

# Ezekiel 13:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:

## Analysis

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"Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar." False prophets offered false security ("Peace") when judgment approached. The wall metaphor depicts superficial solutions to fundamental problems—cosmetic repair when structural replacement is needed. "Untempered mortar" (whitewash) creates appearance of solidity while lacking substance. This warns against easy solutions to sin's problem. Only Christ's atonement provides genuine peace; human religion offers mere whitewash.

## Historical Context

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While Ezekiel warned of coming judgment (591 BC), false prophets promised peace and quick return to Jerusalem. Their optimistic predictions contradicted God's revealed truth but pleased exiles wanting encouragement. The whitewashed wall symbolized superficial religiosity masking deep corruption. When Babylon attacked (586 BC), the false prophets' promises proved worthless—the wall collapsed. The pattern repeats: false assurance crumbles when tested. Only truth grounded in God's Word withstands examination and trial.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What modern equivalents exist to whitewashed walls—superficial solutions to deep spiritual problems?
2. How do you distinguish between genuine peace from God versus false assurance from human optimism?

## Interlinear Text

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וְגַם יַעַן	וְגַם יַעַן	הֵטְעוּ	אֶת	עַמִּי	לֵאמֹר
H3282	H3282		H853	H5971	H559
		Because even because they have seduced		my people	saying
		H2937			
שָׁלֵם	וְאֵין	שָׁלֵם	וְהוּא	בָּנָה	וְהִנֵּה
H7965	H369	H7965	H1931	H1129	H2434
Peace		Peace	and one built up	a wall	and lo
					H2009
טָח יִם	אֶת	תִּפְלִי:			
H2902	H853	H8602			
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 22:28** (Parallel theme): And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

**Ezekiel 13:16** (Peace): To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD.

**Jeremiah 14:13** (Peace): Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.

**Jeremiah 6:14** (Peace): They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

**Jeremiah 8:11** (Peace): For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

**2 Kings 21:9** (Parallel theme): But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

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