

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Hebrew Prophets II: Jer. 32-33, 37-43, Ezekiel 25-31, Lamentations

(For class to be held on December 2, 2017)

Read Jeremiah 37, Ezekiel 29:1-16 & 30:1-19 – Siege Lifted, Jeremiah Imprisoned, Prophecy for Egypt

1. What turn of events led Zedekiah to send Jehucal and Zephaniah to inquire of the LORD through Jeremiah? _____. What did Jeremiah say would happen? _____. When Jeremiah tried to leave Jerusalem why was he put in prison? _____
2. Who is symbolized by the great dragon in the river in Ez. 29:3? _____. What would the fish sticking to his scales possibly represent? _____. In 29:8-10, 14-16, we learn that after the destructive invasion of Egypt, it would be revived as a nation. What was prophesied about Egypt's future greatness? _____. What nation's destruction is described in Ez. 30:1-19? _____

Jeremiah 32-33 – A Curious Land Purchase & The Future Glorious Restoration of Judah and Jerusalem

1. What was ironic about Jeremiah buying land? _____. What message was given through Jeremiah's purchase of land? _____
2. When God would cure and return the captivity of Israel, what specific promise given in Jer. 33 could only be fulfilled by the Messiah's sacrifice? _____. What name is given to the coming Messiah? _____. Why is the promise that "David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne" so strange in this chapter? _____
_____. What did God say was the only way His covenant with David and the Levites and priests could be broken? _____
3. How do you understand these promises? Do they mean that Israel could never cease to be the chosen people? Paul actually answers these questions in Romans 9-11.

Read Ezekiel 25-28 – Prophecies Against the Surrounding Nations, Especially Tyre (and Satan)

1. In Ez. 25 what small neighboring nations would also be swept by the coming destruction? _____
2. What would the rock foundation of Tyre be used for in the future? _____
3. What chapter in Revelation gets much of its imagery from Ezekiel 27? _____. Can you give an example? _____
4. What made the king of Tyre a good representation of Satan? _____. Give three statements from Ez. 28:12-19 that fit Satan instead of the King of Tyre. 1.) _____
2.) _____. 3.) _____

Read Jer. 38 – Jeremiah's Rescue

1. What did Jeremiah say must be done to save one's own life? _____. Why did the princes think he should be put to death? _____. Who rescued Jeremiah from the pit? _____. What did Jeremiah tell Zedekiah that he needed to do to save his city? _____

Read Ez. 30:20-26, Ez. 31, Jer. 39, 2 Kings 25:1-22, 2 Chron. 36:15-21 - Doom of Egypt & Fall of Jerusalem

1. According to Ez. 30:20-26, what was to happen to the arms of the Pharaoh of Egypt? _____. In Ezekiel 31 Assyria is described as a great cedar of Lebanon that was cut down. To whom was the example of Assyria given as a warning? _____
2. What was the last thing that Zedekiah witnessed with his eyes? _____. Who was given charge to make sure that Jeremiah would be okay? _____, _____
3. Which of the above passages says God had compassion on His people and sent them prophets who they despised and abused so that God finally brought the Chaldeans upon them? _____. Which of the above passages gives a lot of detail about the items of the sanctuary that were taken? _____
4. What would the land of Judah enjoy now that it was left desolate? _____

Read Lamentations – Jeremiah’s Grief over the Destruction of Jerusalem

1. In order to convey feelings, what is Jerusalem acting like in chapter one? _____
2. What imagery is used in chapter 3 to suggest a person’s end? _____. What verses in chapter 3 explain the goodness of God? _____
3. What is described in 4:8-9? _____. What does 4:10 indicate happened during the siege of Jerusalem? _____
4. After the laments in chapter 5, what hope is in the final verses? _____

Read Jer. 40-43 & 2 Kings 25:22-26 – Jeremiah’s Ministry among those Left in Judah & Their Flight to Egypt

1. Who was made the governor of the people left in Judah? _____. Where did Jeremiah choose to live? _____
2. Who murdered Gedaliah? _____. Where did he and his men go as fugitives? _____
3. Why did the Jews in Judah think it wise to go to Egypt? _____. What did God tell them to do? _____. What was prophesied for those who would go to Egypt? _____
4. How did Azariah, Johanan, and other proud men rationalize away Jeremiah’s message? _____
_____. Why did Jeremiah and Baruch go to Egypt with everyone else? _____

*****Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter 37, pages 452-463**