

Fact Sheet for **“What Will 2019 Bring?”**  
**Jeremiah 27-28**

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What will 2019 bring? Next year we are going to have a very different House of Representatives in Washington D.C. The government is still shut down. How and when will it end? Will the stock market continue to slide? How much will inflation hit us? Some of you will have serious medical issues. How will our church fare? And by the way, isn't your car in line for some major and expensive service? There are always great risks facing us in the future, but we have a great God who watches out over us. Here is a promise from God for you: Proverbs 3:5-6.

Jeremiah had a tough assignment from God. Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed. Judah would fall to Nebuchadnezzar. Many would be exiled to Babylon. Almost all of those who wouldn't go to Babylon would die. And the people generally would not listen to Jeremiah. But God was still on the throne! He had a plan in all of this for good, and not for evil. And God would watch out over those who trusted in Him. Read Jeremiah 27-28. Pay attention to God's absolute control of what would happen. Hear the lies of the false prophets. Don't miss God's offers of mercy. Look for God's hints of future blessing. And recognize that only the God of the Bible can tell the future with 100% accuracy.

*Read Jeremiah 27-28 slowly, paying attention to each word.*

To the surrounding nations (Jeremiah 27:1-11)

To Zedekiah (Jeremiah 27:12-15)

To the priests and people of Judah (Jeremiah 27:16-22)

Jeremiah's interaction with one false prophet of Israel (Jeremiah 28)

What can we see for us today?

1. God is in absolute control of what will happen.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 27:5** "It is I who by my great power and my outstretched arm have made the earth, with the men and animals that are on the earth, and I give it to whomever it seems right to me.

2. Beware of those who give prophecies today.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 28:11** And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, "Thus says the LORD: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations within two years." But Jeremiah the prophet went his way.

Jeremiah said...

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 28:9** As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

### 3. God is merciful in character.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 27:11** But any nation that will bring its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him, I will leave on its own land, to work it and dwell there, declares the LORD. ""

### 4. Only the God of the Bible can tell the future with 100% accuracy. And He is specific!

a. Nebuchadnezzar, his son Evil-Merodach (not in the Bible), and his grandson Belshazzar would reign.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 27:7** All the nations shall serve him (*Nebuchadnezzar*) and his son and his grandson, until the time of his own land comes. Then many nations and great kings shall make him their slave.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Daniel 5:30-31** ¶ That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. <sup>31</sup> And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

b. The vessels of the LORD's house would be brought back...

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 27:21-22** thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of the LORD, in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem: <sup>22</sup> They shall be carried to Babylon and remain there until the day when I visit them, declares the LORD. Then I will bring them back and restore them to this place."

<sup>ESV</sup> **Ezra 1:7-8** Cyrus the king also brought out the vessels of the house of the LORD that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. <sup>8</sup> Cyrus king of Persia brought these out in the charge of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Ezra 1:11** all the vessels of gold and of silver were 5,400. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

c. Hananiah would die within the year (actually 2 months later) because he counseled rebellion against God...

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 28:1** ¶ In that same year, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fifth month of the fourth year, Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying,

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 28:16-17** Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will remove you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have uttered rebellion against the LORD.'"

¶ In that same year, in the seventh month, the prophet Hananiah died.

What will 2019 bring us? I don't know. But I do know that God will see us through anything he brings before us. Let me borrow a verse from next week's sermon.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Trust God for all that 2019 will bring. When you face a difficulty look for what God is doing in that difficulty. Don't fear. Keep your faith strong. Look for his answers.