

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

"BAD NEWS -- GOOD NEWS"
Jeremiah 27:1 - 31:40

1. What was significant to you in the lesson last week?

DAY 1 - READ Jeremiah 27:1-22

- 2.a. What was Jeremiah to make for himself?
 - b. Whom was Jeremiah to gather to hear God's message?
- 3.a. How do you see God's sovereignty in vs. 5?
 - b. How do you think this applies to the nations of the world today?
- c. God is concerned about nations as well as individuals. What do you learn in the following Scriptures?
Joel 3:11-12

Matthew 25:31-33

4. What did God call Nebuchadnezzar?
- 5.a. What assurance was given in vs. 11 if the nations took the yoke?
 - b. To whom was this same message repeated?
- 6.a. What were the false prophets saying to the people in vs. 16?
 - b. What did God say concerning those vessels left in the temple when king Jehoiachin (Jeconiah) went into exile?

7.a. How do you think Jeremiah felt wearing a wooden yoke on his neck?

- b. Has the Lord asked you to do something difficult? How did you react? Please share.

DAY 2 - READ Jeremiah 28:1-17

8. What was Hananiah's (false) prophecy?
9. What was Jeremiah's challenge according to vs. 9?
- 10.a. Hananiah broke the yoke from Jeremiah's neck to symbolize what?
 - b. A wooden yoke would be replaced by _____.
- 11.a. What was the judgment against Hananiah because of his false prophecy?
 - b. How do we know Jeremiah was a true prophet?

DAY 3 - READ Jeremiah 29:1-32

- 12.a. In Jeremiah's letter to the exiles, what were God's instructions in vs. 5-7?
 - b. In our mobile society, how would these instructions be applicable today?
- 13.a. Warned not to listen to false prophets, when would God bring them back?
 - b. Write Jeremiah 29:11.

DAY 3 (Continued) Jeremiah 29:1-32

14.a. God had a plan. What was it for those in exile (vs. 14)?
 b. . . . for those still in Jerusalem (vs. 17-18)?

15. What was the fate of these false prophets and why . . .
 a. Ahab and Zedekiah?
 b. Shemaiah the Nehelamite?

DAY 4 - READ Jeremiah 30:1-24

*NOTE: Prophecy concerning Israel's restoration to the land has several interpretations as to when this did/or will be fulfilled. They are:

1. Fulfilled when Israel returned after the Babylonian exile.
2. Yet to be fulfilled, perhaps in our generation.
3. Fulfillment is spiritual rather than political or geographical.

16. What picture of man is given to show the time of Jacob's distress?

17. When saved, whom would Jacob serve?

18. In vs. 11 God said, "I will chasten you justly." Read Hebrews 12:5-13.
 a. Whom does the Lord chastise?
 b. Why are they chastised?

19. Why were they to be punished according to Jeremiah 30:12-15?

20. The prophet envisages a fivefold restoration. Which phrase do you think describes the restoration of
 a. health?
 b. the land?
 c. prosperity?
 d. an ideal king?
 e. God's fellowship?

21. When would they understand the actions of God?

DAY 5 - READ Jeremiah 31:1-40

22. "At that time, declared the Lord, I will be _____."

23. What kind of love did the Lord have?

24. From vs. 7-20 are these statements true or false?
 a. _____ God will gather His people back to the land.
 b. _____ He will watch over His flock like a shepherd.
 c. _____ Don't weep. There is hope for the future.
 d. _____ God is compassionate.

25.a. What new thing would God create on earth?
 b. How do you think that verse could apply to the church?

26. Vs. 27-37 describe a new covenant. These verses point to Christ as verified by the writer of Hebrews in Hebrews 8:8-12. Read the two passages.
 a. Who is making the new covenant?
 b. With whom?
 c. Where would the new covenant be written?

27. A promise of forgiveness (vs. 34) and a pledge to Israel. Under what circumstances would the offspring of Israel cease?
28. Recall 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What have you learned in this lesson that reaffirms "God has a plan"?