

“Hananiah vs. Jeremiah”
Jeremiah 28:1-17

I. Jeremiah’s message was submission to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

- A. If you submit to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, you will live.
- B. If you fight against Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, you will die.

(Jeremiah 25:8-11; 27:4b-8, 12-13)

II. Hananiah’s message was freedom from Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon (vs. 1-4).

- A. Hananiah claimed to speak a word from God.
- B. Hananiah said that all the vessels of the LORD’s house would be brought back.
- C. Hananiah said that all the exiles of Judah who went to Babylon would also be returned.

III. Jeremiah confronts Hananiah about his message (vs. 5-11).

- A. Jeremiah states that he truly hoped that Hananiah’s words would come to pass.
- B. Jeremiah reminds everyone about the way to discern a true prophet.

Jeremiah points out that the true prophet of God will confront the people in their sin, and challenge them to repent.

- C. Hananiah responds to Jeremiah’s words by challenging him with his actions.

(Isaiah 58:1; Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 13:1-5; Revelation 3:19)

IV. God responds to the actions of Hananiah (vs. 12-17).

- A. The wooden yoke that Hananiah broke would be replaced with a yoke of iron.
- B. God tells Hananiah that for his message he would die.

***Application: God’s people must be vigilant about truth:**

1. We must realize that not every man who is preaching is sent by God.
2. We must understand that there is great deception coming.
3. We must be able to discern between what is true and what is false.

Scripture References and Notes

Jeremiah 26:12-13

¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore amend your ways and your deeds and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will change His mind about the misfortune which He has pronounced against you.

Jeremiah 25:8-11

⁸ “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Because you have not obeyed My words, ⁹ behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,’ declares the LORD, ‘and *I will send* to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them and make them a horror and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. ¹⁰ Moreover, I will take from them the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. ¹¹ This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Jeremiah 27:4b-8

⁴ ... ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, thus you shall say to your masters, ⁵ “I have made the earth, the men and the beasts which are on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and I will give it to the one who is pleasing in My sight. ⁶ Now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and I have given him also the wild animals of the field to serve him. ⁷ All the nations shall serve him and his son and his grandson until the time of his own land comes; then many nations and great kings will make him their servant. ⁸ “It will be, *that* the nation or the kingdom which will not serve him, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and which will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will punish that nation with the sword, with famine and with pestilence,” declares the LORD, “until I have destroyed it by his hand.

Jeremiah 27:12-13

¹² I spoke words like all these to Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, “Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him and his people, and live! ¹³ Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, famine and pestilence, as the LORD has spoken to that nation which will not serve the king of Babylon?”

Nebuchadnezzar’s trips to Jerusalem

604 B.C.

597 B.C.

588 B.C.

King Jehoiachin reigned 3 months in 597 B.C.

King Zedekiah reigned 597-586 B.C.

Isaiah 58:1 (KJV)

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Mark 1:14-15

¹⁴ Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Luke 13:1-5

¹ Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were *greater* sinners than all *other* Galileans because they suffered this *fate*? ³ I tell you, no, but **unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.** ⁴ Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were *worse* culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no, but **unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.**”

Revelation 3:19

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

2 Timothy 3:12-13, 4:3-4

¹² Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³ But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, 9-12

¹ Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, ² that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³ Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

⁹ *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, ¹⁰ and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, ¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

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