

BIBLE READING FOR 2023

WEEK #40

JEREMIAH 41 - LAMENTATIONS

10-01-23

Monday - Jeremiah 41-46

Wednesday - Jeremiah 50-51

Friday - Lamentations 3-5

Tuesday - Jeremiah 47-49

Thursday - Jeremiah 52 - Lamentations 2

Lamentations is recognized by most scholars to be Jeremiah's expression of deep grief over the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, of which he was an eye witness. He probably wrote this poetic dirge for his nation shortly after it fell in 586 B.C.. Jeremiah acknowledges that what happened to Judah was divine judgment for their sins and prays for forgiveness and mercy from the Lord. He knows that their only hope for the future rests in a right relationship with their God. Even though Jeremiah himself was taken away to Egypt against his will this book was probably intended primarily for the exiles in Babylon.

An outline for Lamentations: 1.) Sorrow of Zion 1
2.) God's anger with Judah 2
3.) Prayer for mercy 3
4.) The siege of Jerusalem 4
5.) Prayer for restoration 5

Questions for Jeremiah 41-52 and Lamentations:

- 1.) Ishmael the son of Nethaniah murdered whom in Jeremiah 41:2?
- 2.) In Jeremiah 42:19 where did the Lord tell the remnant of Judah not to go?
- 3.) As God describes His people Israel as a scattered flock in Jeremiah 50:17, who does he say was the first to devour them and who was the last one to break their bones?
- 4.) Who are the two nations mentioned in Jeremiah 51:11, and which one will be used to destroy the other?
- 5.) What had Jerusalem's prophets done for her in Lamentations 2:14?

Answers to questions for Week #39 – Jeremiah 20-40:

- 1.) Because they forsook the covenant of the Lord their God and bowed down to other gods and served them.
- 2.) A basket of rotten figs.
- 3.) Jeremiah was to write all the words that had been spoken to him in a book.
- 4.) A righteous Branch of David.
- 5.) Because of Pharaoh's army out of Egypt.