

Jeremiah Ch 26-27 • “Do Not Listen to Your Prophets ”

- Background Ch 26-29 all share common theme: Jeremiah’s conflict with false prophets.
Interesting: Ch 26-45 written in third person (Baruch? Others?)
- v1-6 Speaking @ 609BC — Jehoiakim on the throne; Jeremiah gives warning.
Same sermon as Ch 7 or different? Same event / different emphasis?
- v7-9 Negative reaction from priests, prophets, people. God won’t destroy temple!
And based on Deut 18:20, Jeremiah needs to die!
- v10-15 Political leaders convene hearing; Jeremiah gets a chance to offer defense.
Jeremiah: “It’s what God told me to say!”
- v16-19, 24 Court finds Jeremiah not guilty, and the elders agree.
Elders quote Micah 3:12 – M says largely the same thing; no one stoned him!
Hezekiah doesn’t reject Micah; *respects* Micah.
Jeremiah (v24) set free.
- v20-23 Sidebar inserted in narrative: Uriah speaks msg similar to Jeremiah.
Difference: Uriah’s message reaches ears of Jehoiakim who has him killed.
Jeremiah was in real danger (and Jehoiakim is not the king Hezekiah was).
- 27v1 Babylon attacks (2nd time) in 597BC; Jehoiakim killed. Jehoiachin lasts 3 mos.
Nebuchadnezzar appoints Zedekiah, who rules from 597-586BC.
Copyist error @ v1 – should be Zedekiah (cf v3, v12, v20 and 28v1).
- 27v1-8 Symbolic act. Multiple yokes or one yoke / multiple parts?
Either way, God’s message is clear: “I’m God and you’re not” (v5).
Why are ambassadors together? Plotting uprising? God says, “Don’t!”
Nations will serve Babylon for 3 generations (end w. Belshazzar).
Resistance will result in destruction (sword, famine, pestilence).
- v9-11 “Don’t listen to anyone who says differently. Fighting will make it worse!”
- v12-15 Same message but this time to Zedekiah exclusively.
Possible he called the summit meeting?
- v16-22a Same message to priests and people: don’t listen to false prophets.
False prophets saying items looted from temple soon to be returned.
Jeremiah: “Try praying remaining items will stay; see what happens!”
Everything not already taken from the temple will be taken!
- v22b But after the judgment (70 years) is fulfilled, new beginning!
- APPLICATION God make us teachable!