

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 05 June Jeremiah 1 Accept Your Commission
- 2) 12 June Jeremiah 2-6 Get Back on Track
- 3) 19 June Jeremiah 7-10 Live Above Board
- 4) 26 June Jeremiah 11-15 Rise above the Tide
- 5) 03 July Jeremiah 16-18 Never Say it is Hopeless
- 6) 10 July Jeremiah 19-21 Submit to Divine Discipline
- 7) 17 July Jeremiah 22-25 Keep Your Behavior in Line**
- 8) 24 July Jeremiah 26-29 Settle Down
- 9) 31 July Jeremiah 30-33 Check Your Direction
- 10) 07 Aug Jeremiah 34-39 Stay True
- 11) 14 Aug Jeremiah 40-45 Follow Orders
- 12) 21 Aug Jeremiah -52 Recognize the Lord's Authority
- 13) 28 Aug Lamentations 1-5 Rely on the Lord's Love

INTRODUCTION

- To really know God, seek to do justice and righteousness, protect the weak, and deliver the falsely accused

Passage	Comments
Jeremiah 22:1-30	<p>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne..... Psalms 89:14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. God is a defender of the defenseless • He holds nations accountable for how they treat the weak members in society (elderly, women, children, orphans, widows, handicapped) • America excels in many regards – except for protecting the unborn (3,700 infants are aborted every day in America, 115,000 a day worldwide http://www.abortionno.org/Resources/fastfacts.html) • v5. God's word has higher priority than even the King's palace. He warned Israel if they would not obey His word, He would desolate this house • vv15-16. King Josiah was held up in high esteem – all things went well as he protected the weak • But his progeny were more concerned about wealth (clothing themselves in cedar)vv13-15a, 17 • GREED. God puts greed in the same category as idolatry, immorality, & blasphemy 1Cor 6:9-10
23:1-40	<p>Truths about False Prophets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They agitate the good prophets (Jeremiah) ... v9 2. They allow immorality to flourish..... v10 3. Their ways are evil..... v11 4. Their fate will be disastrous v12 5. They lead God's people astray v13 6. They encourage wickedness v14 7. They speak of their own imagination v16 8. They are of no benefit to their listeners v32 9. Their word is held above God's word..... v36a 10. They twist God's truth v36b

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Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last days, False Prophets will be around to deceive, if it were possible, the elect Mat 24:24 • How do we discern False Prophets from misguided Christians who tout miracles, visions and new revelations on TV and radio? • In many cases, we won't be able to tell the difference until bad fruit becomes evident • Even the Apostles were duped by Judas, and Paul was duped by Demas
24:1-10	<p>The Remnant have God's Attention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv4-7. The remnant taken into exile would fall under God's ever-watching eye to be brought back again (after 70 years) • vv8-10. The remnant left in Jerusalem would receive more evil
Note:	It's sad to think the purpose of some is only to serve as a warning to others..... 1Cor 10:11
25:1-38	<p>Back to the Future Again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremiah is not written chronologically • Here in Chapter 25 we jump back about 7 years to talk about the future state of Israel & Babylon • v3. Repeated warnings – “I have spoken to you again and again, but you have failed to listen” • vv6-7. God had a simple request for His people: - Obey and no harm will come – Yet they refuse to listen • vv8-11. THEREFORE – Destruction is coming • v17. Jeremiah took God's cup of wrath and made all nations to drink from it. How was this done? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ This was a visionary emblem • v23. "...all who cut the corners of their hair" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Some commentaries state God is emphasizing all nations in all corners of the world will receive the wrath of God for harming the Jews ♦ Other commentaries reference Lev 19:27 where Jews were not to adopt or conform to heathen practices, which they so often did "Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or clip off the edges of your beard" Lev 19:27

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Learn to discern the spirits (false prophets); be sensitive to the needs around us; avoid greed or materialism; and seek to deliver those heading for slaughterProv 24:11

NEXT WEEK: Jeremiah 26-29. It's OK to pray for things not to get worse, and to pray for those ungodly leaders and neighbors who may be around the godly

The Last Kings of Judah before deportation to Babylon	The Last Kingdom Prophets	Brief History of this Time Period
<p>Josiah (very good King but had wicked sons & grandson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Jehoahaz (aka. Shallum, Joahaz) – ruled 3 months — Jehoiakim (aka. Eliakim) – ruled 11 years — Jehoiachin (aka. Jeconiah, Coniah) – ruled 3 months — Zedekiah (aka. Mattaniah) – ruled 11 years 	<p>Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah</p> <p>Jeremiah</p> <p>Uriah Daniel Ezekiel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 609 B.C. – Pharaoh Neco of Egypt killed Josiah at the Battle of Megiddo • Pharaoh Neco made Josiah's son, Jehoahaz, King, who ruled Judah for 3 months • Pharaoh Neco then made Josiah's other son, Jehoiakim king, and changed his name to Eliakim • Jehoiakim ruled 11 years • 605 B.C. – Babylon defeated Egypt and the remnant of the Assyrian army at the Battle of Carchemish • Babylon King Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem; Jehoiakim died, and his son Jehoiachin became king • Jehoiachin surrendered to King Nebuchadnezzar, and he was deported to Babylon and replaced by Josiah's 3rd son, Zedekiah, as King