

A SYNOPSIS OF THE THREE SEDITIOUS SCENARIOS IN DEUTERONOMY 13

The Prophet Vv. 1-5[2-6]	The Brother Vv. 6-11[7-12]	The City Rabble Vv. 12-18[13-19]
Protasis: The Instigation of Seditious Religious Actions		
1. The Instigators		
¹ “If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, ² and the sign or wonder that he tells you happens pass, saying,	⁶ “If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying,	¹² “If you hear in one of your cities, which YHWH your God is giving you to dwell there, ¹³ that certain worthless fellows have gone out among you and have seduced the inhabitants of their city, saying,
2. The Instigating Speech		
‘Let’s go after other gods,’ which you have not known, ‘and let’s serve them,’	‘Let’s go and let’s serve other gods,’ which neither you nor your fathers have known, ⁷ from among the gods of the peoples who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other,	¹⁴ ‘Let’s go and let’s serve other gods,’ which you have not known,
Apodosis: The Prescribed Response		
1. Resist the Instigator/Confirm the Crime		
³ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For YHWH your God is testing you, to know whether you love YHWH your God with all your heart and with all your being. ⁴ You shall walk after YHWH your God and fear him and keep his commands and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.	⁸ you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him.	then you shall inquire and investigate, and ask diligently. And indeed, if it be true and certain that such an abomination has been committed among you,
2. Execute the Instigators		
⁵ But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death,	⁹ But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. ¹⁰ You shall stone him to death with stones,	¹⁵ you shall surely put the inhabitants of that city to the sword, devoting it to destruction— all who are in it and its cattle, with the edge of the sword. ¹⁶ You shall gather all its spoil into the midst of its open square and burn the city and all its spoil with fire, as a whole burnt offering to YHWH your God. It shall be a heap forever. It shall never be built again. ¹⁷ None of the devoted things shall stick to your hand,
C. Motive Clauses: The Rationale		
1. With Respect to the Intention of the Instigators		
because he has taught rebellion against YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which YHWH your God commanded you to walk.	because he sought to draw you away from YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.	
2. With Respect to Goal of the Response		
So you shall purge the evil from your midst.	¹⁴ And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such wickedness as this among you.	that YHWH may turn from the fierceness of his anger and show you mercy and have compassion on you and multiply you, as he swore to your fathers, ¹⁸ if you obey the voice of YHWH your God, keeping all his commands that I am commanding you today, and doing what is right in the sight of YHWH your God.