KA1. Being on Our Guard Against False Messiahs.

We are to be on our guard against false Messiahs.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 24:4-5

Yeshua replied: "Watch out! Don't let anyone fool [deceive] you! For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 24:23-25 Mark 13:5-6, 21-23 Luke 17:22-23, 21:8 Acts 20:29-30 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 9-12 Revelation 6:2

Related New Testament Mitzvot

KA02 Correcting Those Who Teach and Follow False Doctrines

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NA23 Teaching or Giving Ourselves to False Doctrines

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VA05 Guarding Against False Gods

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

None

Comment

"Messiah" means "savior!" or "deliverer." False Messiahs have come, will come again, and should not be confused with false prophets and false teachers. Shimon ben Kosevah (Bar Kokhba), Shabbetai Zevi, and Menachem Mendel Shneerson are examples of false Messiahs that rose post-Yeshua to mislead segments of the rabbinical Jewish world.

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