

# Ezekiel 13:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken?

## Analysis

God addresses false prophecy related to Vision seen nothing. 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. False visions lacked divine origin. True relationship with God requires faith in His promises and submission to His commands, not manipulative rituals or techniques.

## Historical Context

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. False visions lacked divine origin 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

## Study Questions

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1. How does this condemnation challenge modern attempts to manipulate God through religious techniques?
2. What does Vision seen nothing 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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וְאַתֶּן  
H3808 vision  
H4236 H7723 H2372

מִמְשָׁמָרָה  
H4738

מִמְשָׁמָרָה  
H3577

לֹא  
H589  
דִּבְרָתִי  
H3808  
and have ye not spoken  
H1696

אָמָרִים  
H5002  
it albeit I have not spoken  
H559

נָאָמֵן  
H3068  
יְהִי הָאָמֵן  
The LORD  
H589

דִּבְרָתִי  
H1696  
and have ye not spoken