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The LORD said to the people, Do **not** listen to your prophets, nor to your **diviners** / your psychics, nor to your **dreamers** / your visionaries, nor to your **enchanters** / your smooth talking charmers, nor to your sorcerers / your chemistry wizards; who are still around chattering today.

In the OT, more than one word is used to indicate the work of the prophet: *nabi*, which means: *to declare*; *roeh* and *hozeh* which denote: *one who sees*. Both words stress the method of actually seeing the supernatural revelation given by God; they see—whether it is with their physical eye... or in a vision where a picture is worth 1,000 words; they see and never forget the clear message God gives.

What is a prophet? The LORD said to Moses, *I will raise up a prophet among the people like you; and will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak all that I command. The prophet who shall presume to speak a word in My Name (representing Me) which I have **not** commanded him to speak, or who shall speak in the name of other gods (representing them), that prophet shall die. If you shall say in your heart, **How shall we know the word which the LORD has **not** spoken?** When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does **not** come about, or come true; that is what the LORD has **not** spoken. The prophet has spoken presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him—Deuteronomy 18:18-21.*

Jeremiah the true prophet... told the people that their captivity in Babylon would last 70 years. In this chapter, one of the false prophets challenges Jeremiah:

**<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month / 593 BC,**

**the prophet **Hananiah** the son of Azur, who was of Gibeon,**

**spoke to me in **the house of the LORD,****

**in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,**

**<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying,**

**I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.**

**<sup>3</sup> Within **two full years** I will bring back to this place **all** the vessels **of the LORD's house** that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took from **this place**, and carried to Babylon:**

**<sup>4</sup> And I will bring again to this place Jechoniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah,**

**with **all** the captives of Judah who went to Babylon, says the LORD:**

**for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.**

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<sup>5</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet **Hananiah**  
in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people  
who stood in **the house of the LORD,**

<sup>6</sup> Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: and may the LORD do so / can't you see Jeremiah step into the star-struck silence filling the moment? even clapping his hands and shouting, Bravo, Bravo! What a grrrrreat performance!

May the LORD perform **your words** which you have prophesied to bring again from Babylon to this place...

the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive / at face value, superficially it seems Jeremiah agrees with the false prophet, doesn't it?

**but** did you notice, Jeremiah did **not** include the time frame of Hananiah... who said: *within 2 years*; nor did he include the part about the jackass Jechoniah

Jeremiah continues...

<sup>7</sup> Yet hear **now**... this word I speak in your hearing, and in the hearing of all the people;

<sup>8</sup> The prophets who were before you and me... from the ancient times prophesied of war, of disaster, and of pestilence, when they prophesied against many countries... and many great kingdoms.

<sup>9</sup> But the prophet who prophesies peace, will be known as truly sent by the LORD, only if his word comes true.

<sup>10</sup> Then prophet **Hananiah** took the yoke from prophet Jeremiah's neck,  
and brake it / this goofy guy is into the melodramatic.

<sup>11</sup> And **Hananiah** spoke in the presence of all the people, saying,  
Thus says the LORT;

Even so I will break... within the space of **two full** years...

the yoke of **NeBuchadnezZar** king of **B**abylon from the neck of **all** nations.

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And the prophet Jeremiah went his way / on occasion there does come a time to: *walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners...* Jeremiah knew it was no longer safe to stand under the same roof as this brazen fool of a false prophet.

And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

<sup>12</sup> Then **the word of the LORD** came to prophet Jeremiah, (after prophet **Hananiah** broke the yoke from the neck of prophet Jeremiah)

saying,

<sup>13</sup> **Go and tell Hananiah**, saying, Thus says the LORD;

You have broken yokes of wood; but you have made them yokes of iron.

<sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;

I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations;

that they serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon;

and they will serve him:

and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

<sup>15</sup> Then said prophet Jeremiah to the prophet **Hananiah**,

Now listen, **Hananiah**;

The LORD has **not** sent you; yet you make this people trust in **a lie**.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD;

Behold / pay attention,

I will cast you from the face of the earth: this year you shall die,

**because you have taught rebellion** against the LORD.

<sup>17</sup> So in the same year, in the seventh month, the prophet **Hananiah** died.