



JEREMIAH

JEREMIAH VS. FALSE PROPHETS - CHAPTERS 27, 28, 29

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JEREMIAH MAKES ITEMS AND SENDS THEM TO VARIOUS NATIONS AS A WARNING

- What was Jeremiah commanded to make and send to various kings of surrounding nations?
 - Bonds and yokes and put them on his neck
- What was promised to the nations that would bring their necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon?
 - They would be allowed to remain on their land, and dwell in it.

ZEDEKIAH ALSO TOLD BY JEREMIAH TO SURRENDER TO BABYLON AND IGNORE THE FALSE PROPHETS

- What was promised to those who did not surrender to Babylon?
 - Death by the sword, famine and pestilence.

THE PEOPLE ARE ALSO TOLD TO SERVE THE KING OF BABYLON

- What lie were the prophets speaking to the priests that Jeremiah refuted?
- The vessels of the temple will now shortly be brought back again from Babylon

THE ITEMS OF THE TEMPLE THAT REMAIN WILL SOON BE CARRIED TO BABYLON ALSO

- What items that remained of the temple were going to be carried to Babylon?
- Pillars, sea, stands and the rest of the vessels

HANNANIAH SPEAKS OF THE YOKE OF BABYLON BEING BROKEN WITHIN 2 YEARS

- What did Hannaniah say would happen within 2 years?
- All the vessels of the temple will be brought back
- Jeconiah (Coniah, Jehoachin) will be brought back along with the exiles of Judah



JEREMIAH CHALLENGES THE MESSAGE OF HANNANIAH

- How did Jeremiah say the prophet of peace would be confirmed?
 - When his word comes to pass

HANNANIAH BREAKS JEREMIAH'S YOKE

- Hannaniah took and broke Jeremiah's yoke. Why?
- To demonstrate and reinforce his false prophecy of the yoke of Babylon being broken



HANNANIAH AND HIS PROPHECY ARE CONDEMNED BY THE LORD

- How did the Lord respond to Hannaniah breaking the yoke of Jeremiah?
 - The Lord repudiates Hannaniah and reinforces His punishment against Judah by Nebuchadnezzar
- What happened to Hannaniah because of his false prophecies?
 - YHWH causes Hannaniah to die that same year because of his rebellion against the Lord

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- To whom did Jeremiah send a letter by the hand of Elasah?
 - The rest fo the elders of the exile, the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile
- What were they instructed to do in the land?
 - Build houses, plant gardens, marry and be married, have children – LIVE LIFE!!
- When would the Lord visit and perform His good word toward those in captivity?
 - When 70 years was completed for Babylon

JEREMIAH SENDS A LETTER TO THE CAPTIVES IN BABYLON (CONT'D)

- What was the destiny of those who had not gone in to captivity?
 - God's welfare for them. God will give them a future and hope. God will listen to them when they pray to Him. They will find Him when they seek Him. He will restore their fortunes and gather them from all the nations and places where He had driven them.
- What was going to happen to the prophets in captivity who prophesied of peace?
 - God will deliver them into the house of Nebuchadnezzar and he will slay them before your eyes. Those prophets will be the focus of a curse used by all the exiles - 'May the Lord make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in fire...'

SHEMAIAH SENDS A LETTER TO JERUSALEM REBUKING JEREMIAH

- Why did Shemaiah say that Jeremiah should be rebuked?
- Jeremiah was prophesying - OF THE LORD - that 'the exile will be long; build houses and live in them and plant gardens and eat their produce.' - the opposite of what the other false prophets were prophesying.

JEREMIAH RESPONDS

- What did Jeremiah say would happen to Shemaiah because of his false prophecies?
- He will be punished - he and his descendants. He will not have anyone living among this people, and he will not see the good that God is about to do to His people.
- All this because he preached rebellion against YHWH

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- 27:18, 28:9 - How could the children of Israel determine if a true prophet had been in their midst? How can we know if one speaks the truth?
- 29:11 - God's thoughts toward His people are ultimately good. We may not understand why things happen the way they do right now, but we can rest assured that God knows what is best and wants what is best for us. (2 Peter 3:8-9, 1 Timothy 2:3-4)