

Review of Certain Points Leading up to Captivity

There are several important and specific points that God has been communicating throughout the first 29 chapters of Jeremiah that have lead us to the place of being prepared to enter into captivity in the Lord's purpose. Without the yielded embrace of these things, the people will waste another monumental opportunity to enter into their true destiny as God's habitation (His Zion), and waste 70 years in Babylon bringing forth no eternal fruit. It is these very points that we will review in discussion / prayer classes in the upcoming semester. Our purpose for such an in-depth and "heart" focused review is to cultivate a greater openness to the Lord that He might work in us according to the things we have been reading in Jeremiah. All that we have been reading and studying this first semester in Jeremiah have been things that are meant to be applied in our own lives. These scriptures are only fulfilled in our lives when Christ is formed in us. Much greater than memorizing chapter and verse to pass a written exam, we need to melt before the Lord and allow Him to apply His Cross and bring forth His Son in us. Our true "test" will occur in our everyday life experiences, whether we can: "submit to Nebuchadnezzar in our circumstances"... "embrace our silent years with a teachable heart"... "hear the sound of the Trumpets without self-deceiving"... "embrace God's method to bring forth fruit as dying seeds"... etc. With this in mind, I am going to lay out a skeletal outline of some of the main points we have covered this semester. I will not cover every point we looked at in the first 29 chapters of Jeremiah, only the areas in which I feel led to address for deeper embrace. I will also refer to the charts used throughout the semester. These charts are available on-line at ["christaslife.com"](http://christaslife.com) and can be downloaded to refer if needed. Each of these points will be returned to for group discussion and prayer in the following semester. As we re-look at these specified areas, may our focus move from simply "learning materials" to "preparing our hearts to be with the Lord" as His Cross is applied and His Son is revealed in us. I ask each of you to prayerfully seek God over each point and prepare yourself to share and pray when we gather together each week for our time of sharing our thoughts and praying for each other.

Upcoming Discussion / Prayer Classes for Reviewing Purposes

➤ Chapter 1 “Jeremiah’s Calling”

- Jeremiah was called “In Son” to be a vessel of God’s Eternal Son
- Jeremiah’s calling was “Christ Crucified”, as He would embrace and apply the Cross throughout His ministry
 - CLASS #3&4

➤ Chapters 2-6 “God’s Heart in Jeremiah”

- Jeremiah is full of the heart of Son for His Bride
- God’s heart in Jeremiah is loving her (Judah), and not condemning her. God’s motive is pure love throughout the book of Jeremiah.
 - Classes #5&6

➤ Between Chapters 6 & 7 “Jeremiah’s Silent Years” (Four Charts included)

- Josiah
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Jeremiah
 - Class #17

➤ Chapters 5-20 “The Son’s Rejection as Seen in Jeremiah” (Jeremiah’s Progression Chart)

- Preaching / Crying “Return and Repent” was bringing no fruit.. he must die.
- Discuss the aspects of his rejection in view of:
 - Husband rejected from wife
 - Inhabitant rejected from home
- Look at the points listed on chart and discuss how each is a part of the death of the Son for His Bride, even at her own hands as she is rejecting Him.
 - Class #7-12

➤ *Chapters 7-19 “Her Heart Needs Circumcision” (Heart Chart)*

- The need for a new heart, not a revived old heart
- The glory cannot stay in the old wineskin
 - Classes #13-14

➤ *Chapters 4-29 “The Feasts of Trumpets and Day of Atonement in Jeremiah” (Feast Chart)*

- Discuss the need for the feast of Trumpets to be heard and received in order to enter into Babylon with a heart prepared to be circumcised
- Discuss the Day of Atonement in relationship to the circumcision of the Cross applied in the Babylonian captivity as found in Jeremiah and how that relates to our lives now.
 - Classes # 15&16

➤ *Chapters 18 & 19 “The Potter’s House”*

- Judah’s need is not for brokenness, but the death of the Cross applied
- Judah is completely unusable as a vessel for the Son until she yields to the applied Cross
- Discuss / pray concerning an openness of heart to allow the cross to mortally wound all that once “lived for God” apart from the Son as Life. Discuss how this can become just another dealing or season of brokenness rather than that which God is after.

➤ *Chapters 21 -29 “Exhortations to Embrace Cross in Babylon (2 charts on “Embracing Cross in Babylon”)*

- Discuss / Pray over the six points mentioned on these two charts
 - Classes #18-22