## "False Teachers Predicted"

## Holiness

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- I. Introduction
  - A. Chapter 2 is a warning against false teachers
  - B. Characteristics of Old Testament prophets
    - 1. They were more interested in gaining popularity than in telling the truth
    - 2. They were more interested in personal gain
    - 3. They were dissolute in the personal lives
    - 4. They led people further away from God instead of closer to God
- II. False Teachers in the New Testament
  - A. The characteristics of the false teachers mirrored the characteristics of the false prophets and these characteristics still occur today.
    - 1. They are teachers
    - 2. They are traitors
    - 3. They are destroyers
    - 4. They are deniers

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- III. Important questions for us to ask
  - A. What is behind these false teachers?
  - B. How can we recognize these false teachers?
  - C. Why does God permit false teachers in the church?
- IV. Their success (v.2-3a)
- V. Their doom (v.3b)
- VI. Conclusion