

Jeremiah 46 – 24 August 2014

50/50 Prophecy Scam Story

To appreciate prophecy, we must understand three attributes of it.

#1 – A true Prophet gives prophecy that is testable not vague. Some of it must come true within a prophet's life.

- Examples:
 - Jer 28
 - Hananiah said Babylon wouldn't invade.
 - Jeremiah said within the year he would die for this false prophecy...and he did.
 - The Messiah
 - Born in Bethlehem
 - Of the seed of David
 - Crucified, not stoned which was Jewish.
- How do we know that this is a true attribute of prophecy?
 - Read Deut 13:1-5

- Read Deut 18:20-22

#2 - Prophecy always centers on God's plan and will. He's is the star of prophecy.

- Examples:
 - Some; God's working w/ Israel for His glory.
 - Some; the character & coming of the Messiah.
- There are lots of countries in the Far East and the west that are not spoken of in the Bible and some spoken of very rarely.
- Why prophecies again countries other than Israel? B/c God promised, "I will bless them that bless you and curse them that curse you."

#3 – God wants us to know His plans.

- Read John 5:15
- God delights to tell his friends His business; we're not His servants but His friends.
- It can be more applicable or less applicable depending on the century or geography you're in.

- Some would say, “I don’t care what God wants to do to the Philistines.”
 - Just b/c it doesn’t affect YOU directly, doesn’t make it less important.
 - YOU nor I are the center of what’s important, God is.
 - It’s written b/c it’s important to God.
 - Do you care what’s important to God?

Chapter 46 - Egypt

- Vs 1-12
 - Vs 1-2
 - This Pharaoh just killed Josiah in 609 in Megiddo IAW II Kings 23.
 - Then in 605 Pharaoh is defeated by Nebu at Carchemish turning the tide.
 - 605 is the same year as the 1st Babylonian invasion into Judah that took Daniel & the 3 others IAW Daniel 1.
 - These next verses will tell of their great defeat at Carchemish.

- Vs 3-6 – In relation to Israel (even Egypt) during this time period, “the north” always refers to toward Babylon.
- Vs 7-10 – God does and will take vengeance upon those that oppose Him.
- Vs 11-12 – There is no medicine to make Egypt the strongest army again after this historic defeat against Babylon.
- Vs 13-28
 - Vs 13-14
 - Jeremiah now turns and prophesies Babylon coming and destroying Egypt itself.
 - Remember this prophecy was given 19 years before the events of chapter 43 when Judah decided against God to go down into Egypt.
 - So when they fled to Egypt, they weren’t just in the flesh, but they were directly going against this prophecy.
 - Vs 15

- Notice the Lord drove the valiant men.
- The Lord can turn any tide He wants...and men try to take credit.
 - Caesar Augustus demanding a census example.

- Vs 16-26

- So Egypt will be judged but will be brought back from their captivity.
 - Eze 29:9-16

- Vs 27-28

- So here the prophecy against Egypt b/c Judah is there and it affects Judah.
 - Judah is reminded that, even thru this Egyptian punishment, God won't make a complete end to them.