

# Ezekiel 13:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you,  
Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?

## Analysis

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God addresses false prophecy related to Where is daubing?. This verse contributes to the comprehensive exposure of false teaching that enabled Israel's apostasy. The specific practices condemned show how false prophecy mixed superstition with claims of divine authority, leading people astray from covenant faithfulness.

The Hebrew terminology indicates concrete practices that promised protection or favor through human manipulation rather than covenant obedience. These represent attempts to control or manipulate divine blessing through ritual or magical means rather than submission to God's revealed will. Such practices directly violated monotheistic faith.

From a Reformed perspective, this warns against any attempt to manipulate God through religious practices divorced from heart obedience. Exposed falsehood during crisis. True relationship with God requires faith in His promises and submission to His commands, not manipulative rituals or techniques.

## Historical Context

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Historical context shows various superstitious practices in pre-exilic Israel combining folk religion with claims of Yahwistic authority. Archaeological evidence includes amulets, magical texts, and fertility cult objects showing syncretism. These practices promised protection or blessing through human technique rather than covenant faithfulness, directly violating first and second commandments.

Exposed falsehood during crisis within this cultural context of widespread religious syncretism.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this condemnation challenge modern attempts to manipulate God through religious techniques?
2. What does Where is daubing? teach about the difference between faith and superstition?
3. In what ways might contemporary Christianity compromise biblical faith with cultural superstitions?

## Interlinear Text

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H2009

is fallen

H5307

בְּקַרְבָּן יְהִי

H7023

בְּלֹא

H3808

יְאִמְרָא

shall it not be said

H559

אַלְיכָם

H413

אַתֶּם רֹאשׁוֹת

H346

unto you Where is the daubing

H2915

אֲשֶׁר

H834

טְחִמָּה:

wherewith ye have daubed

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