

# BRUIT, RUMOR, RUMORS, RUMOUR, RUMOURS

David asked Saul why he listened to people who told him that David sought to hurt him. (However, *Saul* was actually the one who was telling people that! Saul was the source of that **rumor**.)

- **1 Samuel 24:9:** "And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?"

Isaiah told Eliakim, Shebna, and the elders of the priests to tell Hezekiah that God said the king of Assyria would hear a **rumor** and then leave Judah.

- **2 Kings 19:7:** "Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land."
- **Isaiah 37:7:** "Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land."

Sanballat told Nehemiah that people were claiming that he was rebelling against the king. He wanted Nehemiah to think it was being widely reported that he was committing treason, so that he would become afraid and stop rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem lest the king hear those **rumors** and kill him. (It didn't work.)

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the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words."

Sanballat claimed Gashmu was spreading the **rumor** that Nehemiah was committing treason against the king.

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It's wicked to use **rumors** to separate people.

- **Proverbs 16:28:** "A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends."

Rabshakeh heard a **rumor** that the king of Assyria had departed from Lachish, and that the king of Ethiopia was invading.

- **Isaiah 37:8-9:** "So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,"

When God spoke against Edom, Jeremiah said he heard a **rumor** from the Lord. (In this case the rumor was a prophecy of Edom's coming destruction.)

- **Jeremiah 49:14-17:** "I have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, saying, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, and despised among men. Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the Lord. Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof."

Before Babylon is destroyed, there will be **rumors** of violence for several years.

- **Jeremiah 51:46:** "And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler."

In the day of God's judgment, one **rumor** would be followed by another.

- **Ezekiel 7:25-26:** "Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients."

When the disciples asked for a sign of the end of the world

(the tribulation era), one of the signs was **rumors** of wars.

- **Matthew 24:6:** "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."
- **Mark 13:7:** "And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet."

The **rumor** that Jesus was a great prophet spread throughout all the region around Judaea. (This started after Jesus raised the widow's son from the dead.)

- **Luke 7:16-17:** "And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about."

When John the Baptist (who proclaimed to the world that Jesus was the Messiah back when Jesus was baptized) heard the **rumor** that Jesus was a great prophet, he sent two disciples to Jesus to ask Him whether He was truly the Messiah.

- **Luke 7:19-20:** "And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?"

The elders of the Jerusalem church told Paul there was a

**rumor** going around that he was teaching Jews to not walk after their normal customs or traditions. (They were trying to compel Paul to continue to teach obedience to the Mosaic Law to the Jews, even though Jesus fulfilled the Mosaic Law and brought it to an end.)

- **Acts 21:21:** "And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs."