

# JEREMIAH 28 vs 1

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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 way of actually seeing 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 do not forget the clear message of God.



**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 will speak all that I command. The prophet who will presume to speak a word in My Name (representing Me) which I have **not** commanded him to speak, or who will speak in the name of other gods (representing them), that prophet will die. If you will say in your heart, **How will 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 will 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 house of the LORD 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.**

**<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,**

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<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 great performance!

May the LORD perform **your words** which you have prophesied to bring again from Babylon to this place... the vessels of the house of the LORD, 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 broke 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 **LORD**; Even so I will break... within the space of **two full** years...

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

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.

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,

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<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 will 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.

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