

Jeremiah 28:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD'S house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

Analysis

Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied (אָמֵן כִּי יַעֲשֶׂה יְהוָה יְקָם יְהוָה אֶת-זְבָרִיךְ, amen ken ya'aseh YHWH yaqem YHWH et-d'vereka)—Jeremiah's response begins with 'Amen' (אָמֵן, 'so be it/truly'). This isn't sarcasm but genuine desire: Jeremiah would love for Hananiah to be right! The prophet wishes judgment could be averted, exile ended quickly, restoration come soon. The phrase **the LORD perform thy words** expresses sincere hope that Hananiah's optimistic prophecy proves true.

This reveals Jeremiah's pastoral heart. True prophets don't delight in proclaiming judgment; they wish for repentance making judgment unnecessary. Jeremiah's 'Amen' shows he's not contrarian or pessimistic—he simply speaks truth whether pleasant or painful. God's servants sometimes must declare messages they wish weren't true. The 'nevertheless' in verse 7 introduces the hard reality that contradicts the wished-for outcome.

Historical Context

Jeremiah consistently expressed anguish over the judgments he proclaimed (9:1, 14:17-18). His 'Amen' to Hananiah reflects genuine desire for quick restoration. However, divine commission required truth-telling regardless of personal

preference. The tension between what prophets wish (peace, restoration) and what God reveals (judgment, exile) creates emotional burden authentic ministry bears.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do you distinguish between what you wish were true and what is actually true?
2. What does it cost to proclaim truths you wish weren't accurate?
3. How does Jeremiah's 'Amen' demonstrate that faithful prophets aren't cynics or pessimists?

Interlinear Text

יְהֹוָה יְשַׁעַת הָכֹן אֶמְרָה
said Jeremiah Even the prophet Amen do of the LORD'S
H559 H3414 H5030 H543 H3651 H6213 H3068

נָבָא אַתָּה יְהֹוָה אַתָּה דְּבָרֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר
perform of the LORD'S H853 thy words H834 which thou hast prophesied
H6965 H3068 H1697 H5012

וְכֹל יְהֹוָה בֵּית כָּל יְבִשָּׁה
to bring again the vessels house of the LORD'S H3605
H7725 H3627 H1004 H3068

בָּזָה הַמִּקְדָּשׁ וּמִן הַגּוֹלָה
and all that is carried away captive from Babylon into this place H2088
H1473 H894 H413 H4725

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 1:36 (References Lord): And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.

Psalms 41:13 (References Lord): Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

Jeremiah 11:5 (References Lord): That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD.

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