

## Jeremiah – Part 10

### The Destruction of Jerusalem

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a new series of studies on the book of the prophet Jeremiah. Our topic today: The Destruction of Jerusalem

Scripture Theme Song: “For I know the thoughts”  
(Jeremiah 29:11-13)

- 1) Revelation given to the prophet Ezekiel—a contemporary of Jeremiah
  - a) 30 years old when he received his first vision. Ez. 1:1
  - b) Name: “God strengthens” or “Strengthened by God”
  - c) Ezekiel 8 - Revelation of Judah’s apostasy
    - i) Eze. 8:1-6
    - ii) Eze. 8:7-12
    - iii) Eze. 8:13-15
    - iv) Eze. 8:16
    - v) So much truth had been revealed to the children of Israel. How could they fall into such apostasy?
- 2) The reign of King Zedekiah – last king of Judah before its destruction by the Babylonians in 586 BC
  - a) Prayers for a disobedient nation - Jer. 37:1-3
    - i) Do you notice something strange here?  
(Zedekiah is ignoring the word of the LORD through the prophet Jeremiah and yet is asking Jeremiah to pray for him and for their nation)
    - ii) Why doesn’t the king speak directly to Jeremiah?
  - b) Alliance with Egypt - Jeremiah 37:4-10
    - i) Why did Egypt come to their aid? Eze. 17:15-18
    - ii) Why was this alliance with Egypt not blessed by God?
  - c) More troubles for the prophet Jeremiah
    - i) Jer. 37:11-21
    - ii) Jer. 38:1-6
    - iii) What do you think Jeremiah was doing while he sat there in the filthy dungeon? (Acts 16:25?)
  - d) Deliverance through an Ethiopian eunuch
    - i) Jer. 38:7-13
    - ii) God blessed this eunuch for his act of kindness to the prophet. Jer. 39:15-18
    - iii) What lessons can we learn from this incident?
  - e) Jer. 38:14-28
- 3) The Destruction of Jerusalem and the end of Zedekiah’s reign
  - a) Jer 39:1-7 – Zedekiah’s tragic end
  - b) Jer. 39:8-9 – many taken as captives
  - c) Jer. 39:10 – the poor inherit the land
  - d) Jer. 39:11-14, 40:1-5 – Jeremiah allowed to remain.
    - i) Why do you think King Nebuchadnezzar gave specific instructions regarding the care of the prophet Jeremiah after showing no compassion to King Zedekiah?
- 4) A word of hope
  - a) Jeremiah 29:1-14
  - b) What important counsel do you find in Jeremiah’s letter to the exiles?
  - c) Why is this counsel so relevant for us today?