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Confusingly similar



The prophet who comes on the scene now is so bold as to claim that he has a message from the Lord. He copies Jeremiah by equally "demonstrating" his words (vv1-4). Who is the right prophet, the one sent by God?

Jeremiah mentions the "prophet test": At the latest, when what was prophesied comes the pass - or not, as the case may be - it will become clear who was sent by God. Jeremiah leaves it to God to show who "His man" is (vv5-11).

But God wants to make it clear already before that. Jeremiah has to tell the wicked prophet Hananiah that he will die that same year. And it happens! Jeremiah has passed the test (vv12-17).

You can learn from this that, as a Christian, you don't have to defend yourself where your rights are concerned.



76. What does Jeremiah do after the confrontation with Hananiah? er 77. What may have been God's purpose with regard to the sudden death of Hananiah?



When what God has announced regarding judgment and hell form comes to pass, it will become clear to the people there that God has spoken the truth. But sadly it will then be too late to be saved. Don't wait until it's too late!



Leave your problems with God. And rest assured: He won't let you down.

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went his way (v11). — He leaves it to God to sort things out. Sometimes there's nothing else for 77. God tries to get His people to return to Him by intervening in a drastic way with Hananiah.