

# Ezekiel 22:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And her prophets have daubed them with untempered morter, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

## Analysis

**Her prophets have daubed them with untempered morter** (טְפָלָה טְפָל, tafelu tafel)—plasterers applying whitewash over cracked walls, cosmetic religion hiding structural rot (see Ezekiel 13:10-15). These prophets **seeing vanity** (חוֹזִים שָׁוָא) chozim shav)—false visions, empty revelations—and **divining lies** (לוֹסְמִים קָזָב) qosemim kazav), forbidden occult practices passed off as prophecy.

**Saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken**—the ultimate prophetic crime, attributing personal invention to Yahweh. Deuteronomy 18:20 prescribes death for presumptuous prophecy. These whitewashers enabled the wolves of verse 27, providing religious cover for political corruption.

## Historical Context

False prophets proliferated in pre-exilic Judah, offering comfortable lies ('Peace, peace!' Jeremiah 6:14) while true prophets announced judgment. They performed divination (condemned in Deuteronomy 18:10-12) while claiming Yahweh's authority, syncretizing paganism with covenant faith. Their 'whitewash' collapsed when Babylon destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC.

## Related Passages

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

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What forms does 'whitewashing' take in modern church leadership—covering systemic problems with superficial fixes?
2. How can we distinguish between genuine prophetic word and human opinion 'daubed' with religious language?

## Interlinear Text

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וְתַבִּיא אֶת	לְקַרְבָּן	לְתַפְּלָה	חַזְיָם
And her prophets	have daubed	them with untempered	morter seeing
H5030	H2902	H8602	H2374
וְאַדְנָן וְאַמְרָה	כִּי בְּלֹשֶׁם יְמִינָה	כִּי אָמַר	אָמַר יְהוָה
vanity and divining	lies	Thus saith	Thus saith the Lord
H7723	H7080	H3577	H3541
לֹא יְהִי הָדָר:	לֹא יְהִי הָדָר:	לֹא יְהִי הָדָר:	לֹא יְהִי הָדָר:
GOD when the LORD	hath not spoken		
H3069	H3068	H3808	H1696

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