

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Hebrew Prophets II: Jer. 44, 52; Ez. 32-48; Ps. 106, 137; Dan. 4, 7; Obadiah

(For class to be held on December 16, 2017)

Read Jeremiah 44 and 52:1-30 – Prophecy to the Jews in Egypt, Summary of the Fall of Jerusalem

1. What evil done by the Jews who went to Egypt did God first address? _____. What evil were they practicing in Egypt? _____. What was Jeremiah's message regarding their future? _____. What did Jeremiah prophesy about the Pharaoh of Egypt? _____
2. Who led out in the burning of the temple, the king's house, all the houses of Jerusalem, and breaking down all the walls? _____. What is detailed in 52:17-19 as taken to Babylon? _____

***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter 38, pages 464-476

Read Ezekiel 33 and 32 – Ezekiel as the Watchman, The Desolate Land, Pharaoh & Israel's Enemies to Fall

1. What would be the result to the watchman if he fails to warn the wicked and he perishes in his sins? _____. What would be the result for the watchman if he does warn the wicked, but he doesn't listen and perishes in his sins? _____. What important lesson is in 33:12-13? _____. What news reached those in captivity in the 12th year, 10th month, and the 5th day? _____
2. What message did Ezekiel have concerning Egypt? _____. What four other nations were described as having already fallen by the sword? _____, _____, _____, _____. Which nation (besides Egypt) is described as soon to fall; "they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit"? _____

Read Ezekiel 34-35 and Obadiah – Prophecies Against False Shepherds and Against Edom

1. What was the problem with Israel's shepherds? _____. Who would take over and bring the scattered sheep back to a good pasture? _____. What kind of prophecy was the promise of the future David as shepherd? _____. What has become of the promises of God in 34:23-31? _____
2. In Ez. 35 why was God against Mt. Seir (Edom)? _____
3. With what specifics does Obadiah explain how Edom worked against Jerusalem in their day of calamity? _____. Verse 17 describes a bright future for Jerusalem, but what would be the future of Edom? _____

Read Ezekiel 36-39 – Visions of Revival, Dry Bones, Prophecies Against Gog and His Forces

1. What does God explain is the reason He will restore Israel back to their land? _____. What does God say that He will have to do so that they will walk in His ways? _____. To what does God compare the desolate land of Israel after He restores it? _____

2. What do the dry bones represent in Ez. 37? _____. What does the prophecy of the dry bones represent? _____. What was symbolized by Ezekiel taking two sticks and making them one stick? _____
3. Who is described as leading a coalition of all the armies of the heathen nations against Israel? _____. What would happen to this great coalition? _____. Where would they be buried? _____. According to the context of Ez. 38-39, when would this great battle take place? _____. Since Israel didn't fulfill their part of the covenant and rejected Christ and lost their status as the chosen people, how is Ez. 38-39 to be understood? _____

Peruse Ezekiel 40-48 – Visions of Future Restoration and a New Temple

Fourteen years after the fall of Jerusalem, Ezekiel was given a vision of a future magnificent temple. None of the prophets or leaders of the restoration era mention this temple. They rebuilt the temple, but seemed to understand that Ezekiel's temple couldn't come about until the conditions were met for setting up the Messianic Kingdom. Since they never met the conditions, it was never built and neither were they ready to accept the Messiah.

Questions naturally come to mind. Is this the temple that evangelicals expect to be built in Israel in the near future? Was this just the possibility of what might have been for Israel but never was and never will be? Why did God give such fine detail about this temple if He knew it would never be built? Is there any application of this temple prophecy? Is there any connection to the book of Revelation?

Read Ezekiel 29:17-21– Egypt to Fall to Nebuchadnezzar

1. How many years after the temple vision did this last message come to Ezekiel? _____. Besides Egypt what other nation was prophesied to be subjugated by Babylon? _____

Read Daniel 4 and Psalm 106 & 137 – Nebuchadnezzar's Humiliation and Restoration; Psalms of Exile

1. It isn't known precisely when events of Daniel 4 took place. Most likely it was well after the fall of Jerusalem. What did the great tree in Nebuchadnezzar's dream represent? _____. What did the remaining stump of the tree represent? _____. Who made sure that the king didn't get killed during the 7 years? _____. What evidence is in the chapter that the king actually became mentally ill? _____
2. What is the evidence that Psalm 106 was written by a Jew during the exile? _____
3. In Psalm 137 why can't the people sing as requested? _____

***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter 42, pages 514-521

Read Jer. 52:31-34 & 2 Kings 25:27-30 -- Jehoiachin Released

1. How many years had Jehoiachin been imprisoned in Babylon? _____. Who released him? _____

Read Daniel 7 – Four Beasts from the Sea, Ten horns, The Little Horn, and the Judgment

1. What verse makes it most clear that the 4 beasts are kingdoms? _____. How many times is the little horn followed by the judgment in this chapter? _____. What is the worst thing about the little horn? _____
_____. Of which beast is the little horn a part? _____. Why is the judgment a good thing in this chapter? _____