

"A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP"
Jeremiah 11:1 - 12:17; *26:1-24; *35:1-19

1. What was meaningful to you from the lesson last week?

***Jeremiah was not written in chronological order according to the kings in power. Therefore, the chapters remaining in the study of Jeremiah are grouped so that we might see the total message of Jeremiah to each king.**

DAY 1 - READ 2 Chronicles 35:20-36:5

(See also 2 Kings 23:28-37 for additional information)

2. When Neco, king of Egypt, came to make war at Carchemish, what was his message to king Josiah?
3. What happened to king Josiah?
- 4.a. The people chose _____, but what did the king of Egypt do?
- b. The king of Egypt chose _____, and changed his name to what?
5. How was the new king's reign characterized in God's sight?

DAY 2 - READ Jeremiah 11:1-23

These were turbulent times as leadership changed from Josiah to Jehoahaz to Jehoiakim. God was warning the people, yet encouraging Jeremiah.

- 6.a. Through Jeremiah, God reminded the people they had broken the covenant. Review some of the consequences of disobedience foretold in Deuteronomy 28:58-68. List several.

- b. According to Jeremiah 11:7-8 what did God do?
- 7.a. Who had broken the covenant?
 - b. To whom would they cry?
- 8.a. What name did the Lord call His people?
 - b. What would He do?
 - c. What did Jesus say about branches in John 15:6?
- 9.a. Jeremiah was from the town of Anathoth (1:1). What threat did the men of that town make to Jeremiah in this chapter?
 - b. What did God say He would do?
10. What did Jesus say in John 4:44?

DAY 3 - READ Jeremiah 12:1-17

- 11.a. What three questions did Jeremiah have for God?
 - b. Have you ever asked these questions of God? What do you feel is His answer?
 - c. What do you learn in Psalm 73?
12. What do you think Jeremiah 12:5 means?
13. The nation had become contemptible to God (vs.8) and would be given into the hands of her enemies as God's instrument of judgment. From 12:14-17,

are these statements true or false?

- a. _____ the wicked neighbors will themselves be uprooted from their land
- b. _____ Judah will be restored to her inheritance
- c. _____ God welcomes all nations that will swear allegiance to Him

DAY 4 - READ *Jeremiah 26:1-24

14.a. Jehoiakim was king and Jeremiah had a message in the temple courtyard. In vs. 3 for what did God continue to hope?

b. To whom had the people refused to listen?

15. What was the reaction of the people, priests and prophets to Jeremiah's message?

16.a. The princes (officials) came to investigate the disturbance. What was Jeremiah's message to them?

. . . concern for himself?

b. When they heard the message, what was their reply?

c. Compare vs. 8 and vs. 16. Who had changed their minds about Jeremiah?

17. Of what historical incident did the elders of the land remind the people?

18. The prophet Uriah had also prophesied against King Jehoiakim. How did he react to the threat of death and what was his fate?

19.a. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, name other people who faced an angry crowd.

b. Share what your feelings might have been in Jeremiah's place.

20.a. Who supported Jeremiah so he was not put to death?

b. Review: Who was Shaphan (2 Kings 22:3-10)?

DAY 5 - READ *Jeremiah 35:1-19

Tucked into the events during the reign of Jehoiakim is the story of the Rechabites. As we will learn in next week's lesson, Nebuchadnezzar began a 20-year siege of Jerusalem during Jehoiakim's reign; hence, the reference to Nebuchadnezzar.

21.a. What was Jeremiah instructed to do?

b. What was the Rechabites reply?

c. What are some ways you can stay strong to your convictions when temptation presents itself?

22. Why were the Rechabites living in Jerusalem instead of maintaining a nomadic lifestyle?

23. How were the Rechabites an example for the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem?

24.a. What judgment was pronounced on Judah?

b. What blessing was promised to the Rechabites?

25. God rewards faithfulness. What do you learn in the following Scriptures?

a. Psalm 31:23-24

b. Matthew 25:23

c. Revelation 2:10

26. Recall 2 Timothy 3:16. What do you learn about Jeremiah the man in this lesson?