

God's People in Exile What Should We Do?

Jeremiah 28

What was the prophet Hananiah's message to the prophet Jeremiah and to the people of Judah? [1-4] How did Jeremiah receive that message? [5-6] What warning did Jeremiah issue in response? [7-9]

Jeremiah walked away from the confrontation with Hananiah [11], but God had other plans -- what did God tell Jeremiah to do? [12-14] Who witnessed these confrontations between the prophets? [1, 5, 11, ?] How long did it take to find out who was the true prophet?

Jeremiah 29

What instructions did God send to the Jewish captives in Babylon? [4-7] What promise(s) did God make to them? [10-14] How could they be sure to receive what He promised?

What warning does God give to the exiles? What is planned for the Jews left behind in Jerusalem? At the time this was written, would it have been better to be a Jewish slave in Babylon, or a proud free Jew worshipping at the temple in Jerusalem? [15-20]

Oh! and what about those false prophets who had been misleading God's people by telling them what they wanted to hear rather than what God actually said? Poor Ahab, Zedekiah, and Shemaiah! [21-32]

Jeremiah 52

Here “is a record of what happened to Jerusalem and Judah because of the LORD's anger when he drove them out of his sight.”[3] It is a dramatic story, including a runaway king, but let's focus on this bit: “In all 4,600 people went into exile.”[30]

	Start	Reference	Duration	End	Reference
Egypt	70	Genesis 46:27	430 years	624,730	Numbers 26: 51, 62
Babylon	4,600	Jeremiah 52:30	70 years	49,997	Ezra 2:64-65

God blesses His people even in their times of distress!

Next week: What should I do? Daniel chapters 1, 3, and 6. [Slides: <<http://jdcard.com/Exile2-slides.html>>]