

# What Seest Thou, Jeremiah?

## II. JUDGMENT TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE CHALDEANS AND SALVATION OF THE MESSIAH (ch. 21 – 33).

### A. PREDICTIONS OF JUDGMENT ON JUDAH AND THE NATIONS (ch. 21 – 29).

1. Prophecy of the taking of Jerusalem by Chaldeans (Intro. to ch. 22 – 23). (ch. 21).
  - a. Occasion for the prediction: Zedekiah's request (vs. 1-2).
  - b. Answer: defeat and death! (vs. 3-7).
  - c. To the people: Unconditional surrender the only way of escape! (vs. 8-10).
  - d. To the royal house: Repent or perish! (vs. 11-14).
2. The wicked leaders and the True Shepherd (ch. 22 – 24).
  - a. Rebuke of ungodly kings: Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, and Jeconiah (ch. 22 – 24).

The king is warned against injustice, and the violent oppression of the poor and defenseless (vs. 1-9).

Prophecy concerning Jehoahaz (Shallum) (vs. 10-12; see 2 Kings 23:31-33).

The woe uttered upon Jehoiakim (vs. 13-19).

The ruin about to befall Jerusalem (vs. 20-23).

Prophecy against Jehoiachin (Jeconiah, Coniah) (vs. 24-30).
  - b. The Righteous Branch, the Lord our Righteousness – the gathering again of the flock, scattered by the evil shepherds, by means of the righteous branch from the stock of David (23:1-8).
  - c. Against the false prophets (23:9-40).

Description of their pernicious practices (vs. 9-15).

Warning against their lying prophecies (vs. 16-22).

But God knows, and will punish such prophets (vs. 23-32).

A rebuke of the people's mockery at Jeremiah's predictions (vs. 22-40).
  - d. The two fig baskets – a symbol of the future of Judah's people (ch. 24).

The Good Figs – Those carried into Babylon (vs. 1-7).

The Bad Figs – Zedekiah and the evil generation (vs. 8-10).
3. The judgment on Judah and all the nations (ch. 25).
  - a. The seventy years Chaldean bondage (vs. 1-11).
  - b. The overthrow of the king of Babylon's sovereignty (vs. 12-14).
  - c. The cup of God's fury (vs. 15-29).
  - d. The universality and horror of God's judgment upon the nations (vs. 30-38).
4. Accusation and acquittal of Jeremiah in the matter of his dark prophecies (ch. 26).
  - a. Jeremiah's prophecy that the city and the temple would be destroyed (vs. 1-7).
  - b. Behavior of priests, prophets, princes and people toward Jeremiah on account of his discourse (vs. 8-19).
  - c. The prophet Uriah put to death (vs. 20-24).
5. The yoke of Babylon upon Judah and the neighboring peoples (ch. 27 – 29).

[These belong to the earlier period of Zedekiah's reign.]

  - a. The yoke of Babylon (ch. 27).

Upon the kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, and Sidon (vs. 1-11).

An address to King Zedekiah (vs. 12-15).

A warning to the priests and all the people (vs. 16-22).
  - b. Against the false prophet Hananiah (ch. 28).

Hananiah's prophecy (vs. 1-4).

Jeremiah's reply (vs. 5-11).

The Lord's testimony against Hananiah (vs. 12-17).
  - c. A letter from Jeremiah to the captives of Babylon, with warnings against the false prophets there (ch. 29).

Heading and introduction (vs. 1-3).

Prepare for a long sojourn in Babylon; settle down (vs. 4-7).

Warning against false prophets promising a speedy return (vs. 8-10).

The exile a salutary chastisement (vs. 11-14).

Judgment to fall upon those left in the land (vs. 15-20).

Punishment from God against false prophets (vs. 21-23).

Warning to the false prophet Shemaiah (vs. 24-32).

### B. THE BOOK OF CONSOLATION – DELIVERANCE FOR ALL ISRAEL (ch. 30-33).

1. Israel's deliverance and glorious condition in the future (ch. 30).
  - a. Intro., and statement of the subject (vs. 1-3).
  - b. Israel's deliverance through judgment over the nations (vs. 4-11).
  - c. Israel severely chastised for her sins, enemies now to be punished, and Israel healed (vs. 12-17).

- d. Further explanation of the deliverance promised Zion (**vs.18-22**).
  - e. The wicked shall be destroyed by the fire of God's anger (**vs. 23-24**).
2. The salvation for all the families of Israel (**ch. 31**).
- a. The deliverance for all Israel, and the re-admission of the 10 tribes (**vs. 1-6**).
  - b. The restoration of Israel (**vs. 7-14**).
  - c. Sorrow into joy because Ephraim will return to the Lord, and the Lord will lead him back (**vs. 15-22**).
  - d. The re-establishment and blessing of Judah (**vs. 23-26**).
  - e. The New Covenant (**vs. 31-40**).

**SUMMARY: THE MESSIAH AND HIS KINGDOM (ch. 30-31).**

Deliverance and return of Israel and Judah (**30:3**).

David, the king (**30:9**).

Remnant of Israel and Judah (**31:7**).

Weeping at his birth – comfort (**31:15**).

New Covenant (**31:31-34**).

Holy Jerusalem (**31:35-40**).

3. Purchase of Hanameel's field by Jeremiah – Symbol of Judah's restoration (**ch. 32**).
- a. Time and circumstances of the command (**vs. 1-5**).
  - b. The purchase of the field (**vs. 6-15**).
  - c. The prayer of Jeremiah (**vs. 16-25**).
  - d. The answer of the Lord (**vs. 26-34**).
4. Renewed promise of restoration and glorious condition of the people of God (**ch. 33**).
- a. Introduction of the prophecy (**vs. 1-3**).
  - b. Repair of injuries and renewal of prosperity of Jerusalem and Judah (**vs. 4-13**).
  - c. The re-establishment of the Davidic monarchy and the Levitical priesthood (**vs. 14-18**).
  - d. The confirmations of these promises, which follow the promises (**vs. 19-26**).