

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Hebrew Prophets II: Jer. 27-31, 46-51; Dan. 3; Ezekiel 1-9; 2 Kings 24:17-20

(For class to be held on Oct. 21, 2017)

Read 2 Kings 24:17-20, Jeremiah 29-31 – The Exiles, Judah’s Coming Destruction, & Glorious Restoration

1. Who was the last King of Judah? _____. How many years did he reign? _____. Who did God use to cast this wicked king and people from His presence? _____
2. What four groups of people captive in Babylon were specifically named as recipients of Jeremiah’s letter in Jer. 29? _____, _____, _____, _____
3. Why did Jeremiah tell the captives to build houses, marry and raise families, and seek to live peacefully in the land of Babylon? _____
_____. How many years was the captivity to last? _____. How was Jer. 29:11-14 encouraging to the captives? _____

4. What was to become of the people still living in Jerusalem and Judah? _____
_____. What two false prophets were named to be slain by Nebuchadnezzar? _____, _____
What false prophet’s family name would be lost due to no male descendants to carry it on? _____
5. What great hope is given in Jer. 30? _____. In Jer. 31:1-3 what reason is given for God’s grace toward the captives of Judah? _____
6. Who else besides Judah still had hope of being restored to their homeland? _____. What was to be different about the new covenant? _____

Read Jeremiah 46-51 – Prophecies Against the Nations Including Babylon

1. After each nation below write the chapter number from 46-50, where the prophecies against that nation can be found. Ammon ____ Philistia ____ Babylon ____ Moab ____ Syria ____
Edom ____ Egypt ____ Elam ____
2. Which nation above is depicted as having a “nest as high as the eagle” that God would bring down? _____. Which nation is described as a fair heifer with hired men as fatted bullocks? _____. Which nation was noted for such pride that twice it was said “he magnified himself against the LORD”? _____. Which nation would be like Sodom and Gomorrah with no man inhabiting the land forever? _____. Which nation was to have his horn cut off, his arm broken, his beard clipped, and his head shaved; yet he would return from his captivity in the latter days? _____
3. What details of the fall of Babylon did you notice in Jer. 51 that is used for imagery in the book of Revelation? (see Rev. 18:2, 4, 17:2, 4, 14:8, and 17:1, 15) _____

4. In what year did King Zedekiah make a trip to Babylon? _____. For what possible reason was he required by Nebuchadnezzar to be in Babylon? _____

Read Daniel 3 – Showdown on the Plain of Dura

1. Who did Nebuchadnezzar order to come to the plain of Dura to bow down and worship the golden image? _____
2. Even though Nebuchadnezzar is enraged when he first hears of the 3 men that didn’t bow, what shows that he highly regarded them? _____. Even though Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah

expressed confidence that God would deliver them from the fiery furnace, what shows that they didn't know for sure that God actually planned to deliver them? _____ . Which shows more faith, to stand firm knowing that God will deliver you or not knowing if He will? _____

3. How did Nebuchadnezzar know that the 4th man walking in the fire was the "Son of God"? _____ . Is there any connection between the dream of Daniel 2 and the image of Daniel 3?

*****Suggested Reading, PK, Chapter 41** (pages 503-513)

Read Jeremiah 27-28 - Babylon Will Conquer – Jeremiah Denounces Hananiah, the False Prophet

1. **Note:** Many Hebrew manuscripts say Zedekiah in Jer. 27:1. The context fits Zedekiah not, Jehoiakim. What two verses show that it is the time of Zedekiah? _____. What was Jeremiah wearing? _____ What did Jeremiah send to the kings of the surrounding nations? _____. What did these symbolize? _____
2. In Jer. 27, what two specific lies were being told by the false prophets? 1.) _____
2.) _____.
3. What did Hananiah prophesy would happen within 2 years? _____

*****Suggested Reading, Prophets and Kings, Chapter 36** (only pages 440--447)

Read Ezekiel 1-7 – Ezekiel's Early Visions and Active Parables - God Will Not Save Rebellious Judah

1. In what year did Ezekiel begin his prophetic ministry? (see vs. 2) _____. Where was Ezekiel when he was called? _____. What most impresses you about the 4 living creatures in Ezekiel's vision? _____. What moved as one with the living creatures? _____. What surprising thing do we learn about God's throne in this passage? _____
2. By what name does God address Ezekiel? _____. What was sweet as honey in Ezekiel's mouth? _____. For what specific group of Israel was Ezekiel to warn? _____. To what specific location was Ezekiel air lifted by God's flying entourage? _____
3. In 3:26, why did God give Ezekiel dumbness? What evidence was in chapter 3 that Ezekiel may not have fully cooperated with his prophetic call? _____
4. In Ez. 4, what active parable did Ezekiel engage in to show the coming destruction of Jerusalem? _____ . In Ez. 5, how does each third of his shaved off hair and beard represent how people will perish in Jerusalem? _____ . Why does Ezekiel prophesy against the mountains in chapter 6? _____ . What is the main point of Ez. 7? _____

Read Ezekiel 8-9 – The Vision of Abominations in Jerusalem

1. About how much time passed from when Ezekiel began his work (Ez. 1-7) to this next vision starting in Ez. 8? _____. Where are the elders meeting with Ezekiel? _____. Where was Ezekiel taken in this vision? _____. What were some of the worst abominations that Ezekiel saw in Jerusalem? _____
2. In Ez. 9, what determined which people received the mark of God so that they would be spared? _____ . Where was the slaughter to begin? _____

*****Suggested Reading, Prophets and Kings, Chapter 36** (only pages 448--451)