

A YOKE OF IRON

Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron. . . Jer. 28:13

BASIC TRUTHS

EVERYONE MUST WEAR A YOKE

- *If people would accept this, everybody would be a Christian*
- *But Satan comes along and says, you don't need a yoke*
- *The man who thinks he wears no yoke is a fool*

THE YOKE OF CHRIST IS EASY

- *Jesus said, **Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light***
- *It's easy regarding the will of God: People that struggle with the will of God are not in the yoke.*
- *It's easy concerning the work: He is the strength in the yoke*

THE YOKE OF SIN IS HARD

- *And when we refuse His yoke, we always wear a worse one*
- *When Adam broke the yoke of paradise, he wore a yoke of iron*
- *When Jonah broke the yoke of obedience, he found himself wearing a yoke of iron*
- *When Lot broke the yoke of separation, he lost everything*

IF THE YOKE OF CHRIST IS EASY, WHAT MAKES A MAN CHOOSE A YOKE OF IRON

A GENERAL CONFUSION REGARDING THE WILL OF GOD

- *If you took time to read the chapter, you'd see that Jeremiah and Hananiah disagreed as to what God said*
- *There are many Hananiah's making people trust a lie*
- *These Alfred Hitchcock preachers always leave you hanging. You never know quite sure where they stand*
- *They simply won't preach against sin*

WHICH LEADS TO A BELIEF THAT THERE ARE NO CONSEQUENCES FOR SIN

- *That's a lie, but when people believe it they take off the yoke of Christ*
- *But these people don't realize that everyone must wear a yoke*
- *And when we take off the yoke of Christ, Satan is there to put on the yoke of sin*

WHICH LEADS TO A CORRUPT OPTIMISM

- *We make a big mistake of dreaming of how wonderful tomorrow will be, but those dreams never include the negatives*
- *Joseph dreamed of the palace, but never prison*
- *Hananiah played this to his advantage*
- *A confusion regarding the word of God lead to a belief that there are no consequences for sin; which leads to a corrupt optimism*
- *And when our dreams don't come true we blame God.*

That is why the nation accepted the preaching of Hananiah and rejected the preaching of Jeremiah.