

The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will rise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

"WRITING AND WARNING"

Jeremiah *25:1-38; *36:1-32; *22:1-23:40

*** Arranged according to Jeremiah's message to each king.**

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

DAY 1 - READ *Jeremiah 25:1-38

- 2.a. How long had Jeremiah been speaking to the people?
- b. What characteristic does this show in God and Jeremiah?
3. The people had been warned--captivity was imminent. How long would they serve the king of Babylon?
4. What would happen to Babylon and the Chaldeans at the end of that time?
5. From vs. 26, which nations would be made to drink the wine of the wrath of God?
- 6.a. What characteristic of God do you see in vs. 30-38?
- b. What do the following Scriptures tell you?
Deuteronomy 32:35-36

Hebrews 10:30-31

DAY 2 - READ *Jeremiah 36:1-19

- 7.a. What was Jeremiah instructed to do?
- b. Why?
8. When Jeremiah's "secretary" _____ completed the task, what did Jeremiah instruct him to do?
9. Micaiah heard the reading to the people and reported it. What did the officials do?
10. Vs. 16 says, "They turned to one another in fear." Of what do you think they were afraid?
- 11.a. What did the officials want to know?
- b. . . . want Baruch to do?

DAY 3 - READ *Jeremiah 36:20-32

- 12.a. When the scroll was read to king Jehoiakim, what did he do?
- b. What does his attitude reveal to you?
- c. How are the king and his servants described?
- d. Read Proverbs 1:7. How does God describe those that "despise wisdom and instruction"?
13. What order did the king give in vs. 26?
14. What instruction did the Lord give Jeremiah?
15. What judgment was made against king Jehoiakim?

DAY 3 (Continued) - READ *Jeremiah 36:20-32

16. Nebuchadnezzar began a 20-year siege of Jerusalem during the reign of king Jehoiakim. The prophesied captivity took place in several stages of deportation. The first deportation took place approximately 606-605 B.C.
- Who was included in it from the following Scriptures?
2 Chronicles 36:5-7
Daniel 1:1-7
 - Jehoiakim had been placed on the throne by Pharaoh Neco of Egypt. From 2 Kings 24:7, why didn't he come to Jehoiakim's aid?
 - According to 2 Kings 24:8, who succeeded Jehoiakim?

DAY 4 - READ *Jeremiah 22:1-30

Chapter 22 has a warning Jeremiah gave to Jehoahaz (reigned 3 months and taken to Egypt), Jehoiakim (reigned 11 years and deported to Babylon), and Jehoiachin (reigned 3 months and deported to Babylon).

17. Jehoahaz (also known as Shallum) was warned to "do what is just and right" (vs.3). He did not and what was to be his fate in Egypt from vs. 10-12?
- 18.a. Jehoiakim's reign was characterized by what lifestyle in vs. 13-17?
- b. How would he be dishonored in death?
19. Jehoiachin (also known as Jeconiah/Coniah) reigned only three months, but Jeremiah had a message for him too. In vs. 24-30 what was foretold of his future?

DAY 5 - READ *Jeremiah 23:1-40

- 20.a. Jeremiah also had a message for the priests (shepherds) and false prophets. What did God say the shepherds had done in vs. 2?
- b. The scattered sheep were given what promise?
- 21.a. How did God describe the promised Messiah in vs. 5-6?
- b. Who is the fulfillment of this prophecy? Luke 1:30-33.
22. "Then they will live _____." (vs.8)
23. In vs. 11 what charge did God make against both prophet and priest?
24. The Lord told the people not to listen to the false prophets (vs. 16). Why, according to vs. 21?
- 25.a. God's Word has power (vs. 29) and should be declared faithfully. Write Hebrews 4:12.
- b. Share an example of how you have seen the power of God's Word in action.
- c. What do you think is the most important way to discern if God's Word is being declared faithfully?
- 26.a. The chapter concludes with a denunciation of what phrase in vs. 36 used by the false prophets?
- b. What would be the consequence if they continued to use it?

27. Recall 2 Timothy 3:16. What have you learned in this lesson about God's Word?