

Promises, Promises

Would you prefer God send you a message of warning or encouragement?

Read Jeremiah 27:1-29:14.

1. What is God's message about "the yoke" (27:1-8)?
 - A. Do all you can to resist this.
 - B. This will be over in a year or two.
 - C. Don't expect this to be fun.
 - D. Babylon will rule over everyone for a while.
 - E. You're nothing but cattle.
 - F. If you're good, you'll escape from this.
 - G. You'll be under the control of others.
 - H. In addition to words, I'm providing you with a visual aid.
 - I. Other.

2. What message do you want to hear from God?
 - A. Whatever God wants to share with me.
 - B. Encouragements.
 - C. Warnings.
 - D. I love you.
 - E. I will be with you, especially when times get tough.
 - F. You need to change.
 - G. Do whatever you want.
 - H. Everything is fine just the way it is.
 - I. Other.

3. What was Hananiah's message (28:1-11)?
 - A. The same as Jeremiah's message.
 - B. The opposite of Jeremiah's message.
 - C. Forget about Babylon.
 - D. I'm popular and Jeremiah isn't.
 - E. God will break the yoke of Babylonian control.
 - F. People really like it when I speak in public.
 - G. God's sanctuary will be restored in a year or two.
 - H. All of our captives will soon be returning home to us.
 - I. Other.

4. What would have been your response after Hananiah died?
 - A. That's so sad.
 - B. God is mean.
 - C. It's Jeremiah's fault.
 - D. I liked what Hananiah said.
 - E. Jeremiah's prophecies are real.
 - F. Who will replace Hananiah and his popular messages?
 - G. We should submit to the Babylonian yoke for 70 years.
 - H. Those already taken captive to Babylon will return any day now.
 - I. Other.

5. What was Jeremiah's message to the captives in Babylon (29:1-14)?
 - A. Get ready to leave Babylon and head back home to Judah.
 - B. Settle in Babylon; you're going to be there for a while.
 - C. Make the most of your time in Babylon.
 - D. I'm a false prophet.
 - E. Most of you will die during your time in Babylon.
 - F. If you repent, God will return you to Judah immediately.
 - G. God has great plans for you now as well as in the future.
 - H. Look for me with all you are and all you have.
 - I. Other.

6. What have you found when you look for God with all you have?
 - A. Not much.
 - B. An intense experience with God.
 - C. Some things work better than others.
 - D. Surprises.
 - E. I don't know how to find God.
 - F. It helps to do this with others.
 - G. I don't really try as much as I could or should.
 - H. Other.

7. You've probably heard Jeremiah 29:11 quoted in the past. Read it now. What does it mean in the context of spending the next 70 years in Babylon? What does it mean for you today?

8. What are ways for you to seek God with all you have?