

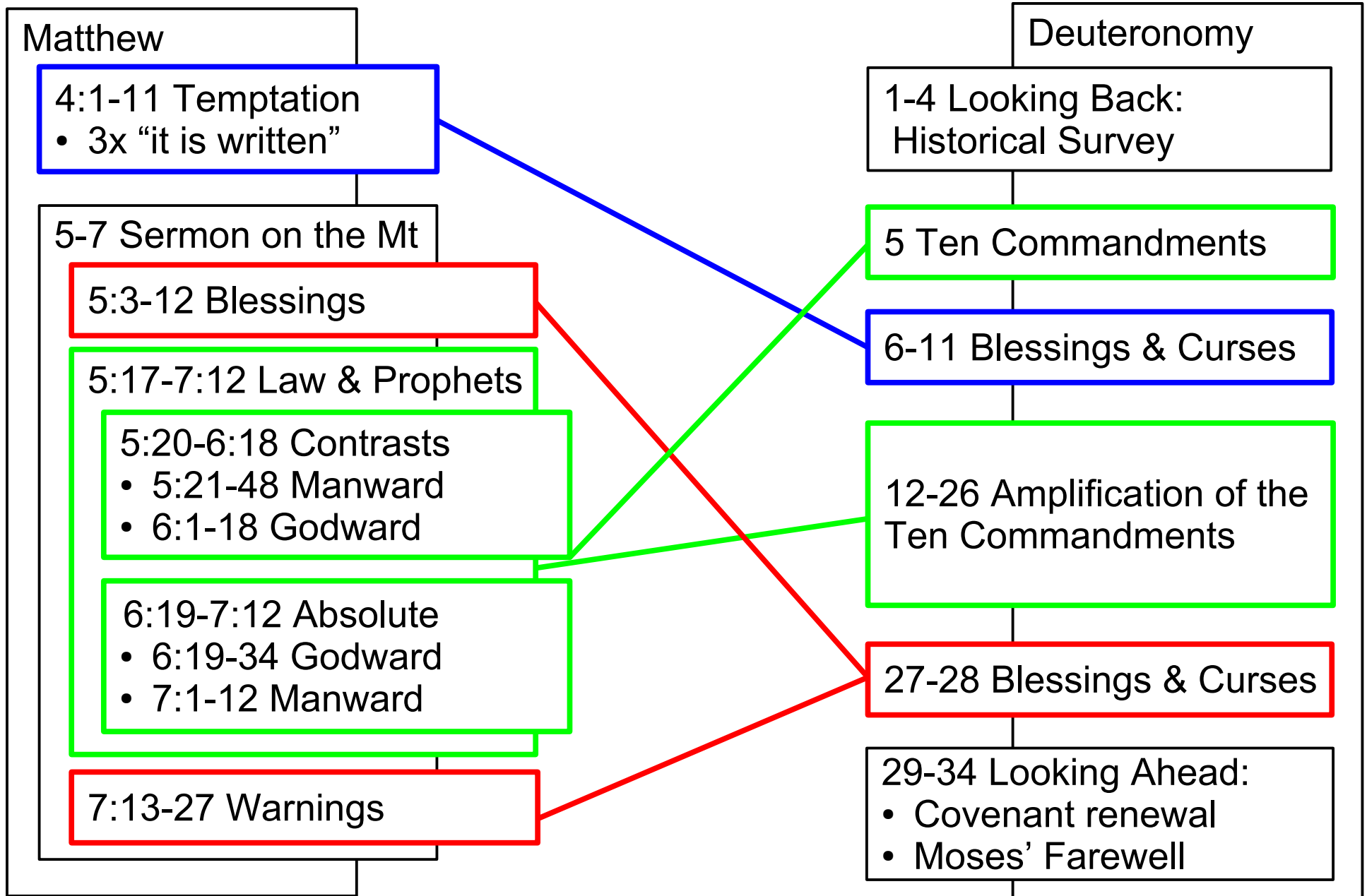
Treasure Hunt

- What OT book inspires the main themes of the Sermon?
- What portions of that book correspond to 7:13-27?
- What does the existence of false prophets show about the two ways described in vv. 13-14?
- Give some examples of false prophets throughout the Bible.
- What regular characteristic do they show in the NT?
- Of what do “thorns and thistles” (v. 16) remind us?
- What is the consequence of failure to bring forth the fruit that God expects?

The Structure of the Sermon

	Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
Consequences Deut 27-28	Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
	Our Mission	5:13-16	
	Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
Conduct Deut 5	Toward Man	5:20-48 It was said ... but I say	7:1-12a
	Toward God	6:1-18 Be not as the hypocrites	6:19-34

Our Lord and Deuteronomy



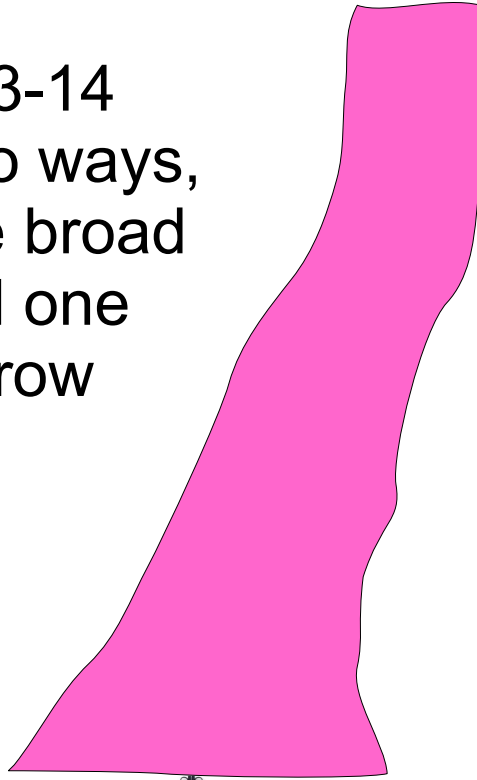
Two Views of the Two Gates

Life

Destruction



7:13-14
Two ways,
one broad
and one
narrow

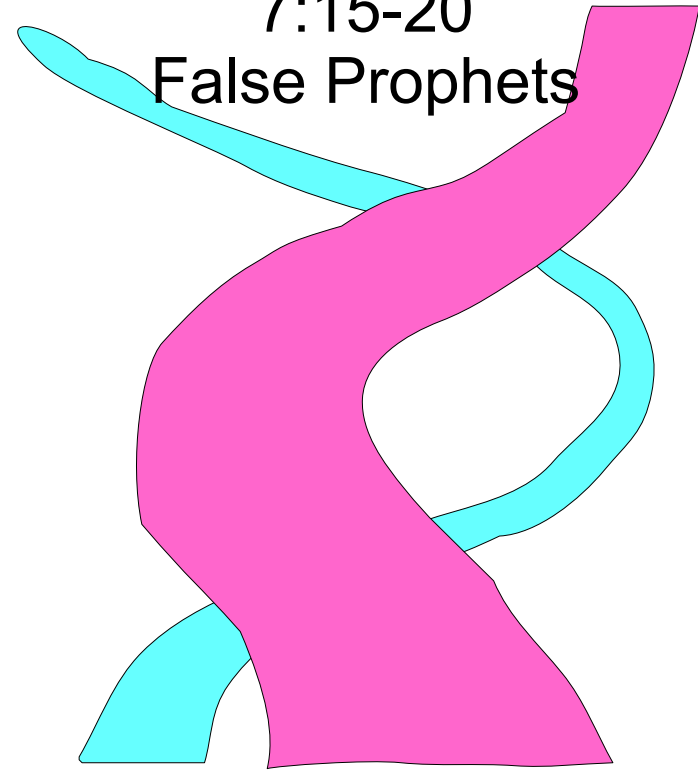


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7:15-20

False Prophets



False Prophets

Moses' Warning:

Deu 13:1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

OT Examples:

The old prophet in Bethel (1 Kings 13)

Ahab's court prophets (1 Kings 22)

In Jeremiah's day, predicting the defeat of Nebuchadnezzar:

- Hananiah in Jerusalem (Jer 28)
- in Babylon (Jer 29)

NT:

- Wheat and tares (Matt 13:24-30)
- Hymenaeus and Philetus (2 Tim 2:17)
- "many antichrists" (1 John 2:18).

Ravening Wolves

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous wolves** enter in among you, **not sparing** the flock.

1Ti 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, **supposing that gain is godliness**: from such withdraw thyself.

Tit 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, **for filthy lucre's sake**.

2Pe 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, ... 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words **make merchandise** of you:

Thorns and Thistles

Gen 3:18 **Thorns also and thistles** shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

Hos 10:8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: **the thorn and the thistle** shall come up on their altars;

Deu 32:32 For their vine *is* of the vine of **Sodom**, and of the fields of **Gomorrah**: their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bitter: 33 Their wine *is* the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

Consequences of Bad Fruit

Isa 5:1 Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: 2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and **he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.** 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. 4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? **wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?**

Isa 5:5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall thereof, and **it shall be trodden down:** 6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up **briers and thorns:** I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

Mat 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: 9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore **every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**