

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 160--Jeremiah 37:1-39:18; 52:1-34

Introduction: These chapters describe how Jeremiah was treated during the period of the siege of the city. Jeremiah suffered a great deal for his prophet work; yet in the end, his life was saved because he continued to trust in the Lord.

Lesson aim: To see the fulfillment of all that God had said concerning the destruction of the city.

Jeremiah is put into prison--Jeremiah 37:1-21

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1. How does the writer describe the leadership of Zedekiah? (v. 1-2) Yet what did Zedekiah ask of Jeremiah? (v. 3-5)
2. What message did the Lord reveal to Jeremiah concerning the city? (v. 7-10)
3. What cause Jeremiah to leave the city of Jerusalem? (v. 11-12) What did Irijah accuse him of doing? (v. 13-14) How was Jeremiah treated because of this? (v. 14-16)
4. What did Zedekiah ask Jeremiah? (v. 17) How did Jeremiah answer? (v. 17-19) What request did Jeremiah make of Zedekiah? (v. 20) How did the king respond? (v. 21)

Jeremiah is cast into a muddy cistern-- Jeremiah 38:1-28

1. What was Jeremiah's constant message to the people during the siege of the city? (v. 1-3) What was the reaction of the city officials to Jeremiah's preaching? (v. 4-6)
2. Who intervened to save Jeremiah's life? (v. 7-9) What did the king command to be done? (v. 10-13)

3. What did King Zedekiah ask of Jeremiah? (v. 14-16) What promise did Jeremiah make to the king? (v. 17-18)
4. Why was Zedekiah unwilling to do this? (v. 19) What warning did Jeremiah give Zedekiah if he did not listen to God's word? (v. 20-23) What did Zedekiah ask Jeremiah to do? (v. 24-28)

Jerusalem's capture and Jeremiah's deliverance--Jeremiah 39:1-18

1. How long did it take for the Chaldeans to break into the city wall? (v. 1-2)
2. Describe the fate of Zedekiah (v. 4-8). The people (v. 9-10). Jeremiah (v. 11-14).
3. What revelation was made to Ebed-melech? (v. 15-18) Why was this promise made to him?

A closer look at the siege and capture of Jerusalem--Jeremiah 52:1-34

1. Name some of the temple furnishings that were taken to Babylon (v. 17-23)
2. What happened to those men who had taken the lead to resisting the Babylonians? (v. 24-27)
3. How many were taken into captivity? (v. 28-30)
4. Describe Jehoiachin's changed conditions (v. 31-34)