

Jeremiah 27-28 • When the False Prophet Meets the True

1. (27:1-2) Jeremiah does something which visibly **parallels** the greater **symbolism** of God's Word; this is called an **object lesson**.
2. (27:3-7) The meaning of the object lesson is what will happen to the **nations**.
3. (27:8-11) One of the ways people rebel against God is by seeking **false** spiritual authorities to tell them what they want to **hear** rather than the **truth**. The greater problem here is with people who will **listen** to every spiritual **deceiver** of every kind but not to the **Word of God**.
4. (27:12-15) The **difference** between putting into practice God's Word and ways as opposed to listening to false spiritual influences is literally the **difference** between **life** and **death** itself.
5. (27:16-22) When the things of God are continually **misused** they are **withdrawn** by God so that He can place the focus squarely on the **heart**.
6. (28:1-4) The true role of a **biblical** prophet is to **call** God's backslidden people **back** into a right spiritual relationship with Him. Therefore the true working of a **false** prophet is to

persuade God's backslidden people that there is **no need** to repent or reconcile spiritually.

7. (28:5-9) False prophets often confuse the issue by turning the true message of God around to mean its exact **opposite**.
8. (28:10-11) A true prophet is careful to speak only as God **directs** and no further.
9. (28:12-17) One of the ways we can know for sure that a false prophet is at work is in the fact that their **adherents** do not **change** according to God's Word and ways but seek to **justify** and **continue** their own earthly and fleshly ways.
10. **Overall:** A true prophet is someone who is **calling** God's backslidden people **back** into a right relationship with Him. The event the prophet predicts is most often a milestone when **time** runs out, when it will be **too late** to effectually repent and return to God.