

**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 46-52 ..... Recognize the Lord's Authority
- 13) 28 Aug ..... Lamentations 1-5 ..... Rely on the Lord's Love

**INTRODUCTION**

- God's sovereignty reigns over every bullet on the battlefield; over every established ruler and kingdom; and over every other aspect of life without removing anyone's ability to freely choose – WOW!
- If you were to conquer a nation who would you send into exile? The free-thinking entrepreneur upper class or the more docile poorer class who are more dependent upon others for their lively hood?

Passage	Comments
41:1-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-3. The foe eventually killed the Governor</li> <li>♦ What could have Gov. Gedaliah done differently to prevent his assassination, short of assassinating his enemy?</li> <li>- Diplomacy apparently failed</li> <li>- Possibly avoid going to dinner with a staunch enemy – What does light have to do with darkness principle</li> </ul>
42:1-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv4-17. Where shall we go? Egypt or Judah?</li> <li>• v7. Why did God wait 10 days to tell Jeremiah?</li> </ul>
43:1-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv4-7. Jeremiah is carted off to Egypt</li> <li>• v11. Passage on God's sovereignty – those meant for death to death, those for captivity to captivity, those for the sword to the sword</li> </ul>
44:1-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v7. Judah causes more self-inflicted wounds</li> <li>• v14. Consequences of their actions – only a very small remnant will return</li> <li>• vv15-18. Self-deception reigns supreme</li> </ul>
45:1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v5. You, Baruch, are seeking great things for yourself (he's a man of God, why shouldn't he?). DO NOT SEEK THEM! ..... WHY?</li> </ul>

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Jeremiah 40:1-16	<p><b>Even the Non-Believing Enemy Recognized God's Hand Against Judah</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv2-3. "The Lord your God has done just as He promised because you sinned and did not listen – You got what you deserved!"</li> <li>• vv4-5. Did Jeremiah do the right thing by not going to Babylon as dictated by God's command for the vast majority of Judah? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ This is similar to did the Apostle Paul do the right thing to head for Jerusalem when there were prophecies galore telling him not to go?</li> <li>♦ Scripture is silent about whether or not these situations were in the right or wrong, but sometimes silence is deafening.</li> <li>♦ Though, Jeremiah was carted off to Egypt and Paul was carted off to Rome, both men still accomplished much for God's Kingdom</li> <li>♦ God is not handicapped because we may chose Door #2 instead of Door #1 – we often have that flexibility within God's will</li> <li>♦ Ephesians 2:10 says that God prepared beforehand the good works we should be doing on His behalf, so Jeremiah and Paul both accomplished what God had planned for them</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v7. The poorest of the land were left behind. Nebuchadnezzar took captive the entrepreneurs, the doctors, the mechanics, and other successful leaders and workers. He knew if a poor people could not make it in their own land they would be even worse off in a captive environment, and Babylon did not want those who could not fend for themselves and be profitable for the kingdom</li> <li>• vv13-16. Sanctioned political assassinations – Is it right or wrong? Here, the Governor voted against assassinating a disgruntled political foe.</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- We have to acknowledge God's sovereignty over nations and realize He has a purpose for each of us in these last days
- So let's continue to serve and pray while it is still day, and watch out for those self-inflicting wounds and friendly fire

**NEXT WEEK: Jeremiah 46-52.** Not all is lost. Egypt will one day be restored to a nation of prominence; Moab, Ammon, Elam (Iran) will also be destroyed and restored; Edom, Damascus (Syria), and Babylon will be annihilated forever; and Israel and Judah will be restored and forgiven.

