

Lesson 13
True and False Prophets During the Time of Zedekiah
Jeremiah 27-29

Questions

1. When did the word of the Lord come to Jeremiah and what was he told to do (27:1-3)?

2. What message did the Lord have for the kings of the nations concerning himself and the coming of Nebuchadnezzar (27:4-7)?

3. What message did the Lord have for the kings of the nations concerning their submission or resistance to Nebuchadnezzar (27:8-11)?

4. What message did Jeremiah have for king Zedekiah concerning submission to Nebuchadnezzar and concerning listening to lying prophets (27:12-15)?

5. What message did Jeremiah have for the priests and the people concerning the vessels of the Lord's house and listening to lying prophets (27:16-22)?

6. What did Hananiah falsely prophesy (28:1-4)?

7. What did Jeremiah say to Hananiah, the priests, and the people (28:5-9)?

8. What did Hananiah do and say in response to Jeremiah's words (28:10-11)?

9. What was Jeremiah told to say to Hananiah about the nations and about Hananiah's own future (28:12-17)?

10. Who did Jeremiah send his letter to and when (29:1-3)?

11. What did the Lord tell the captives of Judah to do and not do in Babylon (29:4-9)?

12. What plan did the Lord have for the captives after 70 years (29:10-14)?

13. What did Jeremiah say to the captives about the king and others who were still in Jerusalem (29:15-20)?

14. What did Jeremiah say would happen to the two false prophets, Ahab and Zedekiah, and why (29:21-23)?

15. What did Shemaiah write in his letters for the people and priests in Jerusalem to do (29:24-29)?

16. What did Jeremiah write to the captives concerning the false prophet Shemaiah (29:30-32)?

Digging Deeper

1. What king is mentioned in Jeremiah 27:1, Jehoiakim (KJV, NKJV, or ASV) or Zedekiah (NIV, ESV, NASV)? Read Jeremiah 27:3, 12 and 28:1 for help answering this question.

2. What two previous sign-acts was Jeremiah told to perform (27:2; see 13:1-7; 19:1-13)?

3. Where are the nations located on a map that are mentioned in Jeremiah 27:3? How is this list of nations comparable to that of Jeremiah 25:18-26?

4. Where in 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles are we told about the vessels of the temple being taken to Babylon during the time of Jeconiah (27:16, 19-20), and where are we told about more vessels being taken during the time of Zedekiah (52:17-23)?

5. What other event happened in the fourth year of Zedekiah, according to Jeremiah 51:59-64?

6. What point was Jeremiah making in 28:9-10 concerning the validity of one who prophesies (see Deut. 13:1-5; 18:20-22)?

7. Where in the books of 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles do we read about the deportation of Jeconiah the king and others to Babylon (29:2)?

8. Where in Jeremiah do we read about the 70-year captivity besides Jeremiah 29:10? Where in Isaiah, Daniel, and Zechariah, do we read about the 70-year captivity?

9. Who was the king in Jerusalem at this time (29:16)?

Applications for Today

1. The Lord God rules over all the nations (27:1-8; Rev. 1:5; 12:5).
2. False prophets who tell lies can easily lead God's people astray (27:9-10, 14-18; 28:1-17; 29:8-9; 29:21-32; 2 Pet. 2:1ff; 1 Jn. 4:1).
3. The Lord wants peace and hope for his people in the latter end (29:10-11; Rom. 15:13).
4. Call upon the Lord and seek him in time of need (29:12-14; 1 Cor. 1:2).
5. Punishment comes to all who do not obey the voice of the Lord (29:19-20; Acts 3:23).