

13:2....."if it comes to pass" and the giver uses it to encourage following other gods...

13:3.....you will not listen to him...the Lord is allowing you to be tested to determine the reality of your love. (And you must know the enemy can perform signs and wonders)

13:4.....You will walk with, fear, keep, obey, serve only the Lord

13:5.....And you will rid yourself of that false prophet and spare yourself and the people much evil.

This becomes the first test of truth...anything that leads away from God, the God of deliverance, the God of the Bible, is false..don't follow it and you don't even need to do any research on it.

13:6.....if a family member

13:7.....wants to follow the gods of the ~~land~~ and

13:8.....you will not listen

13:9-10..you will destroy that party because of the evil nature of the movement.

13:12....if you hear a report

13:13....of men of Belial in one of your cities

13:14....you will check it out

13:15....and deal with the abomination if the charge is true

13:16....and all that is wrong will be destroyed

13:17....none of it will be left with you so that the Lord will not need to pronounce a harsh judgment.

13:18....obedience will deliver from grief!

III. Conclusion

This is the first step in determining truth. Anything that leads us from the God of redemption is wicked and must be given up. It does not make any difference what the source is or how powerful a sign might be given. The test of truth is: "does it lead us to worship and obey the God who provided an indisputable deliverance?" If it does not, it is wrong. Other aspects will come later but this is basic and ..thanks for listening today.