

# Jeremiah Study

Chapters 27- 29 (~30 min) All Hail King Nebby

## Chapter 27

- ~609 BC (same time frame as Chapter 26 [Jeremiah saved from death] from last week)

(27-1-11) God has Jeremiah prophesying to other nations (pagan nations)

- Serve Nebby of Babylon or destroyed.

NOTE: Nebby is still a pagan at this time, yet God is giving him authority over all the nations, even proclaiming to those nations that they are to serve Nebby and IF they do, God says He will bless them.

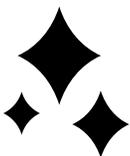
>> Remember Pastor Tony's Sermon where he taught that "God blesses the PLACE"? This certainly seems to be the case. God is sending His people into captivity in Babylon, and during that time Babylon will be blessed.

- V7: This prophecy is fulfilled in 539 BC with Belshazzar (See Daniel 5)
- V9: God is warning these pagan nations against their mystics. (false prophets, diviners, dreamers, soothsayers & sorcerers).
  - Think about this... this prophesy comes to them, from a God they do not know that says "hey, all these representatives that you *think* are from your gods, they are going to say one thing, but I AM GOD and here's what's really going to happen".
    - They may not have believed it, but at some point they would see this with their own eyes. That their mystics were wrong (false) and this "God, the I AM" was right.

(27:12-15) Same Prophecy to Zedekiah... "Surrender to Nebby"

- But Zedekiah is listening to false prophets of the Lord.

(27:16-22) Same to the priests & the people of Jerusalem... "Surrender to Nebby"



### Examine

There is a theme here regarding "false information". The pagan nations are getting this from their pagan mystics. Jerusalem is getting it from their false prophets that claim to speak God's words.

The outcome is the same. Sweet words do not remove anyone from the path of destruction. The wrong information actually sends people to place where they are lost. Ever typed in the wrong address into your GPS? It can sound right giving you turns and railroad warnings, but the place you arrive is not at all where you wanted to be.

	In our modern culture, misinformation is everywhere! Sometimes it's a complete falsehood (like the "peace, peace" we see in Jeremiah), but often is just a partial truth that is missing context. Both are equally dangerous.
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## Chapter 28

- Same Year (~609 BC)

(27:1-11) False Prophet named "Hannaniah" makes a bold claim in the house of the LORD in front of priest and all the people. And he puts a date on it "within 2 years"

- This was EXTREMELY Bold. In this time, if a prophet gave a prophesy that did not come to pass, they were to be put to death. So by saying "in 2 years", this would have given Hannaniah 2 years before he was found out to be false.

(27:12-17) God responds

- God did not send Hananiah, but Hananiah make the people trust his lies
- God says that Hannaniah will die within the year *because* he has taught rebellion against the Lord.
  - V1: Hannaniah gives false prophesy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Month
  - V17: Hannaniah died in the 7<sup>th</sup> Month of the same year

### THOUGHT:

- Either, Hannaniah really thought he was hearing from God to make such a bold prophesy,
  - Maybe he was completely deceived
- OR, He thought he would have 2 years to give a new prophesy so that the wrong one didn't end with him being killed. (I.e. "The Lord spoke again and said 4 years")

BUT -> God only gave him 2 Months



### Examine

Q: How do we *really* know that we're hearing from God?

A: Does it match God's Word? (Know your bible)

By knowing God's word (the Bible) we get to KNOW GOD.

## Chapter 29

- Jump forward (Somewhere between 597BC & 588 BC) – Sometime After Chapter 24
  - Jerusalem has already fallen in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave & the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of captives are in Babylon.

(29:1-14) God wants his people to prosper & grow in Babylon. He tells them that after 70 years He will return and fulfill His good words to them.

- Call upon God, pray to God & He will listen
- Search for God with your whole heart and you will find Him

(29:-15:32) They false prophets just can't help themselves. Even when they are in the midst of captivity, they continue to prophesy lies that contradict the reality around them. (And sadly, people believe it because it's what they *want* to hear)

NOTE: Shemaiah is captive in Babylon. He has literally experienced what Jeremiah prophesied about. And YET, he still continues to reject Jeremiah's words & believe in the false prophets.