

THE GOD WHO TEARS DOWN & BUILDS

JEREMIAH 30-52

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study 1: Jeremiah 30-31

READ JEREMIAH 30-31

1. What colour would you use to describe the overall tone of these chapters? Why?



RE-READ JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The New Testament quotes and alludes to Jeremiah 31:31-34 on multiple occasions. They are great verses for helping in our appreciation of the Lord Jesus. The BIG difference between the old and new covenant is that the new covenant can't be broken by God's people.

2. How does Jesus make that it that the new covenant can't be broken? (See also Hebrews 10:11-18)

3. How does Jesus bring in God's permanent forgiveness? (See also Hebrews 10:11-18)
4. How does Jesus put God's word in our minds and hearts (instead of just having it written on tablets of stone)?
5. How does all of this shape our expectations and confidence when it comes to our willing obedience to our God?

Prayer ideas...

Study prayer point

Give thanks to God for Christ and pray that God would move us so that the desire of our hearts would be to walk gladly and thoroughly in his ways.

Mission prayer point

Please pray for Luke and Tonya Padgett, that the Lord would prepare them for their return to Nepal and Luke's ministry to pastor's there.

study 2: Jeremiah 32-33

READ JEREMIAH 32

1. Why is Jeremiah buying a field such a 'ridiculous' thing for him to do?
2. Why does God get him to do it?
3. What does this teach us about God?
4. How is this characteristic of God seen in Christ Jesus?

*As unlikely as it looked at the time, God promised his people **certain** rescue and restoration. 70 years after being taken into Babylon, God brought his people back.*

*God also holds out to us his promise of **certain** deliverance and salvation.*

READ REVELATION 21:1-5

5. Are there times when this promise of God doesn't feel so certain?

6. What helps you to keep your hope in God at those times?

7. Jeremiah buying land based on the promises of God flew in the face of the imminent destruction of Jerusalem. He must've looked ridiculous to those around him. In what ways might we look silly to those around us as we make decisions based on the certainty of our future eternal life?

Prayer ideas...

Study prayer point

Praise God for his certain promise of salvation and pray that we will all live with our hope in God

Mission prayer point

Please pray for Ross and Shona McGoughran, that they would raise the financial partnership they need to serve the Lord Jesus in Austria.

study 3: Jeremiah 34-39

READ JEREMIAH 37:1-40:6

1. From these chapters, what words would you use to describe:
 - a) King Zedekiah?
 - b) Jeremiah?
 - c) Ebed-Melek the Cushite?
 - d) The Lord God Almighty?

*In these chapters the judgment of God is said to be a certainty (37-38).
And it comes (39). But it's not death and destruction for all.*

2. Why do Jeremiah and Ebed-Melek escape the judgment of God? Why does Zedekiah not escape?

Our God has promised that his judgment will fall one more time, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus when he comes to judge the living and the dead.

READ 2 THESSALONIANS 1:6-10

3. Who will suffer at the hands of God when the Lord Jesus is revealed, and who will be saved?
4. How do these verses make you feel?
5. What do these verses make you want to do?

Prayer ideas...

Study prayer point

Pray for one another to continue as those who believe in Christ, and pray for many more from Dubbo to join us in Christ's kingdom.

Mission prayer point

Pray in praise for the ministry of Ruth and Gilbert Appleby in Cambodia. Pray especially for Gilbert as he prepares three writing projects for the upcoming centenary celebrations.

study 4: Jeremiah 40-52

In chapters 40-44 we're taken alongside those that remained in the land after Babylon's destruction of Jerusalem and we discover that the future of God's people lies with those in exile, not those remaining in the land. This is similar to what we saw when we looked at chapters 24-29.

So in this study we're going to zero in on chapters 45 and following. In these chapters the camera angle goes out very wide. Up until now Jeremiah's been very concerned with God's dealings with his own people. In these chapters, God's global plans come into view. Let's see what God has in store for the nations.

1. Read the following verses and see what they say about what God's going to do with the nations along with his own people.

46:25-26

46:27-28

48:40-47

49:1-6

49:34-39

50:17-20

50:33-34

51:1-5

The recurring pattern is that of God's salvation / restoration of the peoples of the world will come after he's judged them.

READ 1 JOHN 1:8-2:2

2. How is God dealing with the world today in the same way, but different?
3. What does this say about God's heart towards us, even in our sin?
4. How does this make you feel towards Jesus?
5. How can you help church let Dubbo know about Jesus so that our town might turn to Christ and be forgiven and saved?

Prayer ideas...

Study prayer point

Give thanks for Christ coming and taking God's judgment for us so we can be saved and pray for many in Dubbo to come to Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Mission prayer point

Pray in praise for the pancake breakfasts on campus at Bathurst CSU, that they have proved fruitful in making connections with non-believers. Please pray that the Lord would continue to use them and that many students would come to the lunch time meetings and hear the gospel and be saved.

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