

# Jeremiah 14:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

## Analysis

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The judgment on false prophets: 'Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.' This is poetic justice: what they denied would come, claiming divine authority, will destroy them. Their confident assertion 'shall not be' becomes their means of destruction. This demonstrates God's hatred of false teaching that misleads people under claim of divine authority. The false prophets' fate serves as vindication of God's true word through Jeremiah.

## Historical Context

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The false prophets who promised peace perished when Babylon conquered Jerusalem. Their deaths validated Jeremiah's contested prophecies and exposed their lies, though this vindication came too late to save those they'd misled.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's judgment on false teachers vindicate His true word and servants?
2. What is the relationship between the content of false teaching and the nature of judgment that follows?
3. Why does God particularly judge those who mislead others while claiming His authority?

## Interlinear Text

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H3651 H3541 Therefore thus saith הָיָה הָיָה יְמִם אָמֵן יְמִם  
H559 the LORD עַל יְהוָה הָיָה  
H3068 concerning the prophets שְׁלֹחָתִים  
H5921 H5030  
  
וְהַמָּה שְׁלֹחָתִים לֹא יְאַנְּנִי בְּשָׁמֵי פֶּגְבָּא יְמִם  
H1992 H7971 and I sent H3808 H589 in my name that prophesy  
H8034 H5012  
  
בְּאָזִין הָיָה לְאָמֵן יְמִם וּבְרָעָב בְּכָרְבָּעָב בְּכָרְבָּעָב אָמֵן יְמִם  
H776 H1961 H3808 H7458 By sword and famine By sword and famine Therefore thus saith  
H2719 H559  
  
בְּאָזִין הַזְּאת יְמִם וְהַמָּה פֶּגְבָּא יְמִם  
H1992 H5030 concerning the prophets be consumed H8552 H7458 By sword and famine H2719  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 14:10** (Prophecy): And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him;