

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 159--Jeremiah 34:1-36:32

Introduction: This sections begins a new division in Jeremiah's prophecy. Chapters 34-45 discuss the life of Jeremiah in view of the conquest and destruction of Jerusalem.

Lesson aim: To reveal the resistance of Judah's leaders and people to the warnings of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah's warning to Zedekiah--Jeremiah 34:1-22

1. When did the revelation of this chapter come to Jeremiah? (v. 1) What did Jeremiah say would happen to the city of Jerusalem? (v. 2) To Zedekiah? (v. 3-5)
2. What covenant did Zedekiah make with the people of Judah concerning the slaves? (v. 8-9) How did the people respond to Zedekiah's covenant? (v. 10-11)
3. What instructions had God given in the Law about the freeing of Hebrew slaves? (v. 12-14) What had Judah done in rejecting this law? (v. 15-16) What did God say He would do the people because of their unfaithfulness to the covenant they had made? (v. 17-22)

The example of the Rechabites--Jeremiah 35:1-19

1. In the days of what king was the revelation of this chapter given? (v. 1) What did God command Jeremiah to do to the Rechabites? (v. 2)
2. How did the Rechabites respond to Jeremiah's offer? (v. 3-6) Why did they act this way? (v. 6-11)
3. Jeremiah was to use the example of the Rechabites to illustrate what? (v. 12-14) How

had Judah responded to the words of God spoken through His prophets? (v. 15-16)

4. What did God say He would bring upon those who had not listened to Him? (v. 17)
5. What promise did God make to the Rechabites? (v. 18-19)

Jeremiah's scroll is read in the temple-- Jeremiah 36:1-32

1. What did God instruct Jeremiah to do? (v. 1-2) Why? (v. 3)
2. Who did Jeremiah have to write down his prophecies? (v. 4) What did Jeremiah have Baruch do after writing the prophecies down? (v. 5-8)
3. Before what other group was Baruch allowed to read these words? (v. 11-19) What was their response?
4. What did Jehoiakim do when he heard the reading of the scroll? (v. 20-26) What orders did he give concerning Jeremiah and Baruch?
5. What order did God give to Jeremiah afterward? (v. 27-32) What did God say would happen to Jehoiakim?