### Ezekiel

## Chapter 13

1Then the Word of Jehovah came to me and said:  
  
 2‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘Against IsraEl’s prophets, you must now testify  
 (Those who [say they can tell what will come])!  
 You must speak to these prophets and tell them  
 That their prophecies all come from their hearts.  
  
 ‘So, you must prophesy and tell them  
 To hear the Word of Jehovah;  
 3For, these are the words that He spoke:  
  
 ‘Woe to those who speak prophecies  
 From ideas that come from their hearts  
 While they have seen nothing at all…  
 Those following the direction of their spirits!  
  
 4‘O IsraEl,  
  
 ‘Your prophets are like foxes that live in the fields,  
 5For they do not take firm positions.  
 To the house of IsraEl, they don’t gather flocks,  
 Nor are they getting them ready for war  
 By warning them about the Day of the Lord.  
  
 6‘The visions that they see are all false,  
 And all of their omens are useless;  
 For they say that Jehovah has spoken,  
 And they make their words sound important;  
 Yet, they were not sent by Jehovah.  
  
 7‘Haven’t your visions all proven false…  
 Aren’t the words that you’ve spoken untrue?  
 For you speak when I haven’t spoken,’ says Jehovah!  
  
 8‘Because of this, you must tell them,’ said Jehovah,  
 ‘That since their words are all false  
 And they prophesy things that are foolish…  
 Yes, because of this, I’m against them!  
  
 9‘So, towards those prophets, I’ll stretch out My hand  
 Towards those who are seeing false visions  
 And those who declare foolish things  
 When they give instructions to My people;  
 Then, among [the faithful of] IsraEl,  
 Their [names] will never be written,  
 And they’ll know that I am Jehovah!  
  
 10‘For, they are misleading My people  
 By saying there’s peace, when there’s really no peace…  
 So the people are plastering walls that will fall.  
  
 11‘Rather, they should say to those who are plastering walls:  
 Your [walls] will soon fall and the rain will pour in.  
 For I’m sending rocks to be hurled against them,  
 And then your [walls] will just drop…  
 [Yes, I’ll send] a mighty wind to destroy them!  
  
 12‘{Look!} And after the walls have all fallen,  
 They will then come here and ask:  
  
 ‘What happened to all of the plaster  
 That we used to make repairs on these [walls]?’  
  
 13‘It’s because of this,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘That I will send out a wind,  
 Which will rip down [their walls] in My anger;  
 And then, My rage will flood in.  
  
 ‘In My rage, I’ll cause rocks to be thrown  
 As I bring it all to an end!  
 14For I’ll raze the walls that they’ve plastered…  
 I’ll lay them out on the ground,  
 And then, I’ll expose their foundations.  
  
 ‘And [you who’ve foretold better things]  
 Will then be worn out by their shouting…  
 And you’ll know that I am Jehovah.  
  
 15‘Yes, against those walls I’ll wear out My rage,  
 And on those who are plastering them;  
 For, all their walls will soon fall.  
  
 ‘Yet [the problem] is not with the walls  
 Or with those applying the plaster;  
 16It’s with those who fortell a good future…  
 Those who say there’ll be peace,  
 When there really won’t be any peace,’ says Jehovah.  
  
 17‘And you, O son of man, must now fix your face  
 Against the daughters of your people…  
 Against those who now prophesy  
 According to the things in their hearts.  
 Against them, you must prophesy this…  
 18Tell them that thus says Jehovah:  
  
 ‘Woe to those who sew pillows  
 That are made to be placed under elbows,  
 And those who create all sizes of veils  
 That they say will serve as protection…  
 Those misleading the lives of My people!  
  
 19‘You profane Me in front of My people  
 For a handful of barley or a few scraps of bread.  
 You’re ending lives that don’t have to die,  
 And offer protection to souls that won’t live…  
 You promise foolish things to My people!  
  
 20‘And because of this, says Jehovah,  
 I am opposed to your pillows,  
 Which you’re using to gather their souls.  
 So from your arms, I’ll rip them away,  
 And lead off those who you’ve misled…  
 For soon, they all will be scattered.  
  
 21‘I will also rip off your veils  
 To save My people from your [wicked] hands.  
 No, into your hands, they’ll not fall again…  
 And you’ll know that I am Jehovah.  
  
 22‘You’ve perverted the hearts of the righteous  
 And strengthened the hands of the lawless…  
 Yes you’ve failed to turn them from bad, so they’d live!  
  
 23‘And because of this,  
 You will not see false visions again,  
 And you won’t see any more omens.  
 For, from your hands, I’ll rescue My people…  
 And you’ll know that I am Jehovah.’