

# Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

## Hebrew Prophets II: Jer. 12-13, 18-20, 22-25, 35-36, 45; Dan. 1-2; 2 Kings 24:1-17

(For class to be held on Sept. 23, 2017)

### Read Jer. 35, 2 Kings 24:1-4, Daniel 1:1-17 – King Jehoiakim, Nebuchadnezzar’s Invasion, Daniel’s Test

1. Why did so many of the Rechabites go to Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_. In Jer. 35, what is put in contrast with Judah’s unfaithfulness and idolatry? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Review 2 Chron. 36:1-7. Read 2 Kings 24:1-4. Why did God allow Nebuchadnezzar to take Judah? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Instead of being treated as a prisoner, what special privilege was Daniel given? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Daniel propose to establish healthier choices for food? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Suggested Reading, PK, Chapter 39** (pages 479 to top of 485)

### Read Jeremiah 22:1-19, 25, 18-20, 36:1-4, 45, 36:5-32 – Jerusalem the Year after Babylon’s First Invasion

1. To whom was the message in Jer. 22:1-19 given? \_\_\_\_\_. What was he told to do no more? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In what year was the message of Jer. 25 given (see timeline for help)? \_\_\_\_\_. Besides Judah, who else would fall to Babylon? \_\_\_\_\_. For how many years were they to be under Babylonian control? \_\_\_\_\_. What would be the starting date? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* For #3-6, Write the chapter number that fits each of the descriptions below.

3. \_\_\_ A chief priest put Jeremiah in stocks/Jeremiah told him he would lose everything in the captivity.
4. \_\_\_ King Jehoiakim put Jeremiah’s scroll in the fire/Jeremiah rewrote an expanded version.
5. \_\_\_ Judah was to be broken as a clay bottle that Jeremiah smashed on the ground.
6. \_\_\_ A potter created a marred vessel but starting over he made a good vessel. God declares himself as the potter with Judah as the clay and offers Judah a redo.
7. What’s the issue in Jer. 18:18-23? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What verse do you find the most inspiring in spite of Jeremiah’s anguish in Jer. 20:7-18? \_\_\_\_\_. Why?

**\*\*\*Suggested Reading, Prophets and Kings, Chapter 35** (pages 422-439)

### Read Daniel 1:18-2:49 – God Mightily Blesses Daniel in Wisdom and Interpretation of Dreams

1. How long was Daniel and his friends in the special training program when the king tested them? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In what year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign did he have the dream of Daniel 2? \_\_\_\_\_. How do we reconcile the timing problem between these two chapters?
3. Why were the lives of Daniel and his three friends to be terminated? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was represented by the entire image? \_\_\_\_\_ Over

5. What did the stone represent? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What aspect of this prophecy is the most convincing to you that prophecy is true and that God is real?

**\*\*\*Suggested Reading, PK, Chapter 39** (pages 485-490) and **PK, Chapter 40** (pages 491-502)

**Read Jer. 12, 22:20-30, 13; 2 Chron. 36:8-10; 2 Kings 24: 5-17 - Babylon's 2<sup>nd</sup> Invasion of Judah**

1. What is Jeremiah's question for God right from the outset of Jer. 12? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What's the point of Jer. 12:5? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In spite of all the doom prophesied by Jeremiah, where do you see hope in Jer. 12? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Who is Coniah and what was to become of him? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. To what did God liken the rotted, filthy girdle (loin cloth/under ware) that Jeremiah dug out from the bank of the Euphrates River? \_\_\_\_\_
6. To whom is Jeremiah referring in Jer. 13:18? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How old was Jehoiachin when he became king according to 2 Chron. 36? \_\_\_\_\_. How long did he reign? \_\_\_\_\_.
8. True or False: Nebuchadnezzar took more captives back to Babylon in the 1<sup>st</sup> invasion than he took in the 2<sup>nd</sup> invasion.
9. What happened to Jehoiachin and his mother? \_\_\_\_\_. Who became the next king of Judah? \_\_\_\_\_

**Read Jer. 23-24 – The Coming Righteous Branch, False Prophets, and Lessons from Baskets of Figs**

1. Who is the righteous Branch that "shall execute judgment and justice in the earth"? \_\_\_\_\_. What is He called in Jer. 23:6? \_\_\_\_\_
2. From what land did God promise to repeat an event like the Exodus? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What do you learn about false prophets in Jer. 23? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is represented by the good figs? \_\_\_\_\_. According to Jer. 24:6-7, what does God plan to do for them? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who is represented by the bad figs? \_\_\_\_\_. Who is specifically named? \_\_\_\_\_. What will become of them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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