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

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| Jeremiah 22:1-30 | Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God’s throne. Psalms 89:14
- 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.abortions.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
- vvv15-16. 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) vvv13-15a, 17
- GREED. God puts greed in the same category as idolatry, immorality, & blasphemy……1Cor 6:9-10

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| 23:1-40 | Truths about False Prophets
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

The Last Kings of Judah before deportation to Babylon
- Josiah (very good King but had wicked sons & grandson)
  - Jehoahaz (aka. Shalum, Joahaz) – ruled 3 months
  - Jehoiakim (aka. Eliakim) – ruled 11 years
    - Jehoiachin (aka. Jeconiah, Coniah) – ruled 3 months
    - Zedekiah (aka. Mattaniah) – ruled 11 years

The Last Kingdom Prophets
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Jeremiah
- Uriah
- Daniel
- Ezekiel

Brief History of this Time Period
- 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

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