

HOW TO BE A PIOUS FRAUD IN SEMINARY

Intro. From man's view days of Jereboam good. 2 Kg 14:25-
Hamath 100 N of Gal bet Aleppo and Dam. Arabah=Dead Sea
maybe Aquaba. 805 Dam crushed by Assy so Syria no threat.
Assy lost momentum till Tiglath-pileser III 745. Amos 760.
Luxury, 4:1;6:6. Go'd view:2:6-7;4:4. Shepherd from Tekoa
in Judah tho ministered in N. Sneaky-started with Syria,
Gaza, Phoenicia, Edom, Ammon, Moab. Is just as bad.
Pious frauds. Nothing worse. Rev. 3:17-18.

I. Fraud of Conformity, 10-15

A. Conditions. 10-12

1. Some honest judges and true witnesses, 10, but abhorred.
2. Luxurious living by defrauding poor, 11. Rent+exaction
(compulsory gifts). No justice for poor, 12.

B. Curse of conformity. Silence, 13. No use, what good will
protest do? Or Gone so far that God withdrawn mercy, so
silence will justly condemn,

C. Commission of leader, 14-15. "Messenger of God cannot
be prudent. He must speak out." 7:10-17. Rom 1:32
Activity, 14; attitude, 15. Eph 5:11.

If don't speak up, we'll all be wailing bec of judgment
which will come, 16-17. Seminary time to sharpen sensit-
ivity of evil. v15 perhaps, no promise of escape.

II. Fraud of Prophecy, 18-20

Took only part of truth of day of Lord like Joel 2:28-9, 32
(written about 830) and not all. Like Lk 14:15. But also
judgment 19-20. Knowledge of future ought to affect present.
Know. of how to communicate ought to heighten desire to
have best to communicate. Know of languages not to prove
pet theme but more accurately herald God's message. To be
fraud in Sem. get wrapped up in 1 aspect of truth and no one
will ever discover your lack in other areas. Acts 20:27.
Can even get wrapped up in questioning.

III. Fraud of Activity, 21-24

A. What they were doing. Feasts=festivals=pilgrimages to
shrines. Deut 16:16, went to sanctuary feasts of unleav
bread, weeks, booths. Assemblies=any rel gathering, esp
final days of festivals. Burnt, meal, peace. Acts of ded,
to remember God, to focus on fellowship. Non-atoning so
works of supererogation! Sing! v24 preennial stream, never
drying up.

How to be a pious fraud: keep silent, ride a doctrinal
or curriculum hobby-horse (appear very intellectual), be
very active. How to be pious: Discern good and evil,
expert in whole counsel of God, be active from heart that
loves God.