

JEREMIAH MAKES BONDS AND YOKES (Jeremiah 27-28)

Parts: **Narrator,
Yehowah,
Jeremiah,
Hananiah**

Narrator:

In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from Yehowah.

Yehowah:

"Make for yourselves bonds and yokes, and put them on your neck, and send them to the king of Edom, the king of Moab, the king of the Ammonites, the king of Tyre, and the king of Sidon.

"And command them to say to their masters, `Thus says Yehowah, the God of Israel, I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant.

'The nation ... which will not serve Nebuchadnezzar ... I will punish, with the sword, the famine, and the pestilence...' "

Narrator:

And Jeremiah spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words.

Jeremiah: (*shouting*)

"Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live!...

"Do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, `You shall not serve the king of Babylon,' for they prophesy a lie to you! ..."

Narrator:

And it happened in the same year, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year and in the fifth month that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, who was from Gibeon, spoke to Jeremiah in the house of Yehowah in the presence of the priests and of all the people.

Hananiah:

"Thus speaks Yehowah, the God of Israel, saying: `I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

'Within two full years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of Yehowah's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away....

'And I will bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah who went to Babylon, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon!' "

Jeremiah *(to Hananiah in the presence of all):*

"Amen! Yehowah do so; Yehowah perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of Yehowah's house and all who were carried away captive....

"Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms -- of war and disaster and pestilence.

"[But] as for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when that prophet's word comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom Yehowah has truly sent."

Narrator:

Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke off the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it. And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people.

Hananiah:

"Thus says Yehowah: `Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years.' "

Narrator:

And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

Then the word of Yehowah came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah.

Yehowah:

“Go and tell Hananiah, thus says Yehowah: `You have broken the yokes of wood, but you have made in their place yokes of iron.’

“For thus says Yehowah, the God of Israel: `I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they *shall* serve him.’ “

Jeremiah:

“Hear now, Hananiah, Yehowah has not sent you, but you make this people trust in a lie. Therefore thus says Yehowah: `Behold, I will cast you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion against Yehowah.’ ”

Narrator:

And the same year in the seventh month Hananiah the prophet died.

(The End)