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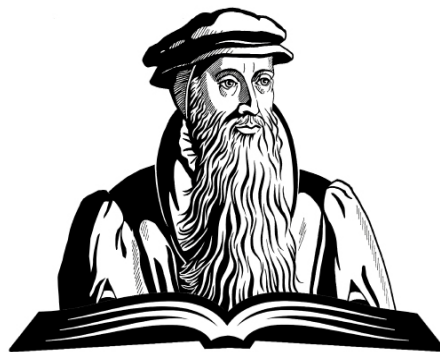
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The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, chapters 20 through 52

Memory Verse

“In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up and to David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.”

—Jeremiah 33:15

The Prophet Jeremiah Opposed

What Jeremiah had feared, and the Lord had forewarned, came true. Jeremiah experienced much opposition, hatred and abuse for his faithful witnessing. In Jeremiah 11:21 we even find the people of his hometown Anathoth conspiring to kill him. Also in Jerusalem, the people reacted to Jeremiah’s message with unbelief and scorn. What? The city and Temple destroyed? God would never allow this! However, in Chapter 7 Jeremiah reminded the people of what happened at Shiloh where long ago, because of their wickedness, the people of Israel suffered a terrible defeat and the Ark of the Lord was captured.

Jeremiah 20

In Jeremiah 20, Jeremiah was addressing the people of Israel in the temple when Pashur, the chief governor of the temple walked up to Jeremiah, struck him, and ordered him to be put in the stocks. When Jeremiah was released, he told Pashur that his name, which means “freedom,” would be changed to Magor Missabib, which meant “fear on every side,” because of the punishment God would send.

Jeremiah 28

Even though everything Jeremiah foretold concerning the kings Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin came true, during the reign of the last king, Zedekiah, there were still many so-called prophets in Jerusalem, who contradicted Jeremiah, and tried to reassure the people that the Lord would save them. They called Jeremiah a traitor and advised Zedekiah to seek help from surrounding nations, and together to rebel against the king of Babylon. In chapter 28, the Lord instructed Jeremiah to make a wooden yoke and carry it on his shoulders to the Temple. There he had to confront the false prophet Hananiah, and warn King Zedekiah not to rebel, but to bear the yoke of the king of Babylon. Rudely, Hananiah snatched the yoke off Jeremiah’s shoulders and broke it in half, proclaiming that the Lord would break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar in the same way. Jeremiah left, but when he came back a little while later, he was wearing an iron yoke. The message was clear, as was the prophecy that Hananiah would die that same year.

Comfort, Faith, and Hope

Many attempts were made upon Jeremiah's life. We read in many places in the book of Jeremiah how discouraged and despondent he was, seeing the people whom he loved hastening to their destruction, and unable to convince them of their folly. In Jeremiah 32, we find King Zedekiah angrily accusing Jeremiah of disheartening the people of Jerusalem with his prophecies. He ordered Jeremiah to be thrown in prison. Then something remarkable happened. Jeremiah's cousin Hanameel visited Jeremiah in prison with a strange request. Would Jeremiah be willing to buy a piece of land from Hanameel? Jeremiah agreed, and the sale was made official. After everyone has left however, Jeremiah thought about what he had done and was suddenly overwhelmed by the seeming futility of his deed. What good would this land do him, when shortly everything will be destroyed?

But then the Lord spoke in the heart of Jeremiah words of comfort and promise. The king of Babylon would not have the last word. The Lord would remember His covenant, gather His people out of all countries where He had driven them, put His fear in their hearts, cleanse them from all iniquities, and raise up a king from the house of David who would rule righteously. How Jeremiah must have clung to these words, when the devastation which he had warned of came upon the city and nation of Judah. In the book of Lamentations, we read of Jeremiah's great sorrow, but through it all, the Lord did not forsake his servant, and Jeremiah never lost his faith and hope. "The Lord is my portion, said my soul, therefore will I hope in him" (Lamentations 3:24). What a blessing if you may have that faith and hope in your heart today. It rests secure on the atoning work of Christ. It will take you safely through this time, and safely into eternity.

Review Questions

1. How was Jeremiah's prophecy in chapter 28 fulfilled? (circle one)

- a. The vessels of the temple were returned
- b. Hananiah died the same year
- c. The king of Babylon was victorious

2. In chapter 21:1-7, why did King Zedekiah sent messengers to Jeremiah (circle one)

- a. To arrest him
- b. To inquire of the Lord for him
- c. To set him free

3. What was Jeremiah's message?
- a. The Lord Himself would fight against King Zedekiah
 - b. The people would die of a great pestilence
 - c. The enemy would kill without pity
 - d. All of the above

4. What did King Zedekiah do when he heard this? (Jeremiah 32:2, 3) _____

5. In Leviticus 25:25, we can read that Jeremiah had to buy his cousin's field to:
- a. Farm it
 - b. Redeem it
 - c. Sacrifice on it

6. What did the Lord tell Jeremiah to do with the two documents? _____

7. Fill in the missing words from Jeremiah 32:15

“For thus says the _____ of _____, the _____ of _____; _____ and _____ and _____ shall be _____ in this _____.”

Discussion Questions

1. In Hebrews 11:1 we read that: “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Why did Jeremiah need strong faith to buy his cousin's field and believe God's promises? _____

2. Notice the difference between Jeremiah 20:13 and Jeremiah 20:14. What does this suggest about the faith of Jeremiah? _____

3. In the book of Lamentations, we witness the same struggle between faith and despair. In Lamentations 3:22, 23, what does Jeremiah say about God's faithfulness?

"_____ is _____."

4. In Lamentations 4:22, Jeremiah sighs: "but thou hast utterly rejected us..." Which other Old Testament saint struggled to understand God's ways? _____.

5. Look up Hebrews 11:6. How does this emphasize the need for you to be born again? _____
