



JEREMIAH

WARNINGS TO JEHOIAKIM - CHAPTERS 25&26

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JEREMIAH HAS WARNED THEM FOR 23 YEARS, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER PROPHETS

- When did Jeremiah begin to prophesy?
 - The 13th year of Josiah, so of Amon (626 BC)
 - Jeremiah has been prophesying for 23 years (604 BC)
- What had other prophets said to Judah?
 - "Turn now everyone from his evil ways and from the evil of your deeds, and dwell on the land which YHWH has given to you and your forefathers for ever and ever; and do not go after other gods to serve them and to worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm."

JUDAH WOULD SERVE BABYLON FOR SEVENTY YEARS

- How long would Judah and other nations serve Babylon?
 - Seventy years
 - 608 - Captivity starts - Jehoahaz exiled
 - 597 - More captivity - Jehoachin led away into captivity
 - 586 - The rest of Judah is carried away into captivity.

AFTER 70 YEARS, BABYLON WOULD BE PUNISHED

- According to what would Babylon be punished after the 70 years are completed?
- The word of the Lord, as prophesied by Jeremiah
 - YHWH had promised Babylon would be a desolation and that all the words spoken against all the nations would come to pass.
 - YHWH promised Babylon would be made salve to many nations and great kings as payment for their deeds.

THE WINE CUP OF FURY OF YHWH

- Who was to drink the wine cup of fury?
 - All the nations who to whom Jeremiah is sent.
 - The nations will stagger and go mad because of the sword that will be sent among them

ALL WHO ARE COMMANDED WILL DRINK

- What was Jeremiah to say to those who refused to take the cup and drink?
- Thus says the Lord of hosts - "You shall surely drink!"
- "I am beginning to work calamity in this city which is called by My name, and ***shall you be completely free from punishment?***

JEREMIAH TO PROPHECY AGAINST ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH

- From where would disaster and a great whirlwind come?
 - The remotest parts of the earth
 - The evil ones slain by the Lord will not be lamented, gathered or buried.

WARNINGS AGAINST THE SHEPHERDS

- What did the Lord tell Jeremiah He would do to the shepherds?
- They will be surrounded, unable to flee and their cries will be heard by all.as He destroys their pasture.



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DURING THE BEGINNING OF THE REIGN OF JEHOIAKIM, JEREMIAH STANDS IN THE COURT OF THE LORDS HOUSE AND PROPHESES AGAINST THE PEOPLE

- What city does Jeremiah compare Jerusalem to when he prophesies about its destruction?
 - Shiloh

JEREMIAH IS SEIZED BY THE PEOPLE AND CHARGED

- Why did the priests and prophets say Jeremiah deserved to die?
 - He prophesied against Jerusalem

JEREMIAH DEFENDS HIS MESSAGE

- What did Jeremiah say would happen to the leaders if they put him to death?
- They would bring innocent blood on themselves, the city, and its inhabitants

JEREMIAH'S FATE DEBATED

- Who said that Jeremiah did NOT deserve to die?
 - The officials and all the people
- Who was Micah of Moresheth?
 - A prophet in Hezekiah's day - Jeremiah 26-18-19
- What do we know about Urijah from this text?
 - He prophesied against Jerusalem and Judah the same as Jeremiah
- Whose hand was with Jeremiah?
 - Ahikam the son of Shapan - 2 Kings 22:16

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- 25:9 - Considering his wickedness, how was Nebuchadnezzar a servant of the Lord?
- 25:15-26 - All nations are accountable to God. How will nations answer for their conduct?
- 26:2 How much of God's word was Jeremiah commanded to speak? How much of God's word are we expected to teach to others? (Acts 20:27, Revelation 22:18-19)

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- 26:10-11 Sometimes those who should stand behind you are the ones who will turn against you.
- 26:24 - Just as Ahikim was with Jeremiah, we all need friends to stand with us, especially during difficult times.