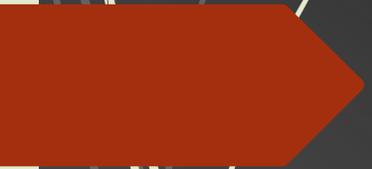


The Book of Ezekiel



Insincere

Though they might appear sincere at first glance, but God knows that their coming to Ezekiel is backhanded and not a genuine action of repentance

They are still holding on to their false gods in their back pockets, so that they can return to them at the first sign of trouble or perhaps even hold allegiance to both at once

Is sincerity sometimes an issue for Christians? How does Satan prey on unbelievers or even believers using insincerity?

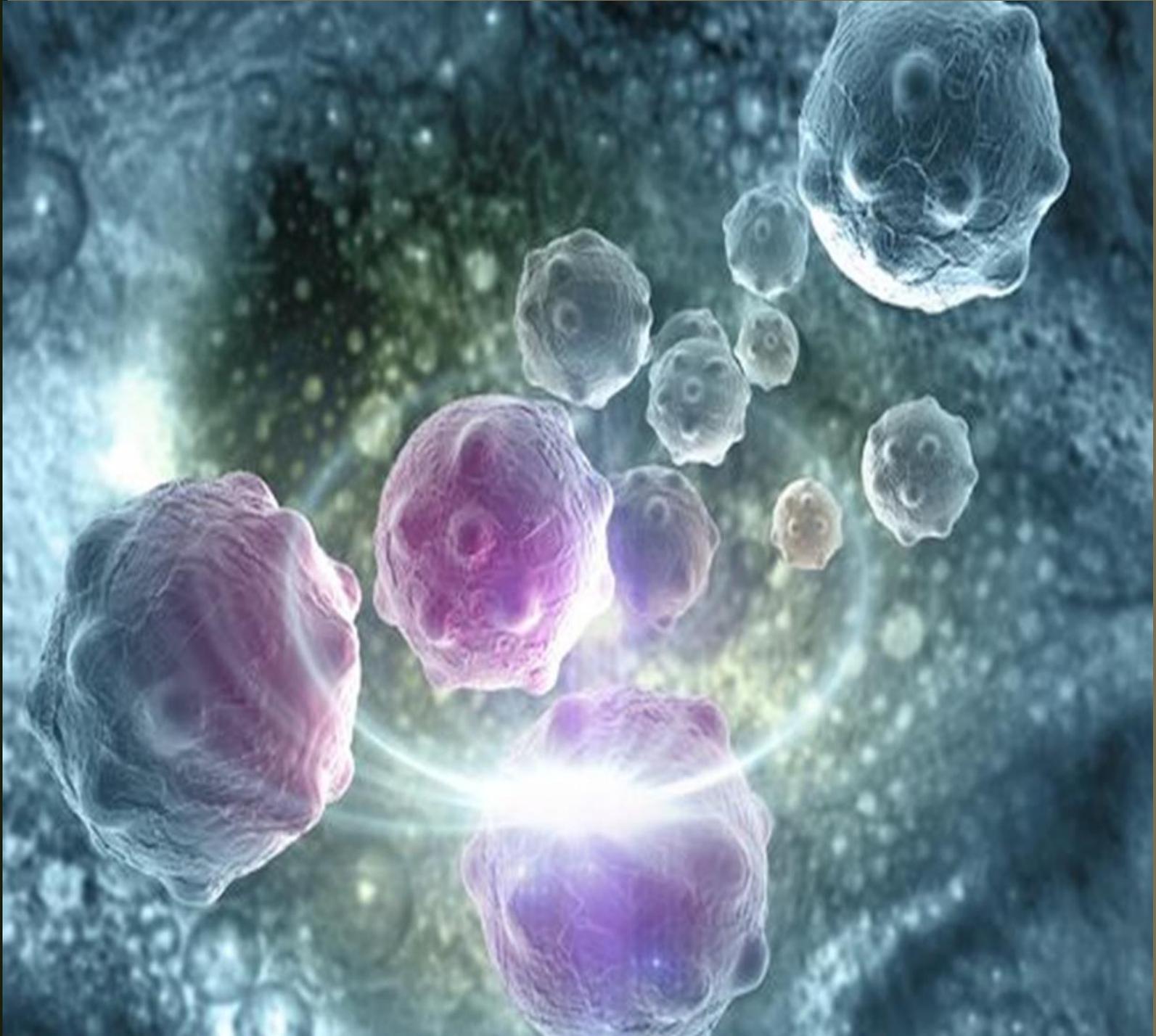


Infected

God is still seeking to bring His people back through repentance, but there are strangers among them who are either no longer acquainted with the faithful or come from the outside to infect God's people

If they are allowed to remain, they will do serious damage to everybody, but God says that He will cut off the infected or cancerous people and make sure they do not continue

Just like an infection or a growth, how can certain people cause damage to the health of a congregation of believers? What does God say to do about it?



Trickery

One of the ways in which God will cut false prophets off from the people is by tricking them and giving them false visions, so that they will fail more often in deceiving people

This does not seem like something that God would normally do, but in this instance, God uses the false prophet's own tactics against them so that they will eventually be no more

Why does it seem out of character for God to do this? Why is it being used here? Are there certain tools at our disposal that should not be used to spread the Gospel?



The greatest of us

In order to further illustrate His point, God uses a hypothetical situation, in which some of the great faithful figures of the OT, Noah, Daniel, and Job, are able to come live again among God's people

Even if the faithfulness of these three great people was injected into Israel in its current state, everything would just be the same as it had been before they came to them

Who might be your 3, if you were to pick your own list of faithful people? What point do you think God is making by mentioning them?

