

WEEK 3: JEREMIAH

DAY 1: GOD CALLED JEREMIAH AND SHOWED HIM THAT JUDAH WOULD BE PUNISHED

1. Last week we studied the book of Isaiah. He had mountain top prophecies. He saw the coming of Christ as Saviour and as King.

What was the third prophecy about Christ which Isaiah gave? _____

What will nations, people, and animals enjoy at that time? _____

What people will be a light to the other nations at that time? _____

2. Isaiah prophesied that Christ would set up his kingdom on earth. At that time nations, people, and animals will enjoy peace. The people of Israel will be a light to other nations.

This week, we shall study the book of Jeremiah. Remember that if you know the name of the book, you know the name of the prophet who wrote it. This is what we will learn today:

- (1) Before Jeremiah was born God planned for him to be a prophet.
- (2) When God called Jeremiah, he showed him an almond branch. This meant that God would soon fulfil his word.
- (3) God also showed him a boiling pot facing north. This meant that Babylon would come and punish Judah.

Take your Bible now and read Jeremiah 1:5-8. What prophet wrote this second book of prophecy?

3. This book was written by Jeremiah. Before Jeremiah was born, God had a plan for him. He chose the work which he wanted Jeremiah to do. God knows those who will choose to follow him. He has a plan for each one. Do you sometimes think of God's plan for your life? It is important that you know God's plan for you. He will show you his plan as you ask him.

Jeremiah 1:5:

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you (or set you apart); I appointed (or sent) you a prophet to the nations.

From this verse, what was God's plan for Jeremiah? _____

4. He wanted Jeremiah to be a prophet. The father of Jeremiah was a priest. Therefore Jeremiah was a priest. But he was also chosen to be a prophet. He was chosen before he was born. He was told to say that the enemies would take Judah. They would destroy the city of Jerusalem. At first Jeremiah was afraid to speak.

Jeremiah 1:9:

Then the Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth."

Who planned for Jeremiah before he was born that he would be a prophet?

5. It was God who did this. He called Jeremiah. He gave him his words. He told him not to be afraid. Jeremiah was able to speak with power because he was not speaking his own words. When God called Jeremiah he showed him two things. Then God gave him the meaning of each thing.



The almond branch meant that God would soon fulfil his word. The boiling pot meant that enemies from the north would punish Judah.

What was God's plan for Jeremiah before he was born? _____

6. God's plan was that Jeremiah should be a prophet. When he called him, he first showed him an almond branch.

Jeremiah 1:11-12:

And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see a rod (or branch) of almond." Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it."

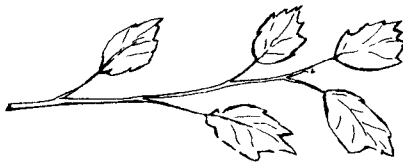
In the land of Israel there are many almond trees. The little flowers come out very early on these trees. When people see the flowers, they know that the rainy season is near. We have trees here in Nigeria which tell us the same thing. God gave Jeremiah the sign of the almond branch. He wanted him to know that the time was near. God would soon judge his people.

Are you sometimes tempted to think that God is slow in fulfilling his word?

7. Sometimes we are tempted to think this. But God is faithful. Though he takes time, he does not forget. When God showed Jeremiah the almond branch, he was almost ready to work. When Jeremiah saw the branch, perhaps he thought of Aaron's almond branch. This branch got leaves and fruit very quickly.

God told Jeremiah that he would soon do something. What would God soon fulfil?

8. God would soon fulfil his word. He would soon keep his promises to Israel. The almond branch showed this.



God had told Israel that if they did not repent, he would punish them. Now he was almost ready to fulfil his word. He needed someone to tell the people this.

What was God's plan for Jeremiah before he was born? _____

9. God's plan was that Jeremiah should be a prophet. God called him. He gave him his word. He showed him an almond branch and a boiling pot facing away from the north.

From the almond branch, what did Jeremiah know God would soon do?

10. Jeremiah knew that God would soon fulfil his word. He saw this from the almond branch. As Jeremiah went from his home to Jerusalem, he saw many almond trees. When he saw them, he remembered that God would soon fulfil his word.

Then God showed Jeremiah a boiling pot facing away from the north. God said that a strong and evil nation would come from the north. This nation would take the people of Judah and destroy Jerusalem. God said Jeremiah must tell the people this, even though they did not like it.



If you get boiling water on you, what does it do? _____

11. Boiling water from a pot will burn you. It will harm you if it falls on you. God said that the boiling pot was like the enemy which would soon come to punish Judah.

Jeremiah 1:13-14:

The word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north."

Then the Lord said to me, "Out of the north evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants (or people) of the land."

Look carefully at this verse. Why was the pot facing away from the north?

12. It was because evil or the enemy would come from the north. It showed the place from which the enemy of Judah would come. The boiling pot showed how the army of Babylon would soon come. They would be like the mouth of a boiling pot.

What would the armies of Babylon do to the people of Israel? _____

13. They would punish them. The armies of Babylon would defeat Judah. They would take the people. They would destroy the city of Jerusalem. God would keep his word and punish the people of Judah. This is what Jeremiah would have to tell the people.

It is not easy to give a message of judgment. God told Jeremiah that the people would fight against him. But God promised to help Jeremiah and protect him. God said that the people would not overcome Jeremiah.

What did God show Jeremiah to tell him that Babylon would come from the north and punish Judah?

14. He showed him a boiling pot facing away from the north. It showed the people of Babylon. The people of Judah had become very wicked. They were no longer worshipping God. Instead they were worshipping idols.

What did the boiling pot facing away from the north show Jeremiah?

15. It showed that Babylon would come and punish Judah. It showed that the enemy would come from the north. They would take the people of Judah. And they would destroy Jerusalem. The people of Judah needed to hear this.

What was God's plan for Jeremiah before he was born? _____

16. God's plan for Jeremiah was that he should be a prophet. God called him and showed him an almond branch and a boiling pot.

What did the almond branch show Jeremiah? _____

What did the boiling pot facing away from the north show Jeremiah?

17. The almond branch showed that God would soon fulfil his word. The boiling pot showed that Babylon would come and punish Judah. God said Jeremiah would have to tell the people these things. We too must tell people of the judgments of God. Sometimes this is not easy, but God will help us. Jesus gave us the promise that he is always with us. We must teach people that God loves them. They need to know this. But we must not be afraid to preach against sin. We must warn people that there is punishment for sin.

Jeremiah did what God told him to do even though it was hard. If Jeremiah had not obeyed God's voice, he would have spoiled his own life. And the people would not have heard God's message.

When did you last preach a message explaining God's punishment for sin?

18. What was God's plan for Jeremiah before he was born? _____

When God called Jeremiah, he showed him an almond branch and a boiling pot. What did the branch mean?

What did the boiling pot facing away from the north mean? _____

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DAY 2: JUDAH WOULD BE TAKEN AND JERUSALEM DESTROYED

1. Yesterday we began to learn about Jeremiah. We saw how he was called.

What was God's plan for Jeremiah before he was born? _____

When God called Jeremiah, he showed him an almond branch and a boiling pot. What did the branch mean?

What did the boiling pot facing away from the north mean? _____

2. God planned that Jeremiah would be a prophet. He showed him an almond branch to show that he would soon fulfil his word. He showed him a boiling pot to show that Babylon would soon punish Judah.

Jeremiah had a very sad message to give. He had much sorrow and suffering in his work. Today we will learn that he is often called the crying prophet. We will learn that his message had two parts.

- (1) The people of Judah will be taken to Babylon.
- (2) The city of Jerusalem will be destroyed.

Take your Bible now and read Jeremiah 15:10-13.

3. This prophet had much sorrow in his life. He is often called the crying prophet. He had a sad message to give. His own people refused him. They laughed at him. The people of his town wanted to kill him. Sometimes he felt that it would have been better if he had not been born. It seemed that his work was useless. He begged people to listen and repent, but they refused. He went to the leaders, thinking that they would listen. But they also refused. When he gave God's message, they were angry.

Who is often called the crying prophet? _____

4. This is the prophet Jeremiah. God gave him the message that Judah would be taken and Jerusalem destroyed. Jeremiah prayed and preached. He wanted to save Jerusalem from destruction by Babylon. But he failed because the people would not repent. His heart was broken.

What did Jeremiah often do because the people would not repent? _____

5. Jeremiah often cried. The people and the leaders would not repent. Jeremiah told the leaders that they were shepherds who killed the sheep. The people gladly worshipped idols. They did their sins more and more openly. Jeremiah began to lose hope that Judah would repent. He saw that Jerusalem would not be saved. He saw that the people did not want to repent. He cried for them.

What kind of prophet is Jeremiah often called? _____

6. Jeremiah is often called the crying prophet. The people said he was a prophet of evil. This was because he preached against what they were doing. But he was trying to get them to repent. He always warned them of two things.

- (1) The people of Judah will be taken to Babylon.
- (2) The city of Jerusalem will be destroyed.

Where did Jeremiah get the message that Judah would be taken to Babylon and Jerusalem would be destroyed?

7. This message came from God. Jeremiah was his prophet. Jeremiah did not know these things by himself. He gave the people God's words.

Then God told Jeremiah that Judah would be bound for 70 years. Most of the people who went to Babylon would grow old and die there. Probably only their children would return to the land of Judah. No one wanted to hear this punishment. They did not want to know how long it would last.

Jeremiah 25:11:

This whole land shall be come a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

What enemy would take the people of Judah? _____

8. Babylon would do this. While Jeremiah preached, Babylon became strong. God told Jeremiah the name of the king who would take Judah. He was already ruling in Babylon, so Jeremiah knew the time was very near.

Jeremiah 27:6-7:

Now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, my servant, and I have given him also the beasts of the field to serve him. All the nations shall serve him and his son and his grandson.

What did Jeremiah prophesy Babylon would do to the people of Judah?

9. The people of Babylon would take away the people of Judah. They would carry them off to Babylon. The message of Jeremiah had two parts.

(1) The people of Judah will be taken to Babylon.

(2) The city of Jerusalem will be destroyed.

Jeremiah tried to get the people to agree with God's punishment. He tried to get them to give themselves to Babylon. The people thought Jeremiah loved Babylon instead of Judah. Jeremiah had a very sad message.

What is Jeremiah often called? _____

10. He is often called the crying prophet. He had a sad message to give. He told the message to the people, even though they did not like it. He told the people that Jerusalem would be destroyed. Jeremiah was sad about this too. Jerusalem was the beautiful city of Israel. In it was the temple which Solomon had built. But all of this would be destroyed.

The second part of Jeremiah's message was that the city of Jerusalem would be destroyed. What was the first part?

11. The first part was that the people would be taken to Babylon. They would be taken because of their sins. They would be taken because they worshipped idols. They would be taken because they would not repent and obey God.

What would happen to their city, Jerusalem? _____

12. Jerusalem would be destroyed. The beautiful temple would be destroyed. One day Jeremiah preached beside the temple. There were many people there. They were pretending to worship God. Jeremiah stood and gave the message that Jerusalem would be destroyed. He said that the people would be taken to Babylon. The people became very angry. The priests and false prophets tried to get the rulers to kill Jeremiah. But God saved him.

Why would the people be taken to Babylon and the city of Jerusalem destroyed?

13. It was because of the sins of the people. It was because they worshipped idols and would not repent. It was because they would not obey God.

Jeremiah first prophesied that the people would be taken to Babylon. What was the second part of his message?

14. The second part was that Jerusalem would be destroyed. But the people of Judah did not listen to Jeremiah. They did not repent. So it happened just as Jeremiah had said. The armies of Babylon came. Many people were killed. Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed.

Jeremiah wrote another book after all this happened. It is called the book of Lamentations. It is a short book which shows how sad Jeremiah was. This is what he wrote in the book.

Lamentations 1:1 and 16:

How lonely sits the city that was full of people!

“For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears; for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage; my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.”

What is Jeremiah often called? _____

15. Jeremiah is often called the crying prophet. He had a very sad message to give.

What was Jeremiah’s sad message for Judah?

(1) _____

(2) _____

16. Jeremiah said: The people of Judah will be taken to Babylon. And the city of Jerusalem will be destroyed. I think you understand now what kind of work Jeremiah had. It was not a happy work. He did not see many people repent. The important thing is that Jeremiah had a message from God for the people. He was faithful in giving them the message. He loved his people. He cried for them. He tried to get them to repent and obey God.

Do you ever cry when you pray for the needs of your people? _____

17. We will talk about this in class.

What is Jeremiah often called? _____

What was Jeremiah’s sad message for Judah?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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DAY 3: JEREMIAH PROPHESED WITH A CLOTH AND A CLAY POT

1. Yesterday we learned what message Jeremiah gave to the people. Today we will learn how he gave his message.

What is Jeremiah often called? _____

What was Jeremiah's sad message for Judah?

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. Jeremiah is often called the crying prophet. His sad message was that the people would be taken to Babylon and Jerusalem would be destroyed. God has many ways to give his messages. Sometimes he gives words only. But sometimes he gives people things to look at as well. This helps them to remember his words.

Today we will study two things which God told Jeremiah to use in giving prophecies. Tomorrow we will study two more.

(1) A spoiled cloth showed that God would spoil Judah.

(2) A potter and clay showed that God would remake Judah.

Take your Bible now and read Jeremiah 13:1-7.

3. God wanted people to understand well what he was saying. He often told the prophets to do something to help people understand. This time he told Jeremiah to buy a special cloth. It was a cloth to wear around the body like a belt. God told Jeremiah to buy a very expensive cloth. Then he should wear it.

Jeremiah 13:11:

For as the waistcloth clings to the loins of a man, so I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to me, says the Lord, that they might be for me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory, but they would not listen.

What people was the cloth to be like? _____

4. It was to be like the people of Israel and Judah. God wanted to teach them a lesson. He told Jeremiah what to do. Jeremiah bought the cloth. He wore it around his body. Then God told him to bury the cloth near the Euphrates River. After a while God told him to go and get it.

Jeremiah 13:7:

Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the waistcloth from the place where I had hidden it. And behold, the waistcloth was spoiled, it was good for nothing.

From this verse, what had happened to the cloth that was like the people of Judah?

5. It was spoiled. This made Jeremiah sad. Then God told Jeremiah that Judah would be spoiled in this way. They would be good for nothing. God had wanted Israel and Judah to bring praise to his name. Instead, they refused to obey him. They followed other gods.

What did Jeremiah use to show that Judah would be spoiled?

6. Jeremiah used a cloth to show this. The people of Judah and Israel were God's chosen people. He wanted to teach other people through them. But they failed to obey.

This says something important to us. As Christians we too are God's chosen people. God wants to teach other people through us. As leaders we must be very careful. We can become useless to God if we do not obey him. Paul wrote in the New Testament that he carefully ruled his body so that he would not become useless to God.

1 Corinthians 9:27:

I pommel (or beat or rule) my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others, I myself should be disqualified (or spoiled or useless).

What did Jeremiah's spoiled cloth show?

7. The spoiled cloth showed that the people of Judah would be spoiled. They would be useless. Then God showed Jeremiah something else.

One day God told Jeremiah to go to the house of a potter to watch the potter make pots. Jeremiah stood watching the man. The clay pot which the potter was making did not turn out well.

Jeremiah 18:4:

And the vessel (or pot) he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

What did the potter do when the pot did not turn out well? _____

8. The potter remade the pot. Some of our Nigerian women make beautiful pots. We also have a pottery house at Abuja in Nigeria. Many people go there to watch the potters make pots, cups, dishes and other things. Sometimes as we watch, the potter stops suddenly. He reworks the clay, putting it back into a lump. Then he starts over again. The pot he was making became spoiled. So he remade it.

This message which God was giving Jeremiah gave hope. The prophecy of the cloth only said that the people of Judah would be spoiled. But the message of the potter and the clay said that they would be remade.

Who was the potter who made the people of Judah and could remake them when they were spoiled? _____

9. Only God could do this. The potter does not throw away the clay if the pot is spoiled. He remakes it into another pot that is good. God told Jeremiah that the people were like clay in his hands. God was like the potter. He could do with this people just as he wanted to.

What people would God remake? _____

10. This would be the people of Judah or Israel. Both names are right. God said that the potter can do as he likes with the clay. If the pot does not turn out well, the potter remakes it. God said he would judge Judah for her sin. He would send her to Babylon.

Then what would God do to the people of Judah? _____

11. He would remake them. God wanted Judah to know that he had power over them. They had become spoiled by sin. He would judge their sin and punish them. After the punishment, he would remake them. He would make them into the kind of nation that would follow him. Through the prophecy of the potter and the clay, God showed that he would remake Judah.

What did he show through the prophecy of the spoiled cloth? _____

12. The spoiled cloth showed that the people of Judah would be spoiled. This is what God said through Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 18:6:

O house of Israel (or Judah), can I not do with you as this potter has done? says the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

What did Jeremiah prophesy through the potter and the clay? _____

13. The prophecy of the potter and the clay showed that God would remake Judah. Through the spoiled cloth God said that Judah would be spoiled. They would be taken to Babylon. Jerusalem would be destroyed. Most of the people would die in Babylon.

But the prophecy of the potter and the clay showed that God would remake Judah. After 70 years, the nation of Judah or Israel would be able to return to their own land. God would remake them. Then he would be able to use them again.

What prophet used cloth and potter's clay to show that Israel would be spoiled and remade?

14. This was the prophet Jeremiah. He is often called the crying prophet. He often cried over his people. He cried because his message was sad. But his message had some hope for the future in it.

What did Jeremiah prophesy through the potter and the clay? _____

15. He prophesied that God would remake Israel. From the prophet Isaiah we know that God would do this by sending Jesus.

The people did not listen well to Jeremiah. God told Jeremiah to use things for people to see when he preached. We have seen that he used a spoiled cloth and a lump of clay. Tomorrow we will see that he used baskets of figs and big stones. Sometimes our people have trouble listening and understanding. We can sometimes help them by showing them something which they can see.

Do you ever use things for people to see when you preach? _____

Do you think it would help your people to listen if you used cloth and clay to preach about Jeremiah?

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16. We will talk about this in class.

What did Jeremiah prophesy through a spoiled cloth? _____

What did Jeremiah prophesy through the potter and the clay? _____

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DAY 4: GOD WOULD GIVE A NEW AGREEMENT TO ISRAEL

1. Yesterday we learned two of Jeremiah's prophecies. We saw the things he used so people would understand.

About what did Jeremiah prophesy through the spoiled cloth? _____

What did Jeremiah prophesy through the potter and the clay? _____

2. Today we will learn three more prophecies which Jeremiah gave.

- (1) God would give a new agreement to the people who went to Babylon. This was shown by a basket of good figs.
- (2) God would destroy the people who stayed in Jerusalem. This was shown by a basket of bad figs.
- (3) God would destroy the people who ran away to Egypt. This was shown by stones buried near the door of the king's house.

Take your Bible now and read Jeremiah 24:1-10. Read verse 5 again. Who were like the good figs?

3. The good figs were like the people who were taken to Babylon. You remember that Jeremiah tried to get the people to accept God's punishment. He tried to get them to go to Babylon. Then he gave prophecies about those who went and those who stayed. We can explain the prophecies in today's lesson like this: Those who fought against God's punishment would be destroyed. Those who accepted God's punishment would be given a new agreement by God. The people who went to Babylon were like a basket of good figs.

Would the good figs and the good people be destroyed? _____

4. God would keep the people who went to Babylon as a man would keep good figs. God showed this to Jeremiah in a vision. This was soon after King Jeconiah and some of the people agreed to go to Babylon. The people who went to Babylon were like good figs. God said that he had sent them to Babylon and they would return with joy.

Jeremiah 31:31-33:

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant (or agreement) with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. . . . this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.

What new thing did God tell Jeremiah he would give the people? _____

5. God would give them a new agreement. God said he was sending them to Babylon to help them. Punishment hurts, but it also helps those being punished. God knows the end from the beginning. He knew those who accepted their punishment and went to Babylon. He knew that some of them would repent and follow him.

Jeremiah 24:7:

I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

To which people would God give a new agreement—was it those in Babylon, those in Jerusalem, or those in Egypt?

6. God said this of the people who were in Babylon. Some of them would return to him with the whole heart. They were like a basket of good figs.

What would God give to those who went to Babylon? _____

7. He would give them a new agreement. But some of the people did not go to Babylon. Some of them stayed in Jerusalem and some ran away to Egypt. God said that these people were like the basket of bad figs. They were fighting against God. They would not agree to his punishment. They tried to take their own way. And God said they would be destroyed.

What had Jeremiah tried to get the people to do? _____

8. Jeremiah tried to get the people to go to Babylon. He tried to get them to agree to God's punishment. Some of the people went. But some of them stayed in Jerusalem. God said that those who stayed in Jerusalem would be punished too. Their punishment would be worse than the punishment of those in Babylon.

Jeremiah 24:9-10:

I will make them a horror (something bad and hated) to all the kingdoms of the earth. . . . And I will send sword, famine, and pestilence (or sickness) upon them, until they shall be utterly destroyed from the land.

In the end, what would happen to those like the bad figs who remained in Jerusalem?

9. They would be destroyed. Fighting against God is a terrible thing. God's punishment for this must also be terrible. There is no hope for someone who keeps on fighting against God. There was no hope for those who stayed in Jerusalem.

What did Jeremiah use as a picture of those who stayed in Jerusalem?

With the basket of good figs, what did Jeremiah say God would give to those who went to Babylon?

10. To the people who went to Babylon, God would give a new agreement. But the people who stayed in Jerusalem were like bad figs. There was no hope for them. They were fighting against God.

With the basket of bad figs, what did Jeremiah say would happen to those who stayed in Jerusalem?

11. He prophesied that they would be destroyed. Many of them were killed when the city of Jerusalem was destroyed. After this, only the poor people were left. Jeremiah told them to stay in Jerusalem, but they would not listen. They ran away to Egypt. They forced Jeremiah to go with them. When they arrived in Egypt, Jeremiah gave them a message from God. He said that they would be destroyed.

Jeremiah 43:8-9:

Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes (in Egypt): "Take in your hands large stones, and hide them in the mortar in the pavement which is at the entrance to Pharaoh's palace in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon, my servant, and he will set his throne above these stones which I have hid.

What would Jeremiah use to show people this prophecy from God? _____

12. Jeremiah would use big stones to give this prophecy. He would bury them near the door of the king's house. The people knew Jeremiah's way of preaching. They knew he had a message for them. They were trying to hide from the king of Babylon. But God told Jeremiah that the king of Babylon would fight against Egypt. He would defeat Egypt. He would set his throne over the stones which Jeremiah buried. Jeremiah was saying that his people could not get away from the king of Babylon.

Who were the hidden stones a picture of? _____

13. They were a picture of the people who ran away to Egypt. Jeremiah told the people in Egypt the same message which he told those in Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he used a basket of bad figs. He showed those who stayed in Jerusalem that they would be destroyed. In Egypt he used stones buried near the door of the king's house to prophesy to the people.

Jeremiah 44:12:

I will take the remnant (or the rest of) Judah who have set their faces to come to the land of Egypt to live, and they shall all be consumed (or destroyed).

What would happen to the people who ran to Egypt after Jerusalem was destroyed?

14. They would be destroyed. These were hard prophecies for Jeremiah to give. He had to say that the people who stayed in Jerusalem would be destroyed. He had to say that those who ran to Egypt would be destroyed. It was only to those who went to Babylon that he gave a good prophecy.

With the basket of good figs what did Jeremiah say God would give the people who went to Babylon?

15. He said he would give them a new agreement. These people had already gone to Babylon, so Jeremiah sent the message to them. He said that God would make a new nation from them. He would give them a new agreement. He would put his laws into their hearts. They would follow God completely. But God did not promise this to those who refused his punishment.

With the basket of bad figs, what did Jeremiah say would happen to those who stayed in Jerusalem?

With the stones buried near the door of the king's house, what did Jeremiah say would happen to those who ran to Egypt?

16. Those who stayed in Jerusalem would be destroyed. Those who ran to Egypt would also be destroyed. The people of Israel and Judah had broken God's laws. God had promised to send Christ to save them, but they broke the old agreement with God. God had to punish them. Would he now throw them away completely? Would he choose Gentiles through whom to send the Saviour? No! God would not throw away all the people of Israel. He would make a new nation out of those who went to Babylon.

With the basket of good figs what did Jeremiah say God would give to the people who went to Babylon?

17. God would give them a new agreement. He would change their hearts so they would obey his laws. From the New Testament we know that God has fulfilled this prophecy through Christ.

Hebrews 8:6:

Christ has obtained a ministry which is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates (or works out) is better, since it is enacted (or made) on better promises.

God promised through Jeremiah that men would be changed. They would want to do what is right. Today we can have this happen in our hearts. Christ will do this for us through the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes the books of the prophets are hard to understand. But when we study them we learn many wonderful things. I hope you have enjoyed studying Jeremiah. Write something from his book which has helped you.

18. With the basket of good figs, what did Jeremiah say God would give to the people who went to Babylon?

With the basket of bad figs, what did Jeremiah say would happen to those who stayed in Jerusalem?

With the stones buried near the door of the king's house, what did Jeremiah say would happen to those who ran away to Egypt?

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DAY 5: REVISION

Already we have learned many things from the prophets. Perhaps you are forgetting the things which we learned in Week 1. Let us take time today to go over what we have learned. Do not look back at the lessons until you have finished answering the questions. Try to answer every one. When you have finished look back at the lessons. If some of your answers are wrong, write the correct answer above yours.

Questions from Week 1.

1. What do we call the two groups of books of the prophets?

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. Write the names of the books of the Big Prophets.

3. What is a prophet? _____

4. When God sent prophets to Israel, what did he want the people to do?

(1) _____ (2) _____

5. Who are somewhat like the prophets today? _____

6. Which two prophets preached during the time Israel was bound in Babylon?

(1) _____ (2) _____

What three prophets preached after Israel returned from Babylon?

(1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____

When did all the other prophets preach? _____

7. Write the four parts of Isaiah's call to special work.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

8. Isaiah preached during the rule of how many kings? _____

9. Who was king when God destroyed the army of Assyria according to the prophecy of Isaiah?

Questions from Week 2.

10. Write two kinds of prophecies which Isaiah gave in his messages.

(1) _____

(2) _____

11. What was the great punishment which Isaiah prophesied for Judah? _____

Why would God destroy Babylon? _____

12. Write the three prophecies of blessing which Isaiah gave about Christ.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

13. Write two signs which Isaiah gave by which people would know Christ.

(1) _____

(2) _____

14. What will all people of the world do to Christ when he is king? _____

15. What will nations, people, and animals enjoy during Christ's kingdom?

What people will be a light to the other nations at this time? _____

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Questions from Week 3.

16. What was God's plan for Jeremiah before he was born? _____

17. When God called Jeremiah, he showed him an almond branch and a boiling pot. What did the branch mean?

What was the meaning of the boiling pot facing away from the north? _____

18. What is Jeremiah often called? _____

19. What was Jeremiah's sad message for Judah?

(1) _____

(2) _____

20. What did Jeremiah prophesy through a spoiled cloth? _____

21. What did Jeremiah prophesy through the potter and the clay? _____

22. With the basket of good figs, what did Jeremiah say God would give to the people who went to Babylon?

23. With the basket of bad figs, what did Jeremiah say would happen to those who stayed in Jerusalem?

24. With the stones buried near the door of the king's house, what did Jeremiah say would happen to those who ran away to Egypt?
