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Satan's lies

Jeremiah 27

God wants us to learn a lesson in obedience. We must know that everything that happens to us, the country, and the world is allowed by God and is within God's plan, so we must learn to be obedient and know that God's mind is higher than our thoughts, and God's ways are higher than we can imagine. Don't judge for yourself and don't make any decisions lightly. What we can do is to come to God humbly and seek God's will, asking the Holy Spirit to help us know how to act and how to make the right decisions.

We see that everything is in God's control, and God is in control! It is in God that is established, in God is in destruction, and in God is in salvation. The repair is also in God. What we need to do is to submit to God's leading, even if this obedience requires us to let go of our accustomed or traditional ideas, even if this obedience does not seem reasonable to others, we should not be rigid in our hearts. Only in this way can we receive the salvation and grace that comes with obedience. While the people were expecting peace, Jeremiah told the king and the people: Take heed and face your sins. It means that the false message of peace is to numb your heart, you have to be vigilant, face the reality, prepare for the coming of calamity, and you must seek God's heart, understand God's leading, and not be misled by false information. In the last days, false prophets belong to the devil's group of lies, and the devil himself tells lies, and he is the father of all lies. Today, we are spiritual, we must first know the truth before we can distinguish false information, this is the only way, and this is what Jeremiah has repeatedly insisted on, you must return to the Word of God, to the light of God, to the guidance of God. Today, we are in a situation in the last days, and people are actually facing the choice of life and death, which is not only earthly life,

but also eternal life. The gospel of Jesus Christ shows us that the only way to come out of darkness and gain light from this life and into eternal life is the grace of the gospel. We need to preach the right message and bear witness to the Lord.

Jeremiah 27 is about the prophecy of the kingdom of Babylon and the judgment of the LORD God against Judah. In this chapter, Jeremiah conveyed to the priests, propheters, and entire people of Israel the judgment of the LORD God against Judah, warning them not to listen to the false prophets, who claimed that the reign of Babylon would soon end and Judah would be freed. Jeremiah, however, prophesied that Babylon would continue to rule and bring the Jews into slavery in Babylon until the Lord God would once again show favor to them after seventy years of suffering. At the same time, he prophesied that the Babylonian gods and false gods would be destroyed, that the temples of Judah and Jerusalem would be destroyed, and that Israel would be enslaved until God's punishment was completed. Jeremiah's prophecy eventually came true, and the Kingdom of Babylon occupied Judah and destroyed the Jerusalem Temple.

The main theme of this chapter is the proclamation that the captives will be cared for, and the false prophets vigorously preach blind false prophecies that the reign of Babylon is coming to an end and that the looted temple vessels are about to be returned. In an atmosphere of patriotic fervor, the people of the land did not listen to Jehovah's words through the prophet Jeremiah. God told Jeremiah to "make cords and yokes, and put them around his neck." The yoke was tightened with ropes, symbolizing the impossibility of these nations breaking free from Babylonian rule.

The words of the false prophet not only cater to the judgment of the princely general in relation to the international situation, but also satisfy the patriotic passion of the general public, but they are not God's plan, but "false prophecy" in the name of God. The result was a heroic sacrifice, with the deceived and the deceived 'perishing together' (v.15). Therefore, when we talk about the vagaries of the current political situation, the more we are considered "spiritual," the more careful it is to distinguish between people's views and God's will, lest we become hot-headed, misleading others, or even become false prophets who "tell false prophecies." Jeremiah's warning to the priests and the people was not to listen to the false prophet, but to hear the words of Yahweh, who said that the vessels would return, but that the remaining vessels would be taken away until the day when God cared for Israel. The decisive factor is that Yahweh cares, and as long as it is God's will, even if it is taken away, it will be taken care of.

Now the false prophets are spreading optimistic false news that 'the vessels of Jehovah's temple will soon be brought back from Babylon' (v.16), with the aim of inciting the priests and the people to support Zedekiah against Babylon. These beautiful words sound patriotic and spiritual, but they are actually continued rebellion and disobedience. God's people forsaken God, whether in the hands of the king of Babylon or in the hands of Pharaoh of Egypt, and ended up as slaves to the Gentiles. But since God used Babylon as a vessel of punishment for the nations, the people should repent of their sins and wait for restoration in 70 years. If the people refuse to obey God and try to break free from discipline, the result will be total destruction (v.17). God also declares that these vessels are only temporarily 'brought to the Babylonian being' (v.22) until 'the day of God's visit to Israel'. Therefore, God does not need people to walk in the spiritual name and in

the flesh. For the work of the hand only makes oneself prouder, and only the work of God's hand can glorify Himself.

## Let's pray together:

Abba Father, pray that the Lord will give us the faith to follow, and even when the political situation is turbulent, it will help us to keep our eyes on God, to respond with faith, to trust God's good will, and to submit to all circumstances. Pray that the Lord will help us learn the lesson of humility and obedience, receive the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and become a humble and obedient person with the beautiful habits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let us come to the Lord today and ask God to mold us into unconditionally humble and obedient children.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

## Jeremiah 27

- 27:1 Jehoiakim, son of Josiah king of Judah, said from Jehohua to Jeremiah when he came to the throne,
- 27:2 ye hwa said to me, thou hast made a rope and a thou hast added to thy own items.
- 27:3 By the hand of the messengers who came to Jerusalem king Zedekiah, they brought ropes and yokes to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon.
- 27:4 And he commanded the envoys, and the masters who passed them on, and said the God of the Lord of hosts, and the God of Hova, Israel,
- 27:5 And I have created the earth with my might, and with the arms that are outstretched, and to whom the people and the cattle are made, to whom I see fit.
- 27:6 Now I give all these lands into the hand of my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and I will give him the beasts of the field.
- 27:7 All the nations will serve him and his children until the time of the retribution of his own country comes. Then many nations and great kings will make him their servants.
- 27:8 No matter what state or kingdom will not serve this king of Babylonym, Nebuchadnezzar, nor put his bequest under the sword of King Baby, I will use the sword, famine, pestilence, and punishment of the nation. until I destroyed them by the hand of the king of Babylon. this is what ye and hua said.

- 27:9 But as for you, you shall not hear from your prophets, and from your diviners, and from your dreams, and from those who observe signs, and from those who practice evil spirits, and they tell you, "You shall not serve King Babylon."
- 27:10 They have made false prophecies to you, that you may be moved away from your land, so that We will drive you out and destroy you.
- 27:11 But the one who put his neck under the king of Babylon and served him, and I will make that nation remain in its own land, and that it may be a farmer and a dweller. this is what ye and hua said.
- 27:12 And as I said, I said to Zedekiah, king of Judah, Put your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and you may live.
- 27:13 Why do you and your people die by the sword, by famine, by pestilence, as Jehohua said about the kingdom that did not serve the king of Babylon? 27:14 Do not listen to what the prophets say to you, saying, You are not to serve the king of Babylon, but they are giving you false prophecies.
- 27:15 And Jehoah said, I did not send them, but they prophesied falsely in my name, so that we might put you and the prophets who prophesied to you to death together.
- 27:16 And I said to the priests and to all the people, Thus saith Jehovah, Do not listen to the prophecy which the prophet said to you, and they said, The vessels in the temple of Jehohua are about to be brought back from Babylon. In fact, they make false predictions to you.
- 27:17 Do not listen to them, but serve the king of Babylon, and live.
- 27:18 And if they are prophets and the word of Yahwa comes to them, let them pray to the messenger of Yahwah, the messenger of hosts, for the vessels that are left in the house of Jehohua, and in the palace of Judah, and in Jerusalem, not to be taken to Barbillon.
- 27:19 For Jehovah Almighty has spoken of pillars, and of the sea of brass, of basins, and of the vessels that are left in this city,
- 27:20 And there was nothing to be done when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took into captivity Jeconiah, the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and Jerusalem of Judah.
- 27:21 Thus saith the God of Israel, the Lord of hosts, who is in the temple of Jehovah, and in the palace of Judah, and of the vessels that remain in Jerusalem, 27:22 will be brought to Babylon to be there. Until the day when I will visit the Israelis, I will bring this instrument back and return it to this place. this is what ye and hua said .

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Here are some of the key verses from Jeremiah 27 and their explanations:

1. "And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, Make cords and yokes, and put thou shalt put upon thy neck." —Jeremiah 27:1-2.

This verse describes that God commanded Jeremiah to make ropes and yokes to wear around his neck in order to convey a message to the people. This verse reminds us that God's Word may be conveyed through metaphors and symbols, and that we must carefully interpret and follow God's will.

- 2. "I have delivered all the nations of the earth into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to be his servants, and I have given him the beasts of the field." (Jeremiah 27:6) This verse describes God's prophecy of handing over the people to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and turning them into slavery. This verse reminds us that God's Word is authoritative and truthful, and that we must take and obey His Word seriously.
- 3. "But as for you, do not listen to your prophets, your soothsayers, your dreamers, your soothsayers, and your sorcerers, who tell you, 'You will not serve the king of Babylon.'" (Jeremiah 27:9) This verse describes God's command to the people not to listen to other prophets and soothsayers, who may tell them not to obey the king of Babylon. This verse reminds us that we must be careful with the messages of others, and that only by obeying God's Word can we be truly guided and protected.

Jeremiah 27 records that Jeremiah sent a message to the king and people of Judah through divine instruction, prophesying that King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon would come to attack Jerusalem and take the Jews into exile in Babylon. In this chapter, God uses Jeremiah's metaphor to teach the people of Judah to obey the king of Babylon and to keep God's commands during seventy years of punishment by symbolizing a yoke of a shaft and a brass neck. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

God's sovereignty: In Jeremiah 27, God declares that He will surrender all the nations of the world to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, demonstrating God's sovereignty and control over history and the nations. This emphasizes the absolute sovereignty of God, who controls the course of history and the destiny of the world.

Obedience to God's commands: In Jeremiah 27, God uses parables to convey a message of obedience to the king of Babylon to the people of Judah, symbolizing submission to God's established authority and authority. God required them to be obedient under the reign of the king of Babylon and to obey God's commands. This reminds us that God is the root of all authority and that we should obey God's will and keep God's commandments.

God's mercy and grace: In Jeremiah 27, God prophesied seventy years of punishment, but it also offered a hope that God would belong to the people of Judah when this difficult time was over. This shows God's rightness

Man's mercy and grace, even in God's judgment, He gives hope and opportunity to the people.

Warning of Lying Prophets: In Jeremiah 27, Jeremiah warns the people to beware of those who claim to be prophets, because if their prophecies do not match God's message, they are lying prophets. This shows God's warning against false prophecies and deception, and God requires the people to be careful to discern between true and false prophets.

Overall, Jeremiah 27 emphasizes God's sovereignty and control and the need for people to obey God's will and keep God's commandments. The central idea of theology is the emphasis on God as the Lord of history and that He holds the destiny of the world in His hands. God's Word also reminds us to be careful to discern true and false prophets, and to be obedient to God's will and wait for God's mercy and grace