & His Gospel & Church as means for serving their own ends.**

One test for a False Teacher in the area of **L**\_\_\_\_\_-**S**\_\_\_\_\_.

A false prophet is always in Church work for **H**\_\_\_\_\_;

4. THE **D**\_\_\_\_\_ OF FALSE PROPHETS

Because they enter by the wide gate & travel the broad way, their end is **D**\_\_\_\_\_ (v.13).