

Week # 47 Casual Observations

11-21-2022 Jer.34:1-22; 2Kg.25:1-21; 2Chr.36:15-21; Jer.39:1-18 **Question:** What was the final fate of Jeremiah? And of Jerusalem? And King Zedekiah? (did these last readings stir your heart?) **Answer:** 2Kg.25:1-7; 8-17; Jer.39:11-14

- Jer.34:1-22 Words of doom from God through Jeremiah - he will die peacefully. Some insight in how God felt about the failure to honor the Sabbath years.
- 2Kg.25:1-7 The taking of king Zedekiah - the last thing he saw, a forever memory.
- 2Kg.25:8-21 The fate of the rest of Jerusalem, the temple and palace and walls.
- 2Chr.36:15-21 The summation of why the destruction - Jerusalem gets its rest until 70 years are fulfilled as Jeremiah said.
- Jer.39:1-18 Explanations concerning the destruction of Jerusalem and the fate of Jeremiah.

11-22-2022 Jer.52:1-30; Ps.74; Ps.79; Ps.85

Question: How many people were counted as the final remnant of Judah? **Answer:** Jer.52:28-30

- Jer.52:1-12 Info about king Zedekiah's 11 year reign and his end in Jerusalem.
- Jer.52:13-23 The destruction of Jerusalem, the temple and its furnishings

- Jer.52:24-27a The fate of some of the leaders and others
- Jer.52:27b-30 The tally of people carried into captivity.
- Ps.74 A plea to God because of the loss of the temple
- Ps.74:12-17 Great words about God Almighty
- Ps.79 A call for God to act on Israel's behalf.
- Ps.79:8 Is this passage a passing of blame?
- Ps.85 Some good words to form a needful prayer.

11-23-2022 Ps.102; Ps.120; Ps.137; Lam.1:1-2:22

Question: "...we hung our harps..." is about what and where did it take place? **Answer:** Ps.137

- Ps.102 A psalm written for a future generation. A glimpse of Jesus perhaps too. (18-22)
- Ps.120 A short but puzzling psalm (see 120:6-7)
- Ps.137:1-4 A valid question, how can they sing?
- Ps.137 A song asking for retribution against those who destroyed and those who cheered it.
- Lam.1:1-2:22 The account of an eye witness (Jeremiah) of all that has transpired. Tragic!
- Lam.1:9 Trouble follows when a consider their future because of their behaviors
- Lam.1:14 Sin enslaves the sinner
- Lam.2:14 Exposing sin to ward off captivity.
- Lam.2:19 A plea for intercession.

11-24-2022 Lam.3:1-4:22 **Question:** What and where is the happy note found in this section of Lamentation? **Answer:** Lam.3:21-27

- Lam.3:1-42 Now here is a useful and needful word, consider the folly of your sin and repent.
- Lam.3:21-33 God is good even when I am not.
- Lam.3:55-66 a call for vengeance against the enemies of God and His people.
- Lam.4:2 How people's value changes.
- Lam.4:1-16 Comparisons of a then and a now, a sad change for the worse

11-25-2022 Lam.5:1-22; 2Kg.25:22-26; Jer.40:1-42:22 **Question:** What was the Lord's answer through Jeremiah to Johanan and his followers about their choices? **Answer:** Jer.42:1-22

- Lam.5:4 must buy what once was free - water and wood for fire
- Lam5:7 People do inherit their parents troubles.
- Lam5:7-18 A sad state of comparison, how things are terrible because of sin.
- 2Kg.25:22-26 The fate of Gedaliah who was set over Jerusalem and Judah
- Jer.40:1-6 Jeremiah's fate, released and hears God's word from the Babylonian commander.
- Jer.40:7-12 Gadaliah begins his role doing right
- Jer.40:13-16 Warnings given to Gedaliah and his rejection to hear/believe

- Jer.41:1-18 The assassination of Gedaliah by Ishmael and his men and the cruel murders of others. Johanan and his men rescued
- Jer.42:1-22 Johanan and the people seek God's council through Jeremiah. Word come 10 days later (verse 7) Not really what they were willing to hear.