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Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1

Jeremiah 1:1

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¹ These are the words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiyah, one of the priests at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin.

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¹ This is the message of Jeremiah son of Hilkiyah, who wrote this. He was a priest, from the town of Anathoth in the area where the tribe of Benjamin lives.

What kind of work did Jeremiah do?

Jeremiah was a priest.

Jeremiah 1:2

ULT

² The word of Yahweh came to him in the days of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah, in the 13th year of his reign.

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² Yahweh started to give him these messages when Josiah had been ruling Judah for almost thirteen years.

Who was king when the word of Yahweh first came to Jeremiah?

The word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah when Josiah was king.

Jeremiah 1:3

ULT

³ It also came in the days of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the fifth month of the 11th year of Zedekiah son of Josiah, king of Judah, when the people of Jerusalem were taken away as prisoners.

UST

³ Yahweh continued to give him messages when Josiah's son Jehoiakim was the king, and he continued to do that until Zedekiah had been the king of Judah for almost eleven years. It was in the fifth month of that year that the people of Jerusalem were exiled to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:4**ULT**

⁴ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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⁴ One day Yahweh gave me this message,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:5**ULT**

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb, I chose you; before you came out from the womb I set you apart; I made you a prophet to the nations."

UST

⁵ "I knew you before I finished forming you in your mother's womb. I set you apart for my honor before you were born, and I appointed you to be my prophet for all the nations."

When did Yahweh choose Jeremiah to be a prophet?

Yahweh chose Jeremiah before Jeremiah was born.

Jeremiah 1:6**ULT**

⁶ "Ah, Lord Yahweh!" I said, "Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a young boy."

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⁶ I replied, "O, Yahweh my God, do you not see that I am not qualified to speak for you? I am very young!"

Why did Jeremiah say he was not qualified?

He said he was very young.

Jeremiah 1:7**ULT**

⁷ But Yahweh said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a young boy.' You must go everywhere I send you, and you must say whatever I command you!

UST

⁷ Yahweh replied, "Do not say that you are too young, because you must go to everyone to whom I will send you, and you must tell them everything that I tell you to say.

What did Yahweh command Jeremiah to say?

Yahweh commanded him to say whatever Yahweh commanded him to say.

Jeremiah 1:8**ULT**

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to rescue you—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

⁸ And you must not be afraid of the people to whom you will speak, because I will protect you from being harmed by them. This will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!"

Why should Jeremiah not be afraid?

He should not be afraid because Yahweh was going to be with him and rescue him.

Jeremiah 1:9**ULT**

⁹ Then Yahweh reached out with his hand, touched my mouth, and said to me, "Now, I have placed my word in your mouth.

UST

⁹ Then it was as though Yahweh touched my mouth and said, "Listen to me! I have put my message into your mouth.

What did Yahweh place in Jeremiah's mouth?

Yahweh placed his word in Jeremiah's mouth.

Jeremiah 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Look, I am appointing you today over nations and over kingdoms, to uproot and break down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and plant.”

UST

¹⁰ Today I am appointing you to warn nations and kingdoms. You will tell them that I will completely destroy and get rid of some of them and that I will establish others and cause them to be prosperous.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” I said, “I see an almond branch.”

UST

¹¹ Then Yahweh showed something to me, and said, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” I replied, “I see a branch from an almond tree.”

What did Jeremiah see?

He saw an almond branch.

Jeremiah 1:12**ULT**

¹² Yahweh said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to carry it out.”

UST

¹² Yahweh said, “That is correct. And because the word for ‘almond’ resembles the word for ‘watching’, it means that I am watching what will happen, and I will make certain that what I have said to you about destroying nations will happen.”

What will Yahweh do with his word?

He will carry it out.

Jeremiah 1:13**ULT**

¹³ The word of Yahweh came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" I said, "I see a heated pot, whose surface is churning, tipping away from the north."

UST

¹³ Then Yahweh spoke to me again and said, "What do you see now?" I replied, "I see a pot full of boiling water. It is in the north, tipping toward me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Yahweh said to me, "Disaster will be released out of the north on all who live in this land.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh replied, "Yes! It means that from the north great trouble will spread over this land, like boiling water pouring from a pot.

What was the meaning of the pot that Jeremiah saw?

The pot was a picture of coming disaster.

Jeremiah 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the northern kingdoms, declares Yahweh. They will come, and everyone will set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all the walls that surround it, and against all the cities of Judah.

UST

¹⁵ Listen to what I say: I am summoning the armies of the kingdoms that are north of Judah to come to Jerusalem. Their kings will set up their thrones at the gates of this city to indicate that they are now the kings of Judah. Their armies will attack and break down the walls of this city, and they will do the same thing to all the other towns in Judah.

What will all the tribes of the northern kingdom do when Yahweh calls?

They will come and set up thrones all around Jerusalem and Judah.

Jeremiah 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I will pronounce sentence against them for all their evil in forsaking me, in burning incense to other gods, and in worshiping what they made with their own hands.

UST

¹⁶ I will punish my people because of all the evil things that they have done; they have abandoned me and they offer offerings of worship to false gods. They worship idols that they have made with their own hands!

Why will Yahweh pronounce sentence against Jerusalem and Judah?

He will pronounce sentence against them because they have disobeyed him.

Jeremiah 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be shattered before them, or I will shatter you before them!

UST

¹⁷ So, get up and put on your clothes to get ready for action! Then go to the people of Judah and tell them everything that I tell you to say. Do not be afraid of them, because if you are afraid of them, I will punish you as an example right in front of them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Behold! Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land.

UST

¹⁸ But listen! I will cause you to be strong, like a city that has strong walls around it. You will be as strong as an iron pillar or a bronze wall. Even the royal officials, the priests, and the general populace will not be able to defeat you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:19

ULT

¹⁹ They will fight against you, but they will not defeat you, for I will be with you to rescue you—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

¹⁹ They will oppose you, but they will not be able to defeat you, because I will be with you and will protect you. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!"

What will the people do after Jeremiah speaks to them?

The people will fight against him.

Jeremiah 2

Jeremiah 2:1

ULT

¹ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:2

ULT

² "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem. Say, 'Yahweh says this: I have called to mind on your behalf the covenant faithfulness in your youthfulness, your love at the time when we were engaged, when you went after me in the wilderness, the land that was not sown.

UST

² to proclaim to everyone in Jerusalem. He said that I should tell them this, "I, Yahweh, remember in your favor that you followed me and trusted in our covenant long ago. You tried to please me like a bride tries to please her husband; You loved me, and you followed me through the desert.

What does Yahweh remember about the people of Jerusalem?

Yahweh remembers that the people of Jerusalem loved him in the past.

Jeremiah 2:3

ULT

³ Israel was set apart to Yahweh, the firstfruits of his harvest! All who ate from the firstfruits were held guilty; disaster came upon them—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

³ At that time you Israelites were set apart to me; you belonged to me like the first part of the harvests belong to me. I promised to punish all those who harmed you, my people, and send disasters on them. This is the way it will always be since I, Yahweh, said that it would happen."

What will happen to the people of Israel?

Evil will come on them.

Jeremiah 2:4**ULT**

⁴ Hear the word of Yahweh, house of Jacob, all you clans of the house of Israel.

UST

⁴ Listen to what Yahweh says, descendants of Jacob, all you people of Israel. You must listen to what Yahweh says.

What does Yahweh want the house of Jacob to tell him? (vv4-5)

Yahweh wants the house of Jacob to tell him what he did that was wrong.

Jeremiah 2:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh says this, "What did your fathers find wrong with me, that they went far from following me? That they went after useless idols and became useless themselves?"

UST

⁵ He says, "What sin did I commit that caused your ancestors to turn far away from me? They worshiped worthless idols, and they themselves became worthless."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:6**ULT**

⁶ They did not say, 'Where is Yahweh, who brought us up from the land of Egypt? Where is Yahweh, who led us to the wilderness, into the land of the Arabah and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, a land through which no one passes and where no one lives?'

UST

⁶ They should have said, 'We need Yahweh. He is the one who brought us safely out of Egypt and led us through a desert plain where there were a lot of pits. We need Yahweh. He is the one who led us where there was no water and where it was very dangerous, through a land where no one lives or even travels.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:7**ULT**

⁷ But I brought you to the land of Carmel, to eat its fruit and other good things! Yet when you came, you defiled my land, you made my inheritance an abomination!

UST

⁷ But when I, Yahweh, brought you into a very fertile land, in order that you could enjoy all the fruit and other good things that you would harvest, you caused the land that I promised to give to you to be unfit for me and to become disgusting to me.

What did the people do when God brought them to the land of Carmel?

They defiled the land.

Jeremiah 2:8**ULT**

⁸ The priests did not say, 'Where is Yahweh?' and the experts in the law did not know me! The shepherds transgressed against me. The prophets prophesied for Baal and walked after unprofitable things.

UST

⁸ Your priests also did not ask if I was still with them. Those who teach God's laws are not faithful to me themselves! And your leaders have rebelled against me. Your prophets gave you messages from their god Baal, and they worship worthless idols.

For whom did the prophets prophesy?

The prophets prophesied for Baal.

Jeremiah 2:9**ULT**

⁹ So I will still accuse you—this is Yahweh's declaration—and I will accuse your sons' sons.

UST

⁹ So I, Yahweh, will accuse you in court. In future years, I will also bring your children and your grandchildren to trial! That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said that it will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For cross over to the coasts of Kittim and look. Send messengers out to Kedar and find out and see if there has ever before been anything like this.

UST

¹⁰ If you go west to the island of Cyprus, or if you go east to Kedar land, and if you ask people in those places, they will tell you that no people from their countries have ever done the wicked things that you people have done!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ Has a nation exchanged gods, even though they were not gods? But my people have exchanged their glory for what cannot help them. ^[1]

UST

¹¹ No people of any nation have ever abandoned their gods that they thought were glorious and started to worship gods that are not really gods, but you people have abandoned me, your glorious God, and are worshipping gods that are useless.

For what have Yahweh's people exchanged their glory?

Yahweh's people have exchanged their glory for things that cannot help them.

Jeremiah 2:12**ULT**

¹² Shudder, heavens, because of this! Be shocked and horrified—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹² It is as though everything in the sky is dismayed about what you have done; it is as though they tremble and are very horrified. I, Yahweh, see and declare this to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:13**ULT**

¹³ For my people have committed two evils against me: They have abandoned the springs of living waters, and they have dug out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

UST

¹³ You, my people, have done two evil things: you have rejected me, the one who is like a fountain where you can obtain fresh water, and you are worshiping gods that are like pits in the ground that are cracked and which are not able to hold any water.

What two evils have Yahweh's people committed?

His people have abandoned the springs of living waters and dug out cisterns.

Jeremiah 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Is Israel a slave? Was he born in his master's home? So why has he become plunder?

UST

¹⁴ You Israelite people, you were certainly not slaves when you were born; so why were you captured by your enemies?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Young lions roared against him. They made a lot of noise and made his land a horror. His cities are destroyed without any inhabitants.

UST

¹⁵ Your enemies roared like lions, and they destroyed your land. Now your towns have been burned, and no one lives in them.

What did Israel's enemies do to Israel?

They made Israel become slaves.

What happened to Israel's cities?

His cities are destroyed without any inhabitants.

Jeremiah 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Also, the people of Memphis and Tahpanhes will shave your skull.

UST

¹⁶ Soldiers from Memphis and Tahpenes, cities in Egypt, have defeated you and shaved your heads to show that you are their slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Did you not do this to yourselves when you abandoned Yahweh your God, while he was leading you along the way?

UST

¹⁷ But it is because you abandoned me, Yahweh your God, that these disasters have happened to you, since I had been leading you to safety.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So now, why take the road to Egypt and drink the waters of Shihor? Why take the road to Assyria and drink the waters of the Euphrates River?

UST

¹⁸ So why are you trying to make an alliance with the rulers of Egypt who live near the Shihor? Why are you trying to make an alliance with the rulers of Assyria who live near the Euphrates River?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Your wickedness rebukes you, and your faithlessness punishes you. So think about it and understand that it is wicked and bitter when you forsake Yahweh your God, and have no fear of me—this is the declaration of Lord Yahweh of hosts.

UST

¹⁹ It is because you have been very wicked that I will punish you. It is because you have turned away from me that I will condemn you. When I do that, you will realize that bitter and evil things will happen to you because you have forsaken me, Yahweh, your God, and you no longer have an awesome respect for me. That will certainly happen because I, the Lord, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies in heaven, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ For I broke your yoke that you had in ancient days; I tore your fetters off you. Still you said, 'I will not serve!' since you bowed down on every high hill and beneath every leafy tree, you adulterer.

UST

²⁰ Long ago, you stopped obeying me and you would not allow me to lead you. You refused to worship me, even though I saved you from being slaves. Instead, you worship idols that are under trees on the top of every hill. You love and worship those idols instead of me just like an unfaithful man loves a prostitute instead of his wife.

What did the people say after Yahweh broke their yoke and tore their fetters?

They said, "I will not serve!"

Jeremiah 2:21**ULT**

²¹ I planted you as a choice vine, completely from pure seed. How then have you changed yourself into a corrupt, worthless vine?

UST

²¹ It is as though you were the best grapevine that I could plant, and I planted you so you would grow from the very best seed. So how could you change yourself from the best grapevine into becoming like a vine that is disgusting and rotten?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:22**ULT**

²² For even if you clean yourself with lye or wash with strong soap, your iniquity is a stain before me—this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh.

UST

²² Your guilt from your sins is like very bad stains on a cloth, and you cannot get rid of those stains even by using very strong soap. This is true because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:23**ULT**

²³ How can you say, 'I am not defiled! I have not walked after the Baals'? Look at what you did in the valleys! Consider what you have done—you are a swift female camel running here and there,

UST

²³ You say that you have not sinned. You claim to be acceptable to God and that you have not worshiped the images of Baal. But think about the disgusting things that you do very eagerly in Hinnom Valley outside Jerusalem. You are like desperate female camels running here and there to find male camels to mate with.

What animal does Yahweh say the people are like? (vv23-24)

He says they are like camels and wild donkeys.

Jeremiah 2:24**ULT**

²⁴ a wild donkey accustomed to the wilderness, in her heat sniffing the wind! Who can restrain her lust? None of the males need wear themselves out pursuing her; at mating time they will find her.

UST

²⁴ You are like wild female donkeys that live in the desert. They sniff the air to find where the male donkeys are, and there is no one who can restrain their lust. The male donkeys that want to mate with them only wear themselves out chasing after them; because at mating time they find them easily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:25**ULT**

²⁵ You must restrain your feet from becoming bare and your throat from being thirsty! But you have said, 'It is hopeless! No, I love strangers and go after them!'

UST

²⁵ You constantly run here and there to find idols to worship, with the result that your sandals are worn out, and your throats have become dry. I told you to stop doing that but you said that you could not stop, and you said that you loved those foreign gods and had to worship them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:26**ULT**

²⁶ Like the shame of a thief when he is found, so the house of Israel will be ashamed— they, their kings, their princes, and their priests and prophets!

UST

²⁶ A robber is disgraced when he is caught. And all of you, including your kings and priests and prophets, are similarly disgraced.

What sin will the house of Israel be ashamed of? (vv26-28)

They will be ashamed of worshiping trees and stones.

Jeremiah 2:27**ULT**

²⁷ These are the ones who say to the tree, 'You are my father,' and to the stone, 'You gave birth to me.' For their back faces me and not their faces. Nevertheless, they say in the time of troubles, 'Arise and save us!'

UST

²⁷ You call a piece of wood that is carved to become a sacred idol, your 'father,' and you call a stone that you have set up, your 'mother.' You have rejected me but when you experience troubles, you call for me to rescue you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:28**ULT**

²⁸ Yet where are the gods that you made for yourselves? Let them arise if they wish to save you in your time of troubles, for your idols equal your cities in number, Judah!

UST

²⁸ Why do you not shout to the gods that you made? Why do you not plead with them to rescue you when you experience disasters? For you have as many gods as you have cities and towns in Judah!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:29**ULT**

²⁹ So why do you accuse me of doing wrong? All of you have sinned against me—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

²⁹ You complain that it was wrong for me not to have rescued you, but you have all rebelled against me, Yahweh, the one who is speaking to you right now.

What is Yahweh's declaration?

All of you have sinned against me.

Jeremiah 2:30**ULT**

³⁰ I have punished your people in vain. They would not accept discipline. Your sword has devoured your prophets like a destructive lion!

UST

³⁰ I punished some of you, but you did not learn anything from my doing that. Instead you have killed many of the prophets that I sent to you, like fierce lions kill other animals.

Why does Yahweh say he has punished the people in vain?

He has punished them because they do not accept discipline.

Jeremiah 2:31**ULT**

³¹ You who belong to this generation! Pay attention to the word of Yahweh! Have I been a wilderness to Israel? Or a land of deep darkness? Why would my people say, 'Let us wander around, we will not go to you anymore?'

UST

³¹ You people of Israel, pay attention to what I say. I have certainly never abandoned you in a desert; I have never left you in a very dark land. So, why do you, my people, say that you are free from my control and that you will not return to worship me anymore?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:32**ULT**

³² Will a virgin forget her jewelry, a bride her veils? Yet my people have forgotten me for days without number!

UST

³² A young woman would certainly never forget to wear her jewelry, and a bride would never forget to wear her wedding dress, but you my people have forgotten me for many years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:33**ULT**

³³ How well you make your way to look for love. You have even taught your ways to wicked women.

UST

³³ You know how to easily find gods from other countries whom you can love. You can find them more easily than a prostitute can find men to sleep with. You could teach her about infidelity!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:34**ULT**

³⁴ The blood that was the life of innocent, poor people has been found on your clothes. These people were not discovered in acts of burglary.

UST

³⁴ You also have the blood of poor people on your clothes; the very people you have murdered; people who were innocent! You did not catch them robbing you!

What have the people done to the innocent and the poor?

They have killed the innocent and the poor.

Jeremiah 2:35**ULT**

³⁵ Yet you say, 'I am innocent; surely his anger has turned away from me.' But look! I will bring down judgment on you because you say, 'I have not sinned.'

UST

³⁵ Yet you say, 'I have done nothing wrong! I am sure that Yahweh will not be angry with me for much longer.' But I will punish you severely for claiming that you have not sinned.

Why do the people think that Yahweh's anger will turn from them?

The people think that they have not sinned.

Jeremiah 2:36**ULT**

³⁶ Why do you treat so very lightly this change in your ways? You will also be disappointed by Egypt, just as you were by Assyria.

UST

³⁶ Previously you requested the army of Assyria to help you, but they were not able to help you. Now you have requested the army of Egypt to help you, but they will not be able to help you, either.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:37**ULT**

³⁷ You will also go out from there dejected, with your hands on your head, for Yahweh has rejected the ones whom you trusted, so you will not be helped by them.”

2:11 ^[1], some ancient copies have .

UST

³⁷ They will capture you, and you will be their prisoners, very ashamed with your hands on your heads. That will happen because Yahweh has rejected those nations that you are relying on, and they will not be able to help you at all.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3

Jeremiah 3:1

ULT

¹ “If a man divorces his wife and she goes from him and becomes another man’s wife, will he return to her again? Would that land not be greatly polluted? You have lived as a prostitute who has many lovers; and would you return to me?—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

¹ “People know that if a man divorces his wife and then she marries another man, her first husband certainly must not take her back again to be his wife again. She would be ceremonially unclean and she has broken the law of Yahweh. This nation is like this woman. But you have more idols than prostitutes have men whom they have slept with! So, why should I accept you if you return to me? it is Yahweh who says this.

What kind of woman does the prophet compare the people to?

He compares them to a woman who has left her husband.

Jeremiah 3:2

ULT

² Lift up your eyes to the barren heights and look! Is there any place where you have not had illicit sex? By the roadsides you sat waiting for your lovers, as an Arab in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your prostitution and wickedness.

UST

² “Look up at the barren hilltops. On every hilltop you have given yourselves to the idols in the way a prostitute gives herself to her lovers. You sat along the roadsides like an Arab nomad who is always waiting in the desert for someone to come; but you are waiting to have sex with those who pass by. Your unfaithfulness is the worship of idols, and your prostitution is just like your idol worship. The whole land is made unacceptable to Yahweh, and your worship of idols is your prostitution and your wickedness is what made you unclean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:3**ULT**

³ So the showers have been withheld and the spring rains have not come; yet you have the forehead of a prostitute; you refuse to be ashamed.

UST

³ That is why I have not sent you any rain at the times of the year when you needed it. But you are like prostitutes who are not at all ashamed for what they have done.

Why did the rains not come? (vv3-5)

The rains did not come because the people were not ashamed of their sins.

Jeremiah 3:4**ULT**

⁴ Have you not just now called to me: 'My father! My closest friend even from my youth!

UST

⁴ Now each of you says to me, 'You are my father! You have loved me ever since I was young!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:5**ULT**

⁵ Will he always be angry? Will he always keep his wrath to the end?' Behold! This is what you have said, but you do all the evil you can!"

UST

⁵ So surely you will not be angry with me forever! You promised you would not obey me, and you did what you said! And you sinned over and over again! But you will not quit sinning!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:6**ULT**

⁶ Then Yahweh said to me in the days of Josiah the king, “Do you see what faithless Israel has done? She has gone up every high hill and under every leafy tree, and there she has acted like a prostitute.

UST

⁶ One day when Josiah was the king of Judah, Yahweh said to me, “Have you seen what the people of Israel have done? They have turned away from me, like a woman who has abandoned her husband and sleeps with other men. They have gone up on every hilltop and under every shady tree and worshiped idols there.

What did Israel do on the mountains and under the trees?

Israel acted like a promiscuous woman by worshiping idols.

Jeremiah 3:7**ULT**

⁷ I said, ‘After she does all these things, she will return to me,’ but she did not return. Then her faithless sister Judah saw these things.

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⁷ I thought that they would return to me, but they did not. And their brothers, the people of Judah, were watching all of this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:8**ULT**

⁸ So I saw that, in the same way that faithless Israel had committed adultery and I had sent her away and had given a bill of divorce against her, her faithless sister Judah did not fear; she also went out and acted like a prostitute.

UST

⁸ So I sent the people of Israel away to other countries, as a man writes a note saying that he is divorcing his wife and then sends her away because she has committed adultery. But I realized that, just as the people of Israel, the people of Judah were not at all afraid of me. Instead, they acted just as the people of Israel had done. They also turned away from me and began worshiping idols, just as women who leave their husbands and go to other men.

What did God do to Israel?

He divorced her.

What did Judah do after Yahweh divorced Israel? (vv8-10)

Judah did the same things Israel had done.

Jeremiah 3:9**ULT**

⁹ Her prostitution was nothing to her; she defiled the land, and she committed adultery with stones and trees.

UST

⁹ They did not care that worshiping idols offended me, so they have made the entire land unacceptable to me by worshiping idols of wood and stone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then after all of this, her faithless sister Judah returned to me, not with all her heart, but with a lie—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

¹⁰ The people of Judah have pretended to return to me, but they have not been sincere. This is true because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then Yahweh said to me, "Faithless Israel has been more righteous than faithless Judah!

UST

¹¹ Then Yahweh said to me, "Jeremiah, the people of Israel have turned away from me, but what the people of Judah have done is worse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:12**ULT**

¹² Go and proclaim these words to the north. Say, 'Return, faithless Israel!—this is Yahweh's declaration—I will not always be angry with you. Since I am faithful—this is Yahweh's declaration—I will not stay angry forever.'

UST

¹² So go and tell this to the people of Israel, 'Yahweh says this to you Israelite people who have turned away from him: I am merciful. I will not continue to be angry with you forever. So return to me.'

What does Yahweh invite Israel to do?

He invites them to return.

Jeremiah 3:13**ULT**

¹³ Acknowledge your iniquity, for you have transgressed against Yahweh your God; you have shared your ways with strangers under every leafy tree! For you have not listened to my voice!—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹³ But you must admit that you are guilty, and that you have rebelled against me, Yahweh, your God, that you have worshiped idols under big trees everywhere, and you have not obeyed me. You have turned away from me.

What must the people do when they return?

They must acknowledge their sin.

Jeremiah 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Return, faithless people!—this is Yahweh's declaration—I am your husband! I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion!

UST

¹⁴ But you belong to me, so come back to me, my children! If you do, I will take you, one from each city and two from each clan, and bring you back to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ I will give you shepherds after my heart, and they will shepherd you with knowledge and insight.

UST

¹⁵ If you do that, I will appoint for you leaders with whom I am pleased who will guide you well because they will know and understand what pleases me.

What will Yahweh give them if they return?

He will give them shepherds after his heart.

Jeremiah 3:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then it will happen that you will increase and bear fruit in the land in those days—this is Yahweh's declaration—they will no longer say, "The Box of the Covenant of Yahweh!" This matter will no longer come up in their hearts or be remembered; it will not be missed, and another one will not be made.'

UST

¹⁶ And when you become very numerous in your land, you will not need to talk about the Sacred Chest that contained the Ten Commandments. You will not think about it, and you will not want to make a new one.'

How will they think about the ark of the covenant?

They will no longer think about it.

Jeremiah 3:17**ULT**

¹⁷ In that time they will proclaim about Jerusalem, 'This is Yahweh's throne,' and all the other nations will gather at Jerusalem in Yahweh's name. They will no longer walk in the stubbornness of their wicked hearts.

UST

¹⁷ At that time people will say that my throne is in Jerusalem. People from all nations will come there to worship me, and they will no longer stubbornly do the evil things that they desire in their inner beings.

What will happen in Jerusalem?

All the other nations will gather at Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ In those days, the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel. They will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave your ancestors as an inheritance.

UST

¹⁸ At that time you people of Israel and Judah will return from being exiled in lands to the north. You will return to the land that I gave to your ancestors to belong to them forever.

Will Judah and Israel still be enemies?

No, they will come together.

Jeremiah 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ As for me, I said, 'How I want to treat you as my son and give you a pleasant land, an inheritance more beautiful than what is in any other nation! I would have said, 'You will call me "my father"! I would have said that you would not turn from following me.

UST

¹⁹ You people of Israel, I wanted to accept you to be my children. I wanted to give you this delightful land. It is a land more desirable than the land of any other nation! I wanted you to call me your father, and I wanted you to never stop honoring me.

How does Yahweh want to honor the people?

He wants to honor them the way a father honors his son.

Jeremiah 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ But like a woman faithless to her husband, you have betrayed me, house of Israel—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

²⁰ But you have abandoned me like women who have abandoned their husbands." That is what Yahweh said, and I told it to the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:21**ULT**

²¹ A voice is heard on the plains, the weeping and pleading of the people of Israel! For they have changed their ways; they have forgotten Yahweh their God.

UST

²¹ Then God said, "People will hear a noise on the barren hilltops. It will be the noise made by people weeping and pleading for God to be merciful to them. They will be admitting that they have forgotten Yahweh their God, and that they turned away from behaving as God wanted them to.

What noise is heard on the plains?

The weeping and pleading of the people of Israel is heard on the plains.

Jeremiah 3:22**ULT**

²² "Return, faithless people! I will heal you of treachery!" "Behold! We will come to you, for you are Yahweh our God!

UST

²² You Israelite people, come back to me! If you do that, I will cause you to never turn away from me again." The people will reply, "We are returning to you, because you are Yahweh, our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:23**ULT**

²³ Surely lies come from the hills, a confusing noise from the mountains; surely Yahweh our God is the salvation of Israel.

UST

²³ When we worshiped idols on the mountains, we did not get any help. Even though we shouted very loudly in our worship, every promise we believed turned out to be lies and only lies. We now know that trusting in Yahweh our God is the only way Israel will be rescued!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:24**ULT**

²⁴ Yet from the time of our youthfulness shameful idols have consumed what our ancestors have worked for — their flocks and cattle, their sons and daughters!

UST

²⁴ From the time when we were young, the shameful god Baal has taken away from us everything that our ancestors worked hard to acquire. He has taken away their flocks of sheep and herds of cattle, their sons and their daughters.

What has happened to the things the ancestors worked for?

Idols have consumed the things that the ancestors worked for.

Jeremiah 3:25**ULT**

²⁵ Let us lie down in shame. May our shame cover us, for we have sinned against Yahweh our God! We ourselves and our ancestors, from the time of our youthfulness to this present day, have not listened to the voice of Yahweh our God!"

UST

²⁵ So, now we should lie down feeling very ashamed, because we and our ancestors have sinned against Yahweh our God, and we have never obeyed him."

What have the people and their ancestors done?

They have not listened to the voice of Yahweh their God.

Jeremiah 4

Jeremiah 4:1

ULT

¹ “If you return, Israel—this is Yahweh’s declaration—then it should be to me that you return. If you remove your detestable things from before me and do not wander from me again,

UST

¹ Yahweh says, “You Israelite people, if you come back to anyone, it should be to me. If you get rid of those detestable idols, if you do not go away from me again,

What will happen if Israel returns to Yahweh?

The nations will ask for Yahweh’s blessing.

Jeremiah 4:2

ULT

² You must be truthful, just, and righteous when you swear, ‘As Yahweh lives.’ Then the nations will bless themselves in him, and in him they will glory.”

UST

² and if you declare, ‘Just as surely as Yahweh lives,’ when you take your oaths, and if you are truthful, just, and righteous, then the people in the other nations of the world will ask me to bless them as I have blessed you, and they will all come and honor me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:3

ULT

³ For Yahweh says this to each person in Judah and Jerusalem: ‘Plow your own ground, and do not sow among thorns.

UST

³ This is what Yahweh says to the people of Jerusalem and the other cities in Judah, “Cause your inner beings to be ready to receive my messages like farmers plow up hard ground in order that they can plant seed in it. Just as farmers do not waste good seed by sowing seeds among thorny plants, I do not want to waste my time telling you messages that you are not ready to receive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:4**ULT**

⁴ Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, and remove the foreskins of your heart, men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, or else my fury will break out like fire, and burn with no one to quench it, because of the wickedness of your deeds.

UST

⁴ Show that your inner beings and your minds are devoted to me. If you do not do that, my being angry with you because of all the sins that you have committed will be like a fire that will be impossible to extinguish.

What will happen because of the people's wickedness? (vv4-6)

Yahweh will be furious with them and bring disaster from the north.

Jeremiah 4:5**ULT**

⁵ Report in Judah and let it be heard in Jerusalem. Say, "Blow the trumpet in the land." Proclaim, "Gather together. Let us go to the fortified cities."

UST

⁵ Declare this to all the people in Jerusalem and the rest of Judea; blow the trumpets everywhere in the land to warn the people. Tell them that they should flee to the cities that have high walls around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:6**ULT**

⁶ Lift up the signal flag and point it toward Zion, and run for safety! Do not stay, for I am bringing disaster from the north and a great collapse.

UST

⁶ Shout to the people of Jerusalem and run away now. Do not delay, because I am about to bring a terrible disaster upon you that will come from the north.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:7**ULT**

⁷ A lion is coming out from his thicket and someone who will destroy nations is setting out. He is leaving his place to bring horror to your land, to turn your cities into ruins, where no one will live.

UST

⁷ An army that has destroyed many nations will attack you like a lion that comes out of its den to attack other animals. The soldiers of that army are already marching toward your land. They will destroy your cities and leave them without any people still living in them.

What will the lion do to the people?

He will destroy their cities.

Jeremiah 4:8**ULT**

⁸ Because of this, wrap yourself in sackcloth, lament and wail. For the force of Yahweh's anger has not turned away from us.

UST

⁸ So, put on rough clothes and weep and beat your breasts to show that you are very sorry for what you have done, because Yahweh is still very angry with us.

Why would the people wrap themselves in sackcloth?

They would do it to show that they were sorry for their sins.

Jeremiah 4:9**ULT**

⁹ Then it will happen in that day—this is Yahweh's declaration—that the hearts of the king and his officials will die. The priests will be appalled, and the prophets will be horrified."

UST

⁹ Yahweh declares that at the time when Yahweh punishes you, the king of Judah and all his officials will be very afraid. The priests and the prophets will be terrified."

Why does Jeremiah think Yahweh has deceived the people?

Yahweh has promised the people peace, but someone is attacking them.

Jeremiah 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So I said, "Ah! Lord Yahweh. Surely you have completely deceived this people and Jerusalem by saying, 'There will be peace for you.' Yet the sword is striking against their life."

UST

¹⁰ Then I replied, "Yahweh my God, you completely deceived the people by telling them that there would be peace in Jerusalem, but now our enemies are ready to slaughter us with their swords!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ In that time it will be said of this people and Jerusalem, "A burning wind from the plains of the desert will make its way to the daughter of my people. It will not winnow or cleanse them.

UST

¹¹ When that happens, Yahweh will say to the people of Jerusalem, "A huge army will come to attack you. They will not be like a gentle breeze that separates the wheat from the chaff. They will be like a very hot wind that blows in from the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:12**ULT**

¹² A wind far stronger than that will come at my command, and I will now pass sentence against them.

UST

¹² They will be like a strong blast that I will send. Now I am declaring that I will punish you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:13**ULT**

¹³ See, he is attacking like clouds, and his chariots are like a storm. His horses are faster than eagles. Woe to us, for we will be devastated!

UST

¹³ And the people in Jerusalem will say, "Our enemies are about to rush down on us; their chariots are like whirlwinds. Their horses are faster than eagles. It will be terrible for us!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Cleanse your heart from wickedness, Jerusalem, so that you might be saved. How long will your deepest thoughts be about how to sin?

UST

¹⁴ You people of Jerusalem cleanse your inner beings, in order that Yahweh will rescue you. How long will you continue to think about doing evil deeds?

How can the people of Jerusalem be saved?

They must cleanse their hearts from wickedness.

Jeremiah 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For a voice is bringing news from Dan, and the coming disaster is heard from the mountains of Ephraim.

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¹⁵ From the city of Dan in the far north to the hills of Ephraim a few miles north of Jerusalem messengers are proclaiming that disasters are coming."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Make the nations think about this: See, announce to Jerusalem that besiegers are coming from a distant land to shout in battle against the cities of Judah.

UST

¹⁶ So I said this to the people in other nations, and also announced it in Jerusalem, "Yahweh says that an army is coming to Jerusalem from far away; they will shout a battle cry against the cities of Judah.

Why are the watchmen coming from a distant land?

They are coming because Judah has rebelled against Yahweh.

Jeremiah 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ They will be like the watchmen of a cultivated field against her all around, since she has been rebellious against me—this is Yahweh's declaration—

UST

¹⁷ They will set up tents around Jerusalem like people set up temporary shelters around a field at harvest time. That will happen because the people of Judah have rebelled against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ and your conduct and your deeds have done these things to you. This will be your punishment. How terrible it will be! It will strike your very heart.

UST

¹⁸ You will be punished very severely; it will be as though a sword has stabbed your hearts. But you are causing those things to happen to you because of the evil things that you have done."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ My heart! My heart! I am in anguish in my heart. My heart is turbulent within me. I cannot keep quiet for I hear the sound of the horn, an alarm for battle.

UST

¹⁹ Then I said to myself, "I am extremely anguished; the pain in my inner being is very severe. My heart beats wildly! But I cannot remain silent because I have heard our enemies blowing their trumpets to announce that the battle against Judah will start immediately!"

Why is Jeremiah in anguish?

He hears the alarm for battle.

Jeremiah 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ Disaster follows after disaster; for all the land lies in ruins. Suddenly my tents are destroyed, my curtains in a moment.

UST

²⁰ Disasters will occur one after another until the whole land is ruined. Suddenly all our tents will be destroyed; even the curtains inside the tents will be ripped apart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:21**ULT**

²¹ How long will I see the standard? Will I hear the sound of the horn?

UST

²¹ How long will this battle continue? How long will I continue to see the enemy battle flags and hear the sound of their trumpets being blown?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:22**ULT**

²² For the foolishness of my people—they do not know me. They are idiotic people and they have no understanding. They have skill at evil, but do not know to do good.

UST

²² Yahweh says: My people are very foolish! They do not have a relationship with me. They are like stupid children who do not understand anything. They very cleverly do what is wrong, but they do not know how to do what is good.

What is the foolishness of the people?

They do not know Yahweh.

Jeremiah 4:23**ULT**

²³ I saw the land. Behold! It was formless and empty. For there was no light for the heavens.

UST

²³ God gave me a vision in which I saw that the earth was barren and without form. I looked at the sky, and there was no light there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:24**ULT**

²⁴ I looked at the mountains. Behold, they were trembling, and all the hills were shaking about.

UST

²⁴ I looked at the mountains and hills, and they shook and moved from side to side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:25**ULT**

²⁵ I looked. Behold, there was no one, and all the birds of the heavens had fled.

UST

²⁵ I looked and saw that all there were no more people and all the birds had flown away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:26**ULT**

²⁶ I looked. Behold, the orchards were a wilderness and all the cities had been pulled down before Yahweh, before the fury of his wrath.”

UST

²⁶ I looked and saw that the fields that previously were fertile had become a desert. The cities were all ruined; they had all been destroyed by Yahweh because he was extremely angry.”

Why was the land that Jeremiah saw empty?

The land was empty because Yahweh was angry.

Jeremiah 4:27**ULT**

²⁷ This is what Yahweh says, “All the land will become a devastation, but I will not completely destroy it.

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²⁷ This is what Yahweh is saying, “the entire land of Judah will be ruined, but I will not destroy it completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:28**ULT**

²⁸ For this reason, the land will mourn, and the heavens above will darken. For I have declared my intentions; I will not hold back; I will not turn from carrying them out.

UST

²⁸ I will do to my people what I said that I would do, and I will not change my mind. So when that happens, it will be as though the earth will mourn and the sky will become very dark.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:29**ULT**

²⁹ Every city will flee from the noise of the cavalry and the archers with a bow; they will run into the forests. Every city will climb up into the rocky places. The cities will be abandoned, for there will be no one to inhabit them.

UST

²⁹ When the people hear the sound of the enemy cavalry and archers marching, they will be terrified as they flee from their cities. Some of them will find places to hide in the bushes, and others will run toward the quarries to escape being killed by their enemies. All the cities in Judah will be abandoned; not one person will remain in them.

What will the people in every city do?

They will run away from the attackers and leave the cities empty.

Jeremiah 4:30**ULT**

³⁰ Now that you have been devastated, what will you do? For though you dress in scarlet, adorn yourself with gold jewelry, and make your eyes look bigger with paint, you are making yourself lovely in vain. The men who lusted for you now reject you. Instead, they are trying to take away your life.

UST

³⁰ So you who will surely be destroyed, what will you do then? Even though you have worn beautiful clothes and jewelry and paint around your eyes, those things will not help you, because the people in other countries that you think love you really despise you, and they will try to kill you.

What kind of people dress in scarlet and gold jewelry?

Rich people dress this way.

Jeremiah 4:31**ULT**

³¹ So I hear the sound of anguish, distress as in the birth of a firstborn child, the sound of the daughter of Zion. She is gasping for breath. She spreads out her hands, 'Woe to me! I am fainting because of these murderers.'"

UST

³¹ It is as though I already hear the people in Jerusalem crying very loudly, as a woman cries when she is giving birth to her first child; she gasps for breath and pleads for someone to help her, and she shouts, 'Something terrible is happening to me; they are about to murder me!'"

What will happen to those who are now rich?

They will be killed.

Jeremiah 5

Jeremiah 5:1

ULT

¹ “Rush about through the streets of Jerusalem; search in her city squares, too. Then look and think about this: If you can find a man or anyone who is acting justly and trying to act faithfully, then I will forgive Jerusalem.

UST

¹ Yahweh said to the people of Jerusalem, “Go up and down every street. Search in the marketplaces to find people who do what is fair, who try to be faithful to me. If you find even one person like that, I will forgive the people of Jerusalem and not destroy their city.

At what point will God forgive Jerusalem?

God will forgive Jerusalem if the prophet can find anyone who is acting justly.

Jeremiah 5:2

ULT

² Although they say, ‘As Yahweh lives,’ yet they are swearing falsely.”

UST

² But when the people there swear an official oath by Yahweh’s life, they are lying.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:3

ULT

³ Yahweh, do your eyes not look for faithfulness? You struck the people, but they do not feel pain. You have completely defeated them, but they still refuse to receive discipline. They make their faces harder than rock, for they refuse to return.

UST

³ So I prayed, “Yahweh, you are certainly searching for people who are faithful to you. You punished your people, but they did not pay any attention. You crushed them, but they ignored what you were telling them to do. They were extremely stubborn and refused to return to you.”

Even though God has completely defeated the people, what do they still do?

They still refuse to receive discipline.

Jeremiah 5:4**ULT**

⁴ So I said, "Surely these are only poor people. They are foolish, for they do not know Yahweh's ways, nor their God's decrees.

UST

⁴ Then I thought, "We cannot expect these people to act righteously, because they are poor; they do not have any sense. They do not know the way Yahweh wants them to conduct their lives; they do not know what God requires them to do.

Why does the prophet say that these are only poor, foolish people?

They do not know Yahweh's ways.

Jeremiah 5:5**ULT**

⁵ I will go to the important people and declare God's messages to them, for they at least know Yahweh's ways, the decrees of their God." But they all broke their yoke together; they all tore apart the chains.

UST

⁵ So, I will go and talk to their leaders, because they surely know how God wants them to conduct their lives." But they also have stopped obeying Yahweh, and they will not allow him to lead them.

Do the important people know Yahweh's ways?

No, they have rebelled against him.

Jeremiah 5:6**ULT**

⁶ So a lion from a thicket will attack them. A wolf from the Arabah will ruin them. A lurking panther will come against their cities. Anyone who goes outside his city will be torn apart. For their transgressions increase. Their acts of faithlessness are unlimited.

UST

⁶ Because of that, lions will come out of the forests and kill them; wolves from the desert will attack them; leopards that lurk outside their cities will maul anyone who walks outside the cities. Those things will happen because the people have sinned very much against God and have turned away from him very frequently.

What did Jeremiah say about the people's transgressions and acts of faithlessness?

Jeremiah said their transgressions were increasing and their acts of faithlessness were unlimited.

Jeremiah 5:7**ULT**

⁷ Why should I pardon you? Your sons have abandoned me and have made oaths by what are not gods. I fed them fully, but they committed adultery and walked in great numbers to the houses of prostitutes.

UST

⁷ Yahweh says, "I cannot forgive these people; even their children have abandoned me. When they solemnly declare something, they ask their gods to show that what they say is true. I gave my people everything that they needed, but they often went to the high places on the hills, where they worshiped their idols and committed adultery there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:8**ULT**

⁸ They were horses in heat. They roamed about wanting to mate. Each man neighed to his neighbor's wife.

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⁸ Just like well fed male horses neigh, wanting to mate with female horses, each of the men desires to sleep with his neighbor's wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:9**ULT**

⁹ So should I not punish them—this is Yahweh's declaration— and should I not avenge myself on a nation that is like this?

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⁹ Should I not punish them for this? I will certainly get revenge on this nation whose people behave like that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Go up onto her vineyards' terraces and destroy. But do not bring complete destruction to them. Trim their vines, since those vines do not come from Yahweh.

UST

¹⁰ The people of Judah and Israel are like a vineyard. Go along the rows in their vineyards and get rid of most of the people, but do not kill all of them. These people do not belong to me, so get rid of them, like a gardener lops off branches from a vine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ For the houses of Israel and Judah have completely betrayed me—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹¹ The people of Israel and Judah have turned away from me completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:12**ULT**

¹² They have spoken falsely about Yahweh and they said, "He will do nothing; no harm will come upon us, and we will not see sword or famine.

UST

¹² They have lied about me and said, 'He cannot do anything to help us! He will not punish us! He will not send disasters on us! We will not experience wars or famines!

What have the people said about God?

They have said that he is not real.

Jeremiah 5:13**ULT**

¹³ The prophets will become wind, the word is not in them, so let what they say be done to them.”

UST

¹³ What God’s prophets say is nothing but wind! They do not have messages from God! And because they have not believed me, all of these things will happen to them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So Yahweh, the God of hosts says this, “Because you have said this, see, I am about to place my word in your mouth. It will be like a fire, and this people will be like wood! For it will consume them.

UST

¹⁴ So, this is what Yahweh, the commander of the armies of angels in heaven, has said to me, “Because my people are saying those things, I will give you a message to tell them that will be like a fire, and these people will be like wood that the fire will burn up completely!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Behold! I am about to bring a nation against you from far away, house of Israel—this is Yahweh’s declaration— it is a lasting nation, an ancient nation! It is a nation whose language you do not know, nor will you understand what they say.

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¹⁵ Listen to Yahweh’s declaration, you people of Israel: I will bring the army of a distant nation to attack you. It is a very powerful nation that has existed for a long time. They speak a language that you do not know, and which you will not be able to understand.

What is Yahweh about to do to the house of Israel?

He is about to bring a nation against them from far away.

Jeremiah 5:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Its quiver is like an open tomb. They are all soldiers.

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¹⁶ Their soldiers are all very strong, and the arrows from their quivers will send many Judean men to their graves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So your harvest will be consumed, your sons and daughters also, and your food. They will eat your flocks and cattle; they will eat the fruit from your vines and fig trees. They will beat down with a sword your fortified cities that you trusted in.

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¹⁷ They will eat the food that you have harvested from your fields, even though it should be your own children who eat your bread. They will kill your flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. They will eat your grapes and your figs. They will also destroy your cities that have high walls around them and kill the people with their swords.

What will the enemies do to the Israelites?

The enemies will kill the Israelites' children and eat their food.

Jeremiah 5:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But even in those days—this is Yahweh's declaration—I do not intend to destroy you completely.

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¹⁸ But even when those things happen, I will not get rid of all of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:19**ULT**

¹⁹ When you, Israel and Judah, say, 'Why has Yahweh our God done all these things to us?' then you, Jeremiah, will say to them, 'Just as you abandoned Yahweh and served foreign gods in your land, so you must also serve strangers in a land that is not your own.'

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¹⁹ And when the people ask, 'Why is Yahweh doing this to us?' you will tell them, 'You rejected him and worshiped foreign gods in your own land, so now you will become slaves of foreigners in a land that is not your land.'"

Why will God harm Israel and Judah?

He will harm them because they abandoned Yahweh and worshiped foreign gods.

Jeremiah 5:20**ULT**

²⁰ Report this to the house of Jacob and let it be heard in Judah. Say,

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²⁰ Yahweh instructed me to proclaim this message to the people of Israel and Judah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:21**ULT**

²¹ 'Hear this, you foolish people who have no understanding; who have eyes but you cannot see, and you have ears but you cannot hear.

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²¹ "Listen to this, you people who so are foolish, and you who have no understanding! You have eyes, but you cannot see. Yes, you have ears, but you cannot hear anything.

What do the eyes and ears of idols do?

They do nothing.

Jeremiah 5:22**ULT**

²² Do you not fear me—this is Yahweh’s declaration—or tremble before my face? I have placed a border of sand against the sea, an ongoing decree that it does not violate— even though the sea rises and falls, still it does not violate it. Even though its waves roar, they do not cross it.

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²² Why do you not have any awesome respect for me? You should tremble when you are in my presence! I, Yahweh, am the one who put a barrier along the shores so that the waters of the ocean cannot cross it and flood the land. The waves roll and roar, but they cannot go past that barrier.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:23**ULT**

²³ But this people has a stubborn heart. It turns away in rebellion and goes away.

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²³ But you people are not like the waves that obey me. You people are very stubborn and rebellious, and have constantly turned away from me.

What does Yahweh want to do for those who fear him?

He wants to bring the rains at the right time so the harvest can be good.

Jeremiah 5:24**ULT**

²⁴ For they do not say in their hearts, “Let us fear Yahweh our God, the one who brings the rain— the early rain and the late rains—in their right time, keeping the fixed weeks of the harvest for us.”

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²⁴ You do not say to yourselves, ‘Let us have an awesome respect for Yahweh our God, the one who sends us rain at the times that we need it, the one who causes the grain to become ripe at the harvest season.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:25**ULT**

²⁵ Your iniquities kept these things from happening. Your sins have stopped good from coming to you.

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²⁵ It is because of the wrong things that you have done, that those good things have not happened. It is because of the sins that you have committed that you have been prevented from receiving those blessings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:26**ULT**

²⁶ For wicked men are found with my people. They watch like someone who crouches to capture birds; they set a trap and catch people.

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²⁶ Among my people are wicked people who hide along the roads to ambush people like men who hunt birds put nets to catch them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:27**ULT**

²⁷ Like a cage full of birds, their houses are full of deceit. So they grow large and become rich.

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²⁷ Like a hunter has a cage full of birds that he has captured, their homes are full of things that they have gotten by deceiving others so now they are very rich and powerful.

Are the wicked among Yahweh's people rich or poor? (vv27-28)

They are rich.

Jeremiah 5:28**ULT**

²⁸ They have become fat; they shine with well-being. They crossed over all bounds of wickedness. They do not plead the cause of the people, or the cause of the orphan. They prosper even though they have not given justice to the needy.

UST

²⁸ They are big and fat because they eat rich food, and there is no limit to the evil deeds that they have done. In court, they do not help ordinary people get judges to decide fairly for them, and they do not try to defend orphans. They do not even want to listen to them in court.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:29**ULT**

²⁹ Should I not punish them for these things—this is Yahweh's declaration— and will I not take vengeance for myself on a nation like this?

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²⁹ So I will certainly punish them for doing those things. I, Yahweh, declare that I will certainly get revenge on their nation.

How will Yahweh treat the wicked?

He will punish them.

Jeremiah 5:30**ULT**

³⁰ Atrocities and horrors have occurred in the land.

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³⁰ Very appalling things are happening in this country:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:31

ULT

³¹ The prophets prophesy with deceit, and the priests rule with their own power. My people love it this way, but what will happen in the end?"

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³¹ Prophets speak only lies and priests rule by their own authority, yet you people like that! But when you start to experience disasters, what will you do?

How do the people feel about what the prophets and priests do?

They love it that way.

Jeremiah 6

Jeremiah 6:1

ULT

¹ Find safety, people of Benjamin, by leaving Jerusalem. Blow a trumpet in Tekoa. Raise up over Beth Hakkerem a signal, since wickedness is appearing from the north; a great crushing is coming.

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¹ You people in Jerusalem who are from the tribe of Benjamin, flee from this city! Blow the trumpets in the city of Tekoa south of Jerusalem! Send up a smoke signal in the city of Beth Hakerem to warn the people of the coming danger! A powerful army will come against you from the north, and they will cause great destruction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:2

ULT

² The daughter of Zion, the beautiful and delicate woman, will be destroyed.

UST

² Jerusalem is like a beautiful woman, but it will soon be destroyed.

Why should the people of Benjamin find safety by leaving Jerusalem?

Yahweh will destroy Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 6:3

ULT

³ The shepherds and their flocks will go to them; they will set up tents against her all around; each man will shepherd with his own hand.

UST

³ Enemy kings, the shepherds of foreign people groups, will come with their armies and set up their tents around the city, and each king will choose a part of the city for his soldiers to destroy as shepherds divide their pastures for their flocks of sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:4**ULT**

⁴ "Dedicate yourselves to the gods for the battle. Arise, let us attack at noon. Woe to us for the daylight is fading away, for the evening shadows are falling.

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⁴ The kings will tell their troops, 'Make the sacrifices necessary to get ready for battle. We should attack them before noontime, but even if we arrive there late in the afternoon,

When will the enemies attack? (vv4-5)

They will attack at noon and at night.

Jeremiah 6:5**ULT**

⁵ But let us attack at night and destroy her fortresses."

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⁵ we will attack them at night and tear down their fortresses."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:6**ULT**

⁶ For Yahweh of hosts says this: Cut her trees, and heap up siegeworks against Jerusalem. This is the right city to attack, because it is filled with oppression.

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⁶ Yahweh, the commander of the armies of angels in heaven, says this, "I will command those soldiers to cut down the trees outside Jerusalem and to build ramps up to the top of the city walls! This city must be punished because everyone there continually oppresses others.

Why does Yahweh want the enemies to attack Jerusalem?

He wants them to attack because the city is filled with oppression and wickedness.

Jeremiah 6:7**ULT**

⁷ As a well pours out fresh water, so this city keeps producing wickedness. Violence and disorder are heard within her; sickness and wounds are continually before my face.

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⁷ Its people keep doing wicked deeds, just as a well keeps producing water. The noise from people doing violent and destructive actions is heard everywhere. I continually see people who are suffering and wounded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:8**ULT**

⁸ Accept discipline, Jerusalem, or I will turn away from you and make you into a ruin, an uninhabited land.”

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⁸ Listen to what I am warning you, you people of Jerusalem, because if you do not listen, I will reject you and cause your land to become desolate, a land where no one lives.”

What will happen if Jerusalem does not accept discipline?

Yahweh will destroy Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 6:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh of hosts says this, “They will certainly glean those who are left in Israel like a vineyard. Reach out again with your hand to pick grapes from the vines.

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⁹ Yahweh, the commander of the angel armies, says this, “Your enemies will cause your country to become as desolate as a vineyard from which all the grapes have been completely stripped from the vines. Their soldiers will seize the possessions of those who remain in Israel after the others have been exiled like farmers go to the vines again to pick any grapes that were left.

Why can Yahweh not warn the Israelites?

They are not able to pay attention.

Jeremiah 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ To whom should I declare and warn so they will listen? Look! Their ears are uncircumcised; they are not able to pay attention! Look! The word of Yahweh has come to them to correct them, but they do not want it."

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¹⁰ Who can I, Jeremiah, speak to? Who would listen to me, even if I spoke to them? The ears of the Israelite people are unable to hear what I have to tell them. See! the message Yahweh gave me to tell them is offensive to them. When they hear the message of Yahweh, they hate what I tell them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ But I am filled with Yahweh's fury. I am tired of holding it in. He said, to me, "Pour it out on the children in the streets and on the groups of young men. For every man will be taken away with his wife; and every old person heavy with years.

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¹¹ After hearing this I became very angry, as Yahweh is angry, and I could not hold myself back any longer. So Yahweh said to me, "Tell the children in the streets and the young men who gather together. Tell the men and their wives; tell the very old people, also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:12**ULT**

¹² Their houses will be turned over to others, both their fields and their wives together. For I will attack the inhabitants of the land with my hand—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹² Tell the men that I will give their houses to their enemies, and I will give their property and their wives to them, also, when I punish the people who live in this land!

What will happen to the houses, fields, and women?

They will be turned over to others.

Jeremiah 6:13**ULT**

¹³ Yahweh declares that from the least to the greatest, all of them are greedy for dishonest gain. From the prophet to the priest, all of them practice deceit.

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¹³ Everyone is trying to get money by tricking others, from the the least important people to the most important people. Even my prophets and priests, they all lie to get what they want.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ They have healed the wounds of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, Peace,' when there is no peace.

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¹⁴ They act as though the sins of my people are like small wounds that they can easily treat. They tell the people that everything will go well with them, but that is not true; things will not go well with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Were they ashamed when they practiced abominations? They were not ashamed; they did not even know how to blush! So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says Yahweh.

UST

¹⁵ They should be ashamed about the disgusting things that they do, but they are not ashamed at all. They do not even know how to blush. So, they also will be among those who will be killed. They will be destroyed when I punish them."

How did the people feel when they committed abominations?

They were not ashamed at all.

Jeremiah 6:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Yahweh says this, "Stand at the road crossing and look; ask for the ancient pathways. 'Where is this good way?' Then go on it and find a resting place for yourselves. But the people say, 'We will not go.'

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¹⁶ This is also what Yahweh said to the Israelite people, "Stand at the crossroads and look at the people who pass by. Ask them what was the good behavior that their ancestors had long ago. And when they tell you, behave that way. If you do that, you will find rest for yourselves. But you said that you did not want to do that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I appointed for you watchmen to listen for the sound of the trumpet. But they said, 'We will not listen.'

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¹⁷ I sent my prophets who were like watchmen. They told you to listen carefully when the trumpets blow to warn you that your enemies are approaching, but you did not want to listen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Therefore, nations, listen! See, you witnesses, what will happen to them.

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¹⁸ Therefore, you people in the other nations, listen to this: Pay attention to what is going to happen to the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Hear, earth! See, I am about to bring disaster to this people—the fruit of their thoughts. They paid no attention to my word or law, but instead they rejected it.”

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¹⁹ Listen, all of you! I am going to cause disasters to happen to the Israelite people. That is what will happen to them because they have refused to listen to what I told them. They have refused to obey my laws.

Why is Yahweh about to bring disaster to this people?

They paid no attention to his word or his law.

Jeremiah 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ “What does this frankincense going up from Sheba mean to me? Or these sweet smells from a distant land? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable to me, nor are your sacrifices.

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²⁰ You Israelite people, when you burn frankincense that came from Sheba and when you offer to me sweet-smelling anointing oil that came from far away, I will not be pleased with your sacrifices. I will not accept the sacrifices that are completely burned on the altar; I am not pleased with any of your sacrifices.

What do the frankincense and sweet smells mean to Yahweh?

They mean nothing to him. He does not like them.

Jeremiah 6:21**ULT**

²¹ So Yahweh says this, ‘See, I am about to place a stumbling block against this people. They will stumble over it—fathers and sons together. Inhabitants and their neighbors will also perish.’

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²¹ Therefore, I will put obstacles on the roads on which my people will travel. Men and their sons and people’s neighbors and friends will stumble over those obstacles and fall down; everyone will die.”

What will the stumbling block do to the people?

It will destroy them.

Jeremiah 6:22**ULT**

²² Yahweh says this, 'See, a people is coming from the land of the north, a great nation is being stirred up from the farthest parts of the earth.'

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²² Yahweh also says this, "You will see a huge army marching toward you from the north. An army of a great nation very far away is preparing to attack you."

What kind of people are coming?

Cruel people, fighting men, are coming.

Jeremiah 6:23**ULT**

²³ They will pick up bows and spears. They are cruel and have no compassion. Their sound is like the sea roar, and they are riding on horses, set out in order as men for battle, against you, daughter of Zion."

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²³ They have bows and arrows and spears; they are very cruel, and do not act mercifully to anyone. As they ride along on their horses, the horses' feet sound like the roaring of the ocean waves; they are riding in battle formation to attack you people of Jerusalem."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:24**ULT**

²⁴ We have heard the reports about them and our hands fall limp in distress. Anguish seizes us as a woman giving birth.

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²⁴ The people of Jerusalem say to each other, "We have heard reports about the enemy; so we are very frightened, with the result that we are weak. We are very afraid, and worried, like women who are about to give birth to babies."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:25**ULT**

²⁵ Do not go out to the fields, and do not walk on the roads, for the swords of the enemy and terror are all around.

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²⁵ So, do not go out into the fields! Do not go on the roads, because the enemy soldiers have swords and they are everywhere; they are coming from all directions, and we are extremely afraid."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:26**ULT**

²⁶ Daughter of my people, put on sackcloth and roll in ashes; mourn with painful sobs as for an only son, for the destroyer will suddenly come upon us.

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²⁶ So I, Jeremiah, say to you, "My dear people, put on rough clothes and sit in ashes to show how much you are grieving. Mourn loudly and cry very much, as a mother would cry when her only son has died. For your enemies are very near, and they are going to destroy everything."

Why should the daughter of the people perform a bitter funeral for herself?

She should do this because the enemy will destroy her people.

Jeremiah 6:27**ULT**

²⁷ "I have made you, Jeremiah, one who tests my people like one would test metal, so you will inspect and test their ways.

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²⁷ Then Yahweh said to me, "Jeremiah, I have caused you to become like someone who heats metal very hot to completely burn the impurities. You will examine my people's behavior.

What will Jeremiah do as a refiner of God's people?

He will inspect and test their ways.

Jeremiah 6:28**ULT**

²⁸ They are all the most stubborn of people, who go about slandering others. All of them are bronze and iron, acting corruptly.

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²⁸ You will find out that they are very stubborn rebels: they are always slandering others. Their inner beings are as hard as bronze or iron; they all continually deceive others.

What are the people like?

They are stubborn like bronze and iron are hard.

Jeremiah 6:29**ULT**

²⁹ The bellows are scorched by the fire that is burning them; the lead is consumed in the flames. The refining continues among them, but it is useless, because the evil is not removed.

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²⁹ A metalworker causes the bellows to blow very hard to make the fire very hot to completely burn up the impurities. But just as a fire does not cause all the waste material to run off, it is impossible to separate the people from their wicked deeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:30**ULT**

³⁰ They will be called rejected silver, for Yahweh has rejected them."

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³⁰ I, Yahweh, have rejected them; I say that they are like worthless silver."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7

Jeremiah 7:1

ULT

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:2

ULT

² "Stand at the gate of Yahweh's house and proclaim there this word! Say, 'Hear the word of Yahweh, all you of Judah, you who enter these gates to worship Yahweh.

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² "Go to the entrance of my house and give this message to the people: You people of Judah, who worship here, listen to this message from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:3

ULT

³ Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Make your ways and practices good, and I will let you continue to live in this place.

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³ This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says to you: 'If you improve your ways and start doing what is right, I will allow you to remain living in your land.

What does Yahweh promise to do for the people if they will make their ways and practices good? (vv3-4)

He will continue to let them live in that place.

Jeremiah 7:4**ULT**

⁴ Do not entrust yourself to deceitful words and say, "Temple of Yahweh! Temple of Yahweh! Temple of Yahweh!"

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⁴ But some people are repeatedly saying to you, 'The temple of Yahweh is here, so we will be safe; he will not allow us and the temple to be destroyed.' But do not pay attention to what they say, because they are deceiving you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:5**ULT**

⁵ For if you actually make your ways and practices good; if you completely execute justice between a man and his neighbor—

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⁵ I will act mercifully to you only if you change your behavior and stop doing evil things, and if you start to act fairly toward others,

What must the people do in order for Yahweh to let them stay in the land? (vv5-7)

They must make their ways and practices good by practicing justice.

What must the people not do if they want Yahweh to let them stay in the land? (vv5-7)

They must not exploit the weak or kill the innocent or worship false gods.

Jeremiah 7:6**ULT**

⁶ if you do not exploit the one staying in the land, the orphan, or the widow and do not pour out innocent blood in this place, and do not walk after other gods to your own harm—

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⁶ and if you stop oppressing foreigners who live in your country, and orphans and widows, and if you stop murdering people and worshiping foreign gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:7**ULT**

⁷ then I will let you stay in this place, in the land that I gave to your ancestors from ancient times and forever.

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⁷ If you do what I have told you, I will allow you to stay in this land that I promised to your ancestors long ago that it would belong to them and their descendants forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:8**ULT**

⁸ Behold! You are trusting in deceitful words that do not help you.

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⁸ People are repeatedly telling you, 'The temple is here, so we are safe,' and you are trusting that what they are saying is true. But those people are deceiving you; what they say is worthless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:9**ULT**

⁹ Do you steal, kill, and commit adultery? Do you swear deceitfully and offer incense to Baal and walk after other gods whom you have not known?

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⁹ You think that you can steal things, murder people, commit adultery, tell lies in court, and worship Baal and all those other gods that you did not know about previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then do you come and stand before me in this house that is called by my name and say, “We are saved,” so you can do all of these abominations?

UST

¹⁰ Then you think you can come here and stand in front of this temple, which is my temple, and say ‘Nothing bad will happen to us!’, while you continue to do all those disgusting things.

What do the people say after they do things they know God hates?

They go to the temple and say that they are saved.

Jeremiah 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ Is this house, which carries my name, a den of bandits in your eyes? But behold, I have seen it—this is Yahweh’s declaration.’

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¹¹ Perhaps you do not know that you have made this temple, which is my temple, to become like a cave where thieves hide. But I, Yahweh, am telling you that I have seen all these things!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:12**ULT**

¹² ‘So go to my place that was in Shiloh, where I allowed my name to stay there in the beginning, and look at what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel.

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¹² Long ago I put my sacred tent in the district of Shiloh, to be a place where people would worship me. Think about how I destroyed it because my people, the Israelite people, did many wicked things there.

Why did Yahweh want the people to think about Shiloh? (vv12-14)

He wanted them to remember that he would do to them what he had done to Shiloh because they were guilty of the same sins the people of Shiloh were guilty of.

Jeremiah 7:13**ULT**

¹³ So now, on account of your doing all of these practices—this is Yahweh's declaration—I spoke to you time and time again, but you did not listen. I summoned you, but you did not answer.

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¹³ And while you were continually doing those wicked things, I told you about it many times, but you refused to listen. I called out to you, but you refused to answer me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Therefore, what I did to Shiloh, I will also do to this house that is called by my name, the house in which you have trusted, this place that I gave to you and your ancestors.

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¹⁴ Therefore, just as I destroyed Shiloh, I will now destroy this temple that was built for people to worship me, this temple that you trust in, in this place that I gave to you and your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For I will send you out from before me just as I had sent out all your brothers, all the descendants of Ephraim.'

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¹⁵ And I will expel you from this land and send you to other countries far away from me, just as I did to your relatives, the people of Israel."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ As for you, Jeremiah, do not pray for this people, and do not lift up a lamenting wail or say a prayer on their behalf, and do not petition me, for I will not listen to you.

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¹⁶ Yahweh said to me, "Jeremiah, do not pray for these people any longer. Do not call out on their behalf or plead for me to help them, because I will not pay any attention to you.

Why will Yahweh not listen to Jeremiah's prayers?

He will not listen because he has decided to destroy the Israelites.

Jeremiah 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

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¹⁷ Do you see the wicked things that they are doing in the streets of Jerusalem and in the other towns in Judah?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The children are gathering wood and the fathers kindling the fire! The women are kneading dough to make cakes for the queen of the heavens and pour out drink offerings for other gods so that they will provoke me.

UST

¹⁸ The children gather firewood and their fathers make fires on the altars to burn sacrifices. The women knead dough to make cakes to offer to their goddess Asherah who is called the Queen of Heaven. And on their altars they pour out offerings of wine to their other idols. All of those things cause me to become extremely angry!

Why will Yahweh destroy the people?

Because they are worshiping other gods.

Jeremiah 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Are they truly provoking me?—this is Yahweh's declaration—is it not themselves whom they are provoking, so that shame is on them?

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¹⁹ But I am not the one whom they are hurting; they are really hurting themselves by doing these things for which they should be very ashamed!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, 'See, my anger and wrath will gush out onto this place, on both man and beast, on the tree in the fields and the fruit on the ground. It will burn and never be extinguished.'

UST

²⁰ So Yahweh the Lord says this: "Because I am extremely angry with what happens at this place, I will punish these people severely; my being very angry will be like a fire that will not be extinguished, and I will destroy the people, their animals, their fruit trees, and their crops."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:21**ULT**

²¹ Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel says this, 'Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat the meat from them.'

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²¹ Therefore, this is what Yahweh, commander of the armies of angels, the God of Israel, says: "Take away your offerings that you bring to burn completely on your altars and your other sacrifices; do not give them to me; eat them yourselves!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:22**ULT**

²² For I did not speak with your ancestors and I gave them no command about matters of burnt offerings and sacrifices, when I brought them out from the land of Egypt.

UST

²² When I led your ancestors out of Egypt, it was not offerings to be completely burned on the altar or other sacrifices that I wanted from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:23**ULT**

²³ I only gave them this command, "Listen to my voice, and I will be your God and you will be my people. So walk in all the ways that I am commanding you, so that it may go well with you."

UST

²³ What I told them was, 'Obey me; if you do that, I will be your God and you will be my people. If you do the things that I want you to do, everything will go well for you.'

What command did Yahweh give the people when they left Egypt?

He commanded them to listen to his voice.

Jeremiah 7:24**ULT**

²⁴ But they did not listen or pay attention. They lived by their own stubborn plans of their wicked hearts, so they went backwards, not forward.

UST

²⁴ But your ancestors would not pay any attention to me. They continued to do the evil things that they wanted to do, everything that in their stubborn inner beings they desired to do. Instead of coming closer to me, they went further away from me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:25**ULT**

²⁵ Ever since the day when your ancestors went out from the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent every one of my servants, my prophets, to you. I persisted in sending them.

UST

²⁵ From the day that your ancestors left Egypt until now, I have continued to send my prophets to you repeatedly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:26**ULT**

²⁶ But they did not listen to me. They paid no attention. Instead, they hardened their necks. They were more wicked than their ancestors.'

UST

²⁶ But you, my people, have not listened to me or paid attention to what I said; you have been stubborn, and you have done more sinful things than your ancestors did."

What did the people do when Yahweh sent prophets?

They did not listen or pay attention. They did evil.

Jeremiah 7:27**ULT**

²⁷ So proclaim all these words to them, but they will not listen to you. Proclaim these things to them, but they will not answer you.

UST

²⁷ Then Yahweh said to me, "When you tell all this to my people, they will not listen to you. When you call to them, they will not answer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:28**ULT**

²⁸ Say to them: This is a nation that does not listen to the voice of Yahweh its God and does not receive discipline. Truth is destroyed and cut off from their mouths.

UST

²⁸ Say to them, 'You people of Judah have not obeyed Yahweh, your God; you have not accepted it when he tried to correct you. No one among you is truthful; you do not say anything that is true; you speak only lies.'

What is the prophet to say to them?

He is to say to them that this is a nation that does not listen to the voice of Yahweh.

Jeremiah 7:29**ULT**

²⁹ Cut off your hair and shave yourself, and throw away your hair. Sing a funeral song over the open places. For Yahweh has rejected and abandoned this generation in his rage.

UST

²⁹ So, tell them to cut off their hair to show that they are mourning; tell them to go up into the barren hills and sing a sad funeral song, Because I have completely rejected this generation of people who have made me angry."

Why does Yahweh tell Jeremiah to shave off all his hair?

Jeremiah was to show that Yahweh had rejected the Israelites.

Jeremiah 7:30**ULT**

³⁰ For the sons of Judah have done evil in my sight—this is Yahweh's declaration—they have set their detestable things in the house that is called by my name, in order to defile it.

UST

³⁰ Yahweh says this: "The people of Judah have done many things that I say are evil. They have set up their disgusting idols in my temple, causing it to become an unacceptable place to worship me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:31**ULT**

³¹ Then they built the high place of Topheth that is in the Valley of Ben Hinnom. They did this to burn their sons and daughters in fire—something that I did not command, nor did it enter my mind.

UST

³¹ They have built altars at Topheth in Hinnom Valley outside Jerusalem, and they sacrifice their sons and daughters on those altars. I never commanded them to do that; it was not even in my thoughts!

Why did the people build the shrine of Topheth in the valley of Ben Hinnom?

They built it so they could burn their sons and daughters in fire there.

Jeremiah 7:32**ULT**

³² So see, days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when it will no longer be called Topheth or Valley of Ben Hinnom. It will be the Valley of Slaughter; they will bury bodies in Topheth until there is no room left.

UST

³² So they should beware! There will be a time when that place will no longer be called Topheth or the Hinnom Valley; instead, it will be called the Valley of Slaughter. There will be a huge number of people who will be buried there, with the result that there will be no space to bury more bodies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:33**ULT**

³³ The corpses of this people will be food for the birds of the skies and the beasts of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten them away.

UST

³³ The corpses of my people that are not buried and are left on the ground will be eaten by vultures and wild animals, and there will be no one to shoo them away.

What will become of the corpses of this people?

Birds and wild animals will eat them.

Jeremiah 7:34

ULT

³⁴ I will put an end to, from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem, the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride. For the land will become a desolation.”

UST

³⁴ There will be no one singing and laughing anymore in the streets of Jerusalem; there will be no more joyful voices of bridegrooms and brides in Judah, because the land will be completely destroyed.”

What will Yahweh do to the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem?

He will make it so there are no happy people there.

Jeremiah 8

Jeremiah 8:1

ULT

¹ “At that time—this is Yahweh’s declaration—they will bring out from the graves the bones of the kings of Judah and its officials, the bones of the priests and the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

¹ Yahweh says, “After your enemies have destroyed you, then they will break open the graves of your kings and other officials who lived in Judah, and the graves of your priests and prophets and other people who lived there.

What will happen to the bones of the people?

People will spread the bones all over the ground.

Jeremiah 8:2

ULT

² Then they will spread them out in the sun and moon and all the stars of the skies; these things in the sky that they have followed and served, that they have walked after and sought, and that they have worshiped. The bones will not be gathered or buried again. They will be like dung on the surface of the earth.

UST

² They will take out their bones from their graves and dishonor them by scattering them on the ground under the sun and the moon and the stars—those are the gods which my people loved and served and worshiped. No one will gather up their bones and bury them again; they will remain scattered on the ground like dung.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:3**ULT**

³ In every remaining place where I have driven them, they will choose death instead of life for themselves, all who are still left over from this evil nation—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

³ And all the people of this wicked nation who are still alive and whom I have exiled to other countries will say, 'We would prefer to die than to continue to stay alive here in these countries.' That will be true because I, Yahweh, have said it."

Will those who are alive wish they could live or wish they could die?

They will wish they could die.

Jeremiah 8:4**ULT**

⁴ So say to them, 'Yahweh says this: Does anyone fall and not get up? Does anyone get lost and not try to return?

UST

⁴ Yahweh said to me, "Jeremiah, tell the people that this is what I, Yahweh, am saying to them: 'When people fall down, they get up again, do they not? When people are going along a road and find out that they are walking on the wrong road, they go back and find the correct road, do they not?'

What do people who are lost try to do?

They try to find a way to return.

Jeremiah 8:5**ULT**

⁵ Why has this people, Jerusalem, turned away in permanent faithlessness? They hold on to treachery and refuse to repent.

UST

⁵ Yes, they do, so why do these people of Judah continue trusting in those idols that have deceived them? They continue turning away from me and betray my covenant, even though I have warned them of what will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:6**ULT**

⁶ I paid attention and listened, but they did not speak right; no one was sorry for his wickedness, no one who says, "What have I done?" All of them go where they wish, like a stallion rushing toward battle.

UST

⁶ I have listened carefully to what they say, but they do not say what they should say. Not one of them is sorry for having sinned. No one says, "I have done wicked things." They are sinning and doing what they want to; Charging into sinful behavior with the excitement of a horse that is running into a battle.

How did the people feel about their wickedness?

No one was sorry for his wickedness.

Jeremiah 8:7**ULT**

⁷ Even the stork in heaven knows the right times; and the doves, swifts, and cranes. They go on their migrations at the right time, but my people do not know Yahweh's decrees.

UST

⁷ Even the stork knows when the seasons change, and the dove, the swallow, and the crane understanding the time of their migration! But my people do not know what I, Yahweh, require them to do.

How are Yahweh's people not like birds?

Birds know what they are supposed to do, but his people do not know Yahweh's decrees.

Jeremiah 8:8**ULT**

⁸ How can you say, "We are wise, for the law of Yahweh is with us"? Indeed, see! The deceitful pen of the scribes has created deceit.

UST

⁸ Your men who teach you the laws that Moses wrote have been saying false things about those laws. So, why do they continue saying, "We are very wise because we have the laws of Yahweh"?

What have the scribes done?

They have written things that deceive the people.

Jeremiah 8:9**ULT**

⁹ The wise men will be ashamed. They are dismayed and trapped. Behold! They reject Yahweh's word, so what use is their wisdom?

UST

⁹ Those teachers, who think that they are wise, will be ashamed and dismayed when they are taken to other countries by their enemies Because they sinned by rejecting what I told them. Truly, they were not very wise to do that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So I will give their wives to others, and their fields to those who will possess them, because from the least to the greatest, all of them are greedy for dishonest gain! From the prophet to the priest, all of them practice deceit.

UST

¹⁰ So, I will give their wives to other men; I will give their fields to the enemy soldiers who conquer them. All the people, including those who are least important and those who are most important, they all are trying to get money by tricking others Even my prophets and priests, they all lie to get what they want.

What will Yahweh do with their wives and their fields?

He will give their wives and fields to other people.

Jeremiah 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ They healed the wounds of the daughter of my people lightly, saying, "Peace, Peace," when there was no peace.

UST

¹¹ They act as though the sins of my people are like small wounds that they can easily treat. They tell the people that everything will go well with them, but that is not true; things will not go well with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:12**ULT**

¹² Were they ashamed when they practiced abominations? They were not ashamed; they did not know how to blush! So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says Yahweh.

UST

¹² They should be ashamed when they do disgusting things, but they do not even know how to show on their faces that they are ashamed about their sins. So, they also will be among those who will be killed. They will be destroyed when I punish them.

Were the people ashamed because of their sins?

No, they were not ashamed.

Jeremiah 8:13**ULT**

¹³ I will remove them completely—this is Yahweh's declaration—there will be no grapes on the vine, nor will there be figs on the fig trees. For the leaf will wither, and what I have given to them will pass away.

UST

¹³ I will allow their enemies to take away the figs and grapes that the people would have harvested from their fields. Their fruit trees will all wither. They will not receive all the blessings that I prepared for them. This will certainly happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What will Yahweh do because they were not ashamed?

He will have their enemies kill them.

Jeremiah 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Why are we sitting here? Come together; let us go to the fortified cities, and we will become silent there in death. For Yahweh our God will silence us. He will make us drink poison, since we have sinned against him.

UST

¹⁴ Then the people will say, "Why should we wait here in these small towns? We should go to the cities that have high walls around them, but even if we do that we will be killed there, Because Yahweh our God has decided that we must be destroyed; it is as though he has given us a cup of poison to drink, because we sinned against him.

What do the people decide to do?

They decide to go to the cities and die.

Jeremiah 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ We are hoping for peace, but there will be nothing good. We are hoping for a time of healing, but see, there will be terror.

UST

¹⁵ We hoped that things would go well for us, but things have not gone well. We hoped that we would recover and be strong again, but only things that terrify us are happening to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The snorting of his stallions is heard from Dan. The whole earth shakes at the sound of the neighing of his strong horses. For they will come and consume the land and its wealth, the city and the ones living in it.

UST

¹⁶ People far north in the Israelite city of Dan can already hear the snorting of the horses of those who are preparing to attack us. It is as though the entire land is shaking as their army approaches; they are coming to destroy our land and everything in it, the people and the cities."

What will Yahweh's strong horses do?

They will come and consume the land and its wealth, the city and the ones living in it.

Jeremiah 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For see, I am sending out snakes among you, vipers that you cannot charm. They will bite you—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh says, "I will send those enemy soldiers to Judah, and they will be like poisonous snakes among you. No one will be able to stop them from attacking you; they will attack you like snakes do, and kill you."

What is Yahweh sending to harm them?

He is sending snakes to harm them.

Jeremiah 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ My sorrow has no end, and my heart is sick.

UST

¹⁸ My grief for the people of Judah has overwhelmed any sense of happiness. I am very sad in my inner being.

Where are the people who are screaming?

They are in a land far away.

Jeremiah 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Behold! The screaming voice of the daughter of my people from a land far away! Is Yahweh not in Zion? Is her king no longer there? Why then do they provoke me to anger with their carved figures and their worthless foreign idols?

UST

¹⁹ Throughout our land, the people ask, "Has Yahweh abandoned Jerusalem? Is he, our city's king, no longer there?" Yahweh replies, "If they want me to be in Jerusalem, why do the people worship idols and foreign gods?"

Where is Yahweh?

Yahweh is in Zion.

Jeremiah 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ The harvest has passed on, summer is over. But we have not been saved.

UST

²⁰ The people say, "The harvest season is finished, the summer has ended, but Yahweh still has not rescued us from our enemies."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:21**ULT**

²¹ I am hurt because of the hurt of the daughter of my people. I mourn at the horrible things that have happened to her; I am dismayed.

UST

²¹ I cry because my people have been crushed. I mourn, and I am completely dismayed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:22**ULT**

²² Is there no medicine in Gilead? Is there no healer there? Why will the healing of the daughter of my people not happen?

UST

²² I ask, "Surely there is medicinal balm in the region of Gilead! Surely there are doctors there!" But my people have been badly wounded in their spirits, and nothing can heal them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9

Jeremiah 9:1

ULT

¹ If only my head could produce water, and my eyes be a fountain of tears! For I wish to weep day and night for those among the daughter of my people who have been killed.

UST

¹ "I wish that my head could produce as many tears as water from a spring, and that my eyes were like a fountain of tears, since I cry night and day for all of my people who have been killed by their enemies.

Why does the prophet want to weep?

He wants to weep because so many of his people have been killed.

Why will Yahweh punish the Israelites?

He will punish the Israelites because they are circumcised only in their body and not in their heart.

Jeremiah 9:2

ULT

² If only someone would give me a place for travelers in the wilderness to stay, where I could go to abandon my people. If only I could leave them, since all of them are adulterers, a band of traitors!

UST

² I wish that I could leave my people and forget them, and go and live in a shack in the desert, because they have not remained faithful to Yahweh; they are a mob of people who deceive others.

Why does he want to abandon his people?

He wants to abandon them because they are adulterers and traitors.

Jeremiah 9:3**ULT**

³ Yahweh declares, "They tread on their bows of lies with their tongues, but it is not because of any faithfulness of theirs that they grow strong on the earth. They go from one wicked act to another. They do not know me."

UST

³ They use their tongues to tell lies just as people shoot arrows with bows. They are powerful, but not because they are faithful, but they go about doing wicked things. "They do not know me," Yahweh says.

What do the sinful people say?

They say false things.

Jeremiah 9:4**ULT**

⁴ Each of you, be on guard against your neighbor and do not trust in any brother. For every brother is certainly a deceiver, and every neighbor walks in slander.

UST

⁴ Do not trust your neighbors and even your brothers! They all are as deceitful as Jacob was. They slander each other and tell lies about each other.

Why should each of them guard against their neighbors and brothers?

They should guard against them because every brother and neighbor is a deceiver.

Jeremiah 9:5**ULT**

⁵ Each man mocks his neighbor and does not speak the truth. Their tongues teach deceitful things. They are exhausted from committing iniquity.

UST

⁵ They deceive their friends and never tell the truth. They lie continually and, because of that, they have become skilled liars; they do one oppressive deed after another until they grow tired from sinning so much.

Why are the people exhausted?

They are exhausted from committing iniquity.

Jeremiah 9:6**ULT**

⁶ Your dwelling is in the midst of deception; in their deceit they refuse to acknowledge me—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

⁶ Jeremiah, everyone living around you is a deceiver. Not one of them will admit that I am God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore, Yahweh of hosts says this, "See, I am about to refine them and test them, for what else can I do, because of what my people have done?"

UST

⁷ Therefore I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say this: Listen carefully to what I say: I will test my people, like a metalworker puts metal in a hot fire to completely burn out the impure bits. Because of all the evil things that my people have done, there is absolutely nothing else that I can do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:8**ULT**

⁸ Their tongues are sharpened arrows; they speak unfaithful things. With their mouths they proclaim peace with their neighbors, but with their hearts they lie in wait for them.

UST

⁸ What they say injures people like poisoned arrows do. They say to their neighbors, 'I hope things will go well for you,' while they are planning to kill them.

Why does Yahweh want to test his people?

He wants to test them because they lie to their neighbors.

Jeremiah 9:9**ULT**

⁹ Should I not punish them because of these things—this is Yahweh’s declaration— and should I not avenge myself on a nation that is like this?

UST

⁹ Should I not punish them for doing that? Yes, I should certainly get revenge on the people of a nation that does things like that!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I will sing a song of mourning and wailing for the mountains, and a funeral song will be sung for the oases in the wilderness. For they are burned so no one can pass through them. They will not hear the sound of any cattle. The birds of the skies and the animals have all fled away.

UST

¹⁰ So, I will weep and wail for the people who live in the mountains and in the pastures, because those areas will be desolate, and no one will live there. There will be no cattle there to call to each other, and all the birds and wild animals will have fled to other places.

What will the prophet sing?

He will sing funeral songs and mourning songs for the mountains and the meadows.

Jeremiah 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ So I will turn Jerusalem into piles of ruins, a hideout for jackals. I will make Judah’s cities ruined places without inhabitants.”

UST

¹¹ Yahweh also says, “I will cause Jerusalem to become a heap of ruins, and only jackals will live there. I will destroy the towns of Judah, with the result that they will be completely deserted; no people will live there.”

What will Yahweh make of Jerusalem and Judah?

He will turn them into ruined places.

Jeremiah 9:12**ULT**

¹² What man is wise enough to understand this? To whom has the mouth of Yahweh spoken, and he will declare it? Why has the land perished and been destroyed like the wilderness that no one can pass through?

UST

¹² I said, "Only people who are very wise can understand these things. Only those who have been taught by Yahweh can explain these things to others. The wise people are the only ones who can explain why the land will be completely ruined with the result that everyone will be afraid to travel through it."

What will the land be like after it has perished?

It will be like the wilderness, and no one will pass through it.

Jeremiah 9:13**ULT**

¹³ Yahweh says, "It is because they have abandoned my law that I set before them, because they do not listen to my voice or walk by it.

UST

¹³ Yahweh replied, "These things will happen because my people have rejected my laws which I gave to them; they have not obeyed me or my instructions.

What have the people done to displease Yahweh?

They have abandoned his law and they do not listen to him.

Jeremiah 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ It is because they have walked by their stubborn hearts and have followed the Baals as their fathers taught them to do.

UST

¹⁴ Instead, they have stubbornly done the things that they wanted in their inner beings to do. They have worshiped the idols that represent the god Baal, which is what their ancestors did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Therefore Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, says this, 'See, I am about to make this people eat wormwood and drink poisonous water.

UST

¹⁵ So now listen to what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God of the Israelites, say: What I will do will be like giving these people bitter things to eat and poison to drink:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then I will scatter them among the nations that they have not known, neither they nor their ancestors. I will send out a sword after them until I have completely destroyed them.”

UST

¹⁶ I will scatter them to many nations which neither they nor their ancestors have known anything about; I will enable their enemies to strike them with swords until I have destroyed them.”

What does Yahweh say he will do to the Israelites?

He will make them as unhappy as people who have nothing but bitter things to eat and drink. Then he will drive them from their homes and have them killed.

Jeremiah 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Yahweh of hosts says this, “Think about this: Summon funeral singers; let them come. Send out for women skilled at lamenting; let them come.

UST

¹⁷ This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: “Think about what is happening, then summon those women who mourn when someone has died.

What should the women who are skilled at lamenting do? (vv17-18)

They should sing sad songs so that the people will cry.

Jeremiah 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Let them hurry and sing a mournful song over us, so our eyes may run with tears and our eyelids flow with water.

UST

¹⁸ Tell them to come quickly and start to wail, with the result that tears will stream down from your eyes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For the sound of wailing is heard in Zion, 'How we are devastated. We are greatly ashamed, for we have abandoned the land since they tore down our houses.'

UST

¹⁹ Listen to the people of Jerusalem calling out, saying, 'We have been ruined! We have experienced a terrible disaster! Now we are very ashamed, because our houses have been destroyed by our enemies, and we are being forced to leave our land.'

How do the wailing people in Zion feel?

They are greatly ashamed.

Jeremiah 9:20**ULT**

²⁰ So you women, hear Yahweh's word; pay attention to the messages that come from his mouth. Then teach your daughters a mourning song, and each neighbor woman a funeral song.

UST

²⁰ You women, listen to what Yahweh says. Pay attention to his words. Teach your daughters to wail. Teach each other how to sing funeral songs.

What should the women teach their daughters?

They should teach their daughters a mourning song.

Jeremiah 9:21**ULT**

²¹ For death has come through our windows; it goes into our palaces. It destroys children from outside, and young men in the city squares.

UST

²¹ You must learn to sing funeral songs because people will be dying in your houses and in palaces. There will be no more children playing in the streets, there will be no more young men gathering in the city squares.

Who does the prophet say are going to die?

Children and young men are going to die.

Jeremiah 9:22**ULT**

²² Declare this, 'This is Yahweh's declaration—the corpses of men will fall like dung in the fields, and like grain stalks after the reapers, and there will be no one to gather them.'

UST

²² There will be corpses scattered across the fields like dung; their dead bodies will lie there like grain that has been cut by reapers, and there will be no one still alive to bury them.

In what way will the corpses be like dung and grain stalks?

There will be no one to bury them.

Jeremiah 9:23**ULT**

²³ Yahweh says this, "Do not let the wise man take pride in his wisdom, or the warrior in his might. Do not let the wealthy man take pride in his riches.

UST

²³ Yahweh says this: "Wise men should not boast about their being wise, strong men should not boast about their being strong; and rich people should not boast about their being rich.

What should people be proud of?

People should be proud that they know Yahweh.

Jeremiah 9:24**ULT**

²⁴ For if a man takes pride in anything, let it be in this, that he has insight and knows me. For I am Yahweh, who acts with covenant faithfulness, justice and righteousness on earth. For it is in these that I take pleasure — this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

²⁴ Instead, those who want to boast should boast about their knowing me and about understanding that I am Yahweh, that I am kind and just and righteous, that I faithfully love people, and that I am delighted with people who act that way.

With what does Yahweh say that he acts?

He acts with covenant loyalty, justice, and righteousness.

Jeremiah 9:25**ULT**

²⁵ "See, days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when I will punish all the circumcised who are such only in their body.

UST

²⁵⁻²⁶ There will be a time when I will punish all those people who have changed their bodies by circumcising them but who have not changed their inner beings: The Egyptian, the Moab, of Edom, and of the Ammon people groups, all those who live close to desert areas far from Judah. I will even punish the people of Israel because they are only circumcised on the outside, and physically, and not on the inside, in their inner self."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:26**ULT**

²⁶ I will punish Egypt and Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, all the people who cut the hair on their heads very short, and those dwelling in the desert. For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel has an uncircumcised heart."

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²⁵⁻²⁶ There will be a time when I will punish all those people who have changed their bodies by circumcising them but who have not changed their inner beings: The Egyptian, the Moab, of Edom, and of the Ammon people groups, all those who live close to desert areas far from Judah. I will even punish the people of Israel because they are only circumcised on the outside, and physically, and not on the inside, in their inner self."

Why will Yahweh punish the other people?

He will punish them because even their bodies are uncircumcised.

Jeremiah 10

Jeremiah 10:1

ULT

¹ "Hear the word that Yahweh is announcing to you, house of Israel.

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¹ You people of Israel, listen to what Yahweh says:

What does Yahweh not want the people of Israel to do? (vv1-2)

He does not want them to learn the ways of the nations.

Jeremiah 10:2

ULT

² Yahweh says this, 'Do not learn the ways of the nations, and do not be dismayed by the signs in the heavens, for the nations are dismayed by these.

UST

² "Do not act like the people of other nations act, and do not be terrified by strange things that you see in the sky, even though they cause the people of other nations to be terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:3

ULT

³ For the religious customs of these people are worthless. They cut down a tree in the forest, and the craftsman carves the wood.

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³ The customs of the people of other nations are worthless. For example, they cut down a tree in the forest. Then a skilled worker cuts a section of it and uses his chisel to carve an idol from that section.

What custom is worthless?

Making an idol is worthless.

Jeremiah 10:4**ULT**

⁴ Then they decorate it with silver and gold. They strengthen it with hammer and nails so it will not fall over.

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⁴ Then people decorate the idol with silver and gold. Then they fasten it securely with nails in order that it will not topple over.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:5**ULT**

⁵ What they make with their hands is like scarecrows in a cucumber field, because they, too, can say nothing, and they have to be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them, for they cannot bring about evil, nor are they able to do anything good."

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⁵ Then the idol stands there like a scarecrow in a field of cucumbers. It cannot speak, and people must carry it, because it cannot walk. Do not be afraid of idols, because they cannot harm anyone, and they cannot do anything good to help anyone."

What custom is worthless?

Making an idol is worthless.

Why should the people not fear idols?

Idols cannot do anything either good or bad.

Jeremiah 10:6**ULT**

⁶ There is no one like you, Yahweh. You are great, and your name is great in power.

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⁶ Yahweh, there is no one like you. You are great, and you are very powerful.

Who is like Yahweh?

No one is like Yahweh.

Jeremiah 10:7**ULT**

⁷ Who does not fear you, king of the nations? For this is what you deserve, for there is no one like you among all the wise men of the nations or all their royal kingdoms.

UST

⁷ You are the king of all the nations! Everyone should revere you, because that is what you deserve. Among all the wise people on the earth and in all the kingdoms where they live, there is no one like you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:8**ULT**

⁸ They are all the same, they are brutish and stupid, disciples of idols that are nothing but wood.

UST

⁸ Those people who think that they are very wise are stupid and foolish. The idols that they worship are only made of wood! Those idols certainly cannot teach them anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:9**ULT**

⁹ They bring hammered silver from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz made by artificers, the hands of refiners. Their clothes are blue and purple cloth. Their skillful men made all of these things.

UST

⁹ People hammer silver from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz into sheets, and then they give those sheets of silver and gold to skilled workers to cover the idols. Then they put on those idols expensive purple robes that are made by skilled workers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But Yahweh is the true God. He is the living God and eternal king. The earth quakes at his anger, and the nations cannot endure his anger.

UST

¹⁰ But Yahweh is the only true God; he is the all-powerful God, the king who rules forever. When he is angry, all the earth shakes; and the people of the nations cannot endure what he does when he is angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ You will speak to them like this, "The gods that did not make the heavens and earth will perish from the earth and from under these heavens."

UST

¹¹ You Israelite people, tell this to those people: "Those idols did not make the sky and the earth, and they will disappear from the earth."

What will happen to the gods that did not make the earth?

They will perish.

Jeremiah 10:12**ULT**

¹² But it was he who made the earth by his power, and he established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding he stretched out the heavens.

UST

¹² But Yahweh made the earth by his power; he made firm ground to stand on by his wisdom and stretched out the sky by his understanding.

What did the true God do?

He established dry land and spread the heavens.

Jeremiah 10:13**ULT**

¹³ His voice makes the roar of waters in the heavens, and he brings up the mists from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain and sends out wind from his storehouse.

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¹³ When he speaks loudly, there is thunder in the sky; he causes clouds to form over every part of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and releases the winds from his storehouses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Every man has become ignorant, without knowledge. Every metalworker is put to shame by his idols. For his cast images are frauds; there is no life in them.

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¹⁴ People are as senseless as animals and know nothing of what God desires! those who make idols are always disappointed because their idols do nothing for them. The images that they make are not real gods; they are lifeless.

What is the difference idols and the true God? (vv14-15)

Idols are not alive, but God made all things.

Jeremiah 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ They are useless, the work of mockers; they will perish at the time of their punishment.

UST

¹⁵ Idols are worthless; they are just objects that make a mockery of the true God; there will be a time when they all will be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But God, the portion of Jacob, is not like these, for he is the molder of all things. Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; Yahweh of hosts is his name.

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¹⁶ But the God whom we Israelites worship is not like those idols; he is the one who created everything that exists; we, the tribe of Israel, belong to him; he is the commander of the angel armies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Gather your bundle and leave the land, you people who have been living under the siege.

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¹⁷ Yahweh says this to the people of Jerusalem: "The army of your enemies surrounds your city, so gather up your possessions and prepare to leave the city."

What should the people who have been living under the siege do?

They should gather their bundles and leave the land.

Jeremiah 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For Yahweh says this, "See, I am about to throw the inhabitants of the land out this time. I will cause them distress, and they will find it to be so."

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¹⁸ I will soon throw you out of this land and cause you to experience great troubles, with the result that you will begin to think of me again."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Woe to me! Because of my broken bones, my wound is infected. So I said, "Surely this is agony, but I must bear it."

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¹⁹ The people replied, "It is as though we have been badly wounded, and we are very grieved; It is as though we have a very serious illness, and we must endure the pain."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ My tent is devastated, and all of my tent cords are cut in two. They have taken my children away from me, so they no longer exist. There is no longer anyone to spread out my tent or to raise up my tent curtains.

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²⁰ It is as though our great tent is destroyed; the ropes that held it up have been cut; our children have gone away from us and will not return; there are no people left to rebuild our great tent.

Why is there no longer anyone to spread out the prophet's tent?

They have taken his children away from him.

Jeremiah 10:21**ULT**

²¹ For the shepherds are stupid and they do not seek Yahweh; so they have not prospered, and all their flock has been scattered.

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²¹ Our leaders have become just like animals; they no longer ask Yahweh to guide them, so they will no longer prosper, and all those over whom they rule will be scattered.

Why have the shepherds become stupid?

They do not seek Yahweh.

Jeremiah 10:22**ULT**

²² The report of news has arrived, "See! It is coming, a great earthquake is coming from the land of the north To make the cities of Judah into ruins, hideouts for jackals."

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²² Listen! Our enemies' armies in the north are making a very great noise as they march toward us. The towns in Judah will be destroyed, and they will become a place where jackals live."

What will happen when the earthquake comes?

The cities of Judah will become ruins.

Jeremiah 10:23**ULT**

²³ I know, Yahweh, that the way of a man does not come from himself. No person walking directs his own steps.

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²³ Yahweh, I know that no person controls what will happen to him; no one is able to direct the events that he will experience.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:24**ULT**

²⁴ Discipline me, Yahweh, nevertheless with justice, not in your anger or you would destroy me.

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²⁴ So correct us, but do it gently. Do not correct us when you are angry, because we would die if you did that.

How does the prophet ask Yahweh to discipline him?

He asks Yahweh to discipline him with justice, not in anger.

Jeremiah 10:25

ULT

²⁵ Pour your fury on the nations that do not know you and on the families that do not call on your name. For they have devoured Jacob and consumed him so as to completely destroy him and demolish his habitation.

UST

²⁵ Punish all the nations whose people do not acknowledge that you are God; punish all the nations whose people do not worship you, because they are completely destroying us people of Israel and they are causing our land to soon be only a desert.

On whom does the prophet ask Yahweh to pour his fury?

He asks Yahweh to pour his fury on the nations that do not know him.

Why should they receive Yahweh's fury?

They should receive Yahweh's fury because they have destroyed Jacob and Jacob's land.

Jeremiah 11

Jeremiah 11:1

ULT

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying,

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¹ This is another message that Yahweh told me:

To whom did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to declare the words of this covenant?

Yahweh said to declare them to each man of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 11:2

ULT

² "Listen to the words of this covenant, and declare them to each man in Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

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² "Listen to the agreement that I made with the ancestors of the people of Jerusalem and the other cities in Judah. Then tell that agreement to them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:3

ULT

³ Say to them, 'Yahweh, God of Israel says this: Cursed is anyone who does not listen to the words of this covenant.

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³ Then tell them that I, Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people worship, said that I will curse everyone who does not obey what was written in that agreement that I made with them.

Why would the people be cursed?

They would be cursed if they did not listen to the words of the covenant.

Jeremiah 11:4**ULT**

⁴ This is the covenant that I commanded your ancestors to keep the day I brought them out from the land of Egypt, from the furnace for smelting iron. I said, "Listen to my voice and do all of these things just as I have commanded you, for you will be my people and I will be your God."

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⁴ It is the same agreement that I made with their ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt. What happened to them in Egypt was terrible; it was as though they were living in a hot furnace. When I brought them out of Egypt, I told them to obey me, and to do everything that I had commanded them to do. I also told them that if they obeyed me, they would be my people and I would be their God.

To whom was this covenant given?

The covenant was given to Israel's ancestors.

When was the covenant given?

It was given the day Yahweh brought the Israelites out of Egypt.

Jeremiah 11:5**ULT**

⁵ So that I may confirm the oath that I swore to your ancestors, the oath that I would give them the land flowing with milk and honey, where you live today." Then I, Jeremiah, answered and said, "Yes, Yahweh!"

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⁵ Now tell these people that if they obey me, I will do what I promised to do for their ancestors. I will enable them to continue living in this very fertile land in which they now live." I replied, "Yahweh, I trust you that what you have said will happen."

What is the oath God swore to the ancestors?

He swore that he would give them the land flowing with milk and honey.

Jeremiah 11:6**ULT**

⁶ Yahweh said to me, "Proclaim all these things in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. Say, 'Listen to the words of this covenant and carry them out.

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⁶ Then Yahweh said to me, "Go into the streets of Jerusalem and to the other cities in Judah. Proclaim my message to the people. Tell them to listen to the agreement that I made with their ancestors and to obey it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:7**ULT**

⁷ For I have been giving solemn commands to your ancestors from the day I brought them up from the land of Egypt until this present time, persistently warning them and saying, "Listen to my voice."

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⁷ When I brought their ancestors out of Egypt, I solemnly pleaded with them many times to obey me, and I am still pleading with them now.

Why did God bring all the curses in the covenant against the people? (vv7-8)

He brought them because the people did not obey the covenant.

Jeremiah 11:8**ULT**

⁸ But they did not listen or pay attention. Each person has been walking in the stubbornness of his wicked heart. So I brought all the curses in this covenant that I commanded to come against them. But the people still did not obey."

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⁸ But they did not obey me or even pay any attention to me. Everyone continued to be stubborn and to do the evil things that they wanted to do. I commanded them to do what was written in the agreement, but they refused. So I punished them in all the ways that I promised that I would."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:9**ULT**

⁹ Next Yahweh said to me, "A conspiracy has been discovered among the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

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⁹ Then Yahweh said to me, "The people of Jerusalem and the other cities in Judah are rebelling against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They have turned to the iniquities of their earliest ancestors, who refused to listen to my word, who instead walked after other gods to worship them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah broke my covenant that I established with their ancestors.

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¹⁰ Their ancestors refused to do what I told them to do, and now these people have returned to committing the sins that their ancestors committed. They are worshiping other gods. The people of Israel disobeyed the agreement that I made with their ancestors, and now the people of Judah have done the same thing.

What was the conspiracy among the people of Judah and Jerusalem?

They refused to listen to Yahweh and worshiped other gods.

Jeremiah 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ Therefore Yahweh says this, 'See, I am about to bring disaster on them, disaster from which they will not be able to escape. Then they will call out to me, but I will not listen to them.

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¹¹ So now I, Yahweh, am warning them that I will cause disasters to come to them, and they will not escape. And when they call out for me to help them, I will not pay attention.

When Yahweh brings disaster on the people and they call out to him, how will he answer them?

He will not listen to them.

Jeremiah 11:12**ULT**

¹² The cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and call out to the gods to which they had given offerings, but they will certainly not be saved by them at the time of their disaster.

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¹² When that happens, the people in Jerusalem and other cities in Judah will offer sacrifices and burn incense to their gods and ask for their help, but those gods will not be able to save them when those disasters come to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:13**ULT**

¹³ For you Judah, the number of your gods has increased to equal the number of your cities. You have made the number of shameful altars in Jerusalem, incense altars for Baal, equal to the number of her streets.

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¹³ There are now as many gods in Judah as there are towns in Judah; the people of Jerusalem have erected as many altars to burn incense to those gods as there are streets in Jerusalem.

How many incense altars to Baal were made in Jerusalem?

The people made an altar to Baal on every street.

Jeremiah 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So you yourself, Jeremiah, must not pray for this people. You must not wail or pray on their behalf. For I will not be listening when they call on me in their disaster.

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¹⁴ Jeremiah, do not pray for these people, and do not plead with me to rescue them. If you plead with me, I will not pay attention; and if they call out to me for help when they are in distress, I will not listen to them."

Why does Yahweh command Jeremiah not to pray for the people?

He was not to pray because Yahweh would not listen.

Jeremiah 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Why is my beloved one, the one who has had so many wicked intentions, in my house? The meat of your sacrifices cannot help you. You rejoice because of your evil actions.

UST

¹⁵ Then Yahweh said, "The people of Judah whom I love certainly no longer have a right to come to my temple, because they continually do many evil things. They think that continually making sacrifices of meat to me certainly will protect them from disasters, with the result that they will be able to rejoice.

Why will the people's sacrifices not help them?

The sacrifices cannot help them because they have done evil and then been happy about it.

Jeremiah 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ In the past Yahweh called you a leafy olive tree, beautiful with lovely fruit. But he will light a fire on it that will sound like the roar of a storm; its branches will be broken.

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¹⁶ I previously said that they were like an olive tree full of green leaves with a lot of good olives on it, but now I will send their enemies to attack them furiously; it is as though I will break off their branches, and their city will be destroyed by fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For Yahweh of hosts, the one who planted you, has decreed disaster against you because of the wicked acts that the house of Israel and the house of Judah have committed—they have angered me by giving offerings to Baal.”

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¹⁷ It is as though the people of Judah and Israel were a beautiful olive tree that I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, planted, but now, by burning incense to their god Baal, they have caused me to become very angry. So now I have decided to destroy them.”

What wicked act have the people committed?

They have given offerings to Baal.

Jeremiah 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Yahweh made me know these things, so I know them. Yahweh made me see their deeds.

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¹⁸ Yahweh revealed to me that my enemies were planning to kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:19**ULT**

¹⁹ I was like a gentle lamb being led to a butcher. I did not know that they had formed plans against me, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit! Let us cut him off from the land of the living so his name will be no longer remembered."

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¹⁹ Before he did that, I was like a lamb that was being led away to be slaughtered; I did not know what they were planning to do. I did not know that they were saying, "Let us get rid of this tree and its fruit," so I did not know that they intended to kill me, in order that no one would remember me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ Yet Yahweh of hosts is the righteous judge who examines the heart and the mind. I will witness your vengeance against them, for I have presented my case to you.

UST

²⁰ Then I prayed, "Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, you judge people justly, and you examine everything that we are thinking. Allow me to watch you getting revenge on the people who want to kill me, because I trust that you will do for me what is right."

What part of man does Yahweh examine?

He examines the heart and the mind.

Jeremiah 11:21**ULT**

²¹ Therefore Yahweh says this concerning the people of Anathoth who are seeking your life, "They say, 'You must not prophesy in the name of Yahweh, or you will die by our hand.'"

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²¹ It was the men of my own town, Anathoth, who wanted to kill me, and they told me that they would kill me if I did not stop prophesying what Yahweh told me to say.

What were the people of Anathoth telling Jeremiah they would do if he kept prophesying in the name of Yahweh?

They said they would kill him.

Jeremiah 11:22**ULT**

²² Therefore Yahweh of hosts says this, 'See, I am about to punish them. Their vigorous young men will die by the sword. Their sons and their daughters will die by famine.

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²² So Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, said about them, "I will punish them. Their young men will be killed in wars, and their children will die because they have no food.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the people who wanted to kill Jeremiah?

He said he would kill their young people by war and famine.

Jeremiah 11:23**ULT**

²³ None of them will be left, because I am bringing disaster against the people of Anathoth, a year of their punishment."

UST

²³ I have set a time when I will bring disasters to the people of Anathoth, and when that happens, none of them will remain alive."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12

Jeremiah 12:1

ULT

¹ You are righteous, Yahweh, whenever I bring disputes to you. I must certainly tell you of my reason to complain: Why do the ways of the wicked succeed? All the faithless people are successful.

UST

¹ Yahweh, whenever I tell you that I am unhappy about what is happening to me, you always act justly. So now allow me to ask about one more thing that I do not understand: Why are wicked people often very prosperous? Why do things go very well for dishonest people?

What is Jeremiah's complaint about wicked people? (vv1-2)

Things go well for them.

Jeremiah 12:2

ULT

² You planted them and they took root. They continue also to produce fruit. You are near to them in their mouths, but far away from their hearts.

UST

² You allow them to prosper like trees that grow tall and bear a lot of fruit. They always say good things about you, but in their inner beings, they are really far from you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:3

ULT

³ Yet you, Yahweh, know me. You see me and you test my heart toward you. Take them away like sheep to the slaughter, and set them apart for the day of slaughter!

UST

³ But Yahweh, you know me very well. You see what I do and you are able to know what I am thinking. Set them apart like we separate the sheep out of the herd so that on the day of slaughter they will be butchered.

What does Jeremiah want Yahweh to do to the people?

He wants Yahweh to take the people away.

Jeremiah 12:4**ULT**

⁴ How long will the land go on drying up, and the plants in every field wither because of the wickedness of its inhabitants? The animals and the birds have been taken away. Indeed, the people say, "God will not see what happens to us."

UST

⁴ This land is becoming very dry and even the grass is withering. Even the wild animals and the birds have all died because the people who live in this land are very wicked. All this has happened because the people have said, "Yahweh does not know what has happened to us!"

Why do the plants wither?

The plants wither because of the people's wickedness.

Jeremiah 12:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh said, "Indeed, if you have run with foot soldiers and they have tired you out, how can you compete against horses? If you fall down in the safe countryside, how will you do in the thickets along the Jordan?"

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⁵ Then to show me that I needed to be prepared to endure even greater difficulties, Yahweh said to me, "It is as though you have become exhausted from racing against men; so how will you be able to race against horses? If you only prepare to run on open ground, what will happen to you when you are running through the thick foliage near the Jordan River?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:6**ULT**

⁶ For even your brothers and your father's family have betrayed you and have loudly denounced you. Do not trust in them, even if they say nice things to you.

UST

⁶ Already your brothers and other members of your own family oppose you. They plot against you and they say bad things about you. So even if they say nice things about you, do not trust them!

Who has betrayed Jeremiah?

Jeremiah's brothers and his father's family have betrayed him.

Jeremiah 12:7**ULT**

⁷ I have abandoned my house; I have forsaken my inheritance. I have given my beloved into the hands of her enemies.

UST

⁷ I have abandoned my Israelite people, the people whom I chose to belong to me. I have allowed their enemies to conquer the people whom I love.

Why does God hate his people?

They have set themselves against him.

Jeremiah 12:8**ULT**

⁸ My inheritance has become to me like a lion in a thicket; she sets herself against me with her own voice, so I hate her.

UST

⁸ My people have become to me like a lion in the forest. It is as though they roar at me like a lion, so now I hate them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:9**ULT**

⁹ Has not my inheritance become a speckled bird, that other birds of prey go against her all around? Go and gather all the wild beasts and bring them to devour her.

UST

⁹ My chosen people have become like speckled birds that are surrounded by vultures waiting to eat their flesh. Tell all the wild animals to come and eat the flesh until they are full.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard. They have stomped all over my portion of land; they turned my delightful portion into a wilderness, a desolation.

UST

¹⁰ Many rulers from other countries have come with their armies and devastated my people whom I care for like a farmer takes care of his vineyard. They have caused my beautiful land to become a barren desert where no one lives.

What have the shepherds done to the delightful portion? (vv10-11)

They have turned it into a wilderness.

Jeremiah 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ They have made her a desolation. I mourn for her; she is desolate. All the land has been made desolate, for there is no one who takes it to heart.

UST

¹¹ They have caused it to become completely empty; So now it is as though I am mourning the death of a loved one. The whole land is desolate, and no one worries about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:12**ULT**

¹² Destroyers have come against all the bare places in the wilderness, for Yahweh's sword is devouring from one end of the land to the other. There is no safety for any living creature.

UST

¹² The soldiers of our enemies have marched across all the barren hilltops. But I, Yahweh, am using those armies to punish your land from one end to the other, and no one will escape.

Where in the land is there safety for living creatures?

There is no safety in the land.

Jeremiah 12:13**ULT**

¹³ They have sown wheat but harvest thornbushes. They are exhausted from work but have gained nothing. So be ashamed of your gain because of Yahweh's anger."

UST

¹³ It is as though my people planted wheat, but now they are harvesting thorns. They have become very tired because of much hard work, but they have gained nothing from all that work. They will be very disappointed because their harvests will be very small, and that will happen because I, Yahweh, am extremely angry with them."

Why should the workers be ashamed of their gain?

They should be ashamed because of Yahweh's anger.

Jeremiah 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Yahweh says this against all my neighbors, the wicked ones who strike at the possession that I made my people Israel inherit, "See, I am the one who is about to uproot them from their own ground, and I will pull up the house of Judah from among them.

UST

¹⁴ This is also what Yahweh said to me: "I will punish the evil nearby nations that have been trying to take away the land that I gave to my Israelite people. I will force them to leave their own lands. But I will throw the people of Judah out of their lands, also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then after I uproot those nations, it will happen that I will have compassion on them and bring them back; I will return them—each man to his inheritance and his land.

UST

¹⁵ But later I will act mercifully toward those nations again, and I will bring them back to their own lands again. Each clan will come back to its own land.

What will happen to the house of Judah when Yahweh has compassion on them?

Yahweh will bring them back to their land.

Jeremiah 12:16**ULT**

¹⁶ It will come about that if those nations carefully learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name 'As Yahweh lives' just as they have taught my people to swear by Baal, then they will be built up in the midst of my people.

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¹⁶ And if the people of the other nations whose armies have invaded Israel learn the religious customs of my people, and if they learn that I am listening when they solemnly promise that they will do something, like they taught my people to believe that their god Baal was listening when they made solemn promises, I will cause them to become prosperous, and they also will be my people.

What is Yahweh's promise to those nations who learn to swear, "As Yahweh lives"?

They will be built up in the midst of Yahweh's people.

Jeremiah 12:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But if any do not listen, then I will uproot that nation. It will certainly be uprooted and destroyed—this is Yahweh's declaration."

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¹⁷ But I will expel any nation whose people refuse to obey me, and I will destroy that nation and its people. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What will happen if those nations do not listen?

Yahweh will uproot them.

Jeremiah 13

Jeremiah 13:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh said this to me, "Go and buy a linen undergarment and put it on around your waist, but do not put it in water first."

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¹ One day Yahweh said to me, "Go and buy a linen waistcloth. Put it on, but do not wash it."

What does Yahweh tell Jeremiah to do with the linen undergarment? (vv1-4)

He tells Jeremiah to put the undergarment on and then take it to the Euphrates and hide it.

Jeremiah 13:2

ULT

² So I bought an undergarment as Yahweh directed, and I put it on around my waist.

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² So I bought a very nice waistcloth, which is what Yahweh told me to do, and I put it on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:3

ULT

³ Then the word of Yahweh came to me a second time, saying,

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³ Then later Yahweh gave me another message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:4**ULT**

⁴ "Take the undergarment that you purchased that is around your waist, get up and go now to Perath. ^[1] Hide it there in a rock crevice."

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⁴ He said, "Go to the Euphrates River and hide your waistcloth in a crevice in the rocks."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:5**ULT**

⁵ So I went and hid it in Perath, just as Yahweh had commanded me.

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⁵ So I went to the river and did what Yahweh told me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:6**ULT**

⁶ After many days, Yahweh said to me, "Get up and go back to Perath. Take from there the undergarment that I had told you to hide."

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⁶ A long time later, Yahweh said to me, "Go back to the river and get the waistcloth that I told you to hide there."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:7**ULT**

⁷ So I went back to Perath ^[2] and dug out the undergarment from where I had hid it, and behold, it was destroyed and completely useless.

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⁷ So I went to the Euphrates River and dug out the waistcloth from the crevice in which I had hidden it. But it was ruined, and useless.

What was the quality of the undergarment when Jeremiah dug it out from where he had hidden it?

It was no good at all.

Jeremiah 13:8**ULT**

⁸ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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⁸ Then Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:9**ULT**

⁹ "Yahweh says this: In the same way I will destroy the great arrogance of Judah and Jerusalem.

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⁹ "What happened to your waistcloth shows that I will destroy the things that the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah are very proud of.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ This wicked people who refuses to listen to my word, who walk in the hardness of their heart, who go after other gods to worship them and bow down to them—they will be like this undergarment that is good for nothing.

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¹⁰ Those wicked people refuse to pay attention to what I say. They stubbornly do just what they desire to do; they worship other gods. Therefore, they will become completely useless, like your waistcloth.

How are the wicked people like the undergarment?

They are good for nothing because they refuse to listen to Yahweh's word.

Jeremiah 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ For just as an undergarment clings to someone's hips, so I have made all the house of Israel and all the house of Judah cling to me—this is Yahweh's declaration—to be my people, to bring me fame, praise, and honor. But they would not listen to me.

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¹¹ Just like a waistcloth clings closely to a man's waist, I wanted the people of Israel and Judah to cling closely to me. I wanted them to be my people, people who would praise me and honor me. But they would not pay attention to me.

What three things does Yahweh want his people to bring to him?

He wants them to bring him fame, praise, and honor.

Jeremiah 13:12**ULT**

¹² So you must speak this word to them, 'Yahweh, the God of Israel, says this: Every jar will be filled with wine.' They will say to you, 'Do we not indeed know that every jar will be filled with wine?'

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¹² So, tell this to them: 'Yahweh, the God whom you Israelite people worship, says that every leather wineskin should be filled with wine.' And when you tell that to them, they will reply, 'Of course we know that all wineskins should be filled with wine!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:13**ULT**

¹³ So say to them, 'Yahweh says this: See, I am about to fill with drunkenness every inhabitant of this land, the kings who sit on David's throne, the priests, prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.'

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¹³ And then you must tell them, 'No, that is not what Yahweh means. What he said means that he will cause this land to be filled with people who are drunk. That will include all of you—the king who sits on the throne that King David previously sat on, the priests and the prophets, and even the common people of Jerusalem.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then I will smash each man against his brother, fathers and children together—this is Yahweh's declaration—I will not pity them or have compassion, and I will not spare them from destruction.'"

UST

¹⁴ He is saying, 'I will cause a drunken brawl among you. Even parents will brawl with their children. I will not pity you or act mercifully toward you at all; pitying you will not prevent me from getting rid of you.'"

What will Yahweh fill all the people with?

He will fill them with drunkenness.

What will Yahweh do after he fills the people with drunkenness?

He will destroy them.

Jeremiah 13:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Listen and pay attention. Do not be arrogant, for Yahweh had spoken.

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¹⁵ You people of Judah, pay very careful attention. Do not be proud, because Yahweh has spoken to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Give honor to Yahweh your God before he brings darkness, and before he causes your feet to stumble on the mountains at twilight. For you are hoping for light, but he will turn the place into a deep darkness, into a dark cloud.

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¹⁶ It is as though he is ready to bring darkness on you and to cause you to stumble and fall as you walk on the hills when it is becoming dark. So praise Yahweh your God before that happens. If you do not do that, you will look for light, but all you will see is darkness and gloom.

What will happen if the people do not give honor to Yahweh?

He will bring darkness.

Jeremiah 13:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So if you will not listen, I will weep alone because of your arrogance. My eyes will certainly weep and flow with tears, for Yahweh's flock has been taken captive.

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¹⁷ And if you still refuse to heed what he says, what will happen to you because of your being proud will cause me to cry when I am alone. My eyes will be filled with tears because you, Yahweh's people, whom he takes care of like a shepherd takes care of his flock, will all be captured by your enemies and taken to other countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ "Say to the king and to the queen, 'Come down from your thrones, for your splendid crowns have fallen from your heads.'

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¹⁸ You people of Judah, say to the king and to his mother, "Come down from sitting on your thrones and humbly sit in the dirt, because your enemies will soon snatch from your heads your glorious crowns."

Why should the king and queen mother humble themselves?

Their crowns have fallen off.

Jeremiah 13:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The cities in the Negev will be shut up, with no one to open them. All Judah will be taken captive, completely taken captive.

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¹⁹ The towns in the southern Judean wilderness will be surrounded by your enemies, and no one will be able to get through their lines to rescue the people in those towns. You people of Judah will be captured and taken away; you will all be exiled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ Lift up your eyes and look at the ones coming from the north. Where is the flock he gave to you, the flock that was so beautiful to you?

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²⁰ You leaders of Jerusalem, open your eyes and look: the enemy armies are ready to march down from the north. When that happens, what will happen to the people of Judah who are like a beautiful flock of sheep, people that he gave to you to take care of?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:21**ULT**

²¹ What will you say when God sets over you those you had trained to be your special allies? Are these not the beginnings of the labor pains that will seize you just like a woman in childbirth?

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²¹ What will you say when Yahweh appoints people from other countries to rule over you, people who you mistakenly thought were your friends? You will suffer very much pain, like a woman who is about to give birth to a baby.

Whom will God place over the people?

He will place over them those whom they had taught to be their friends.

Jeremiah 13:22**ULT**

²² Then you might say in your heart, 'Why are these things happening to me?' It will be for the multitude of your iniquities that your skirts are raised up and you have been violated.

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²² You will ask yourselves, "Why is this happening to us?" I will reply that it is because of your many sins. That is why soldiers of the invading armies will lift up the skirts of your women and rape them.

Why are bad things happening to the people?

Bad things are happening because the people have committed many iniquities.

Jeremiah 13:23**ULT**

²³ Can the people of Cush change their skin color, or can a leopard change its spots? If so, then you yourself, although accustomed to wickedness, would be able to do good.

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²³ A man from Ethiopia certainly cannot change the color of his black skin, and a leopard certainly cannot change its spots. Similarly, you cannot start doing what is good, because you have always done what is evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:24**ULT**

²⁴ So I will scatter them like chaff that perishes in the desert wind.

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²⁴ Yahweh says, "I will scatter you like chaff that is blown away by the wind from the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:25**ULT**

²⁵ This is what I have given to you, the portion I have decreed for you—this is Yahweh's declaration— because you have forgotten me and trusted in deceit.

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²⁵ That is what is certainly going to happen to you, the things that I have determined will happen to you, because you have forgotten me, and you are trusting in false gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:26**ULT**

²⁶ So also I myself will strip your skirts off you, and your private parts will be seen.

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²⁶ It is as though I myself will pull your skirts up over your faces and cause you to be very ashamed because everyone will be able to see your private parts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:27**ULT**

²⁷ I have seen your adultery and neighing, the wickedness of your prostitution on the hills and in the fields, these detestable things! Woe to you, Jerusalem! How long until you are made clean again?"

13:4 ^[1] as .

13:7 ^[2] as .

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²⁷ I have seen that you act like men who are eager to commit adultery; you are like male horses that whinny when they desire to mate with a female horse. I have seen that you worship disgusting idols in the fields and on the hills. You people of Jerusalem, terrible things will happen to you because you will not be obedient and live a good life! How long will it be until you are acceptable to me again?"

What will Yahweh do about the bad things the people have done in secret?

He will show them to everyone.

Jeremiah 14

Jeremiah 14:1

ULT

¹ This is the word of Yahweh that came to Jeremiah regarding the drought,

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¹ After there had been no rain in Judah for a long time, Yahweh gave Jeremiah this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:2

ULT

² "Let Judah mourn; let her gates fall apart. They are wailing for the land; their cries for Jerusalem are going up.

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² The people in Judah are very distressed; people are sitting on the ground and mourning; in all of Jerusalem people are crying loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:3

ULT

³ Their mighty ones send out their servants for water. When they go to the trenches, they cannot find water. They all return with empty vessels; they cover their heads ashamed and dishonored.

UST

³ The rich people send their servants to wells to get water, but all the wells are dry. The servants return with empty pitchers; they cover their heads because they are ashamed and humiliated.

What happens when the servants search for water?

They do not find any.

Jeremiah 14:4**ULT**

⁴ Because of this the ground is cracked, for there is no rain in the land. The plowmen are ashamed and cover their heads.

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⁴ The ground is extremely dry and cracked open because there has been no rain. The farmers are ashamed that they cannot raise a crop, so they also cover their heads.

What happens when there is no rain? (vv4-6)

There is no grass or vegetation.

Jeremiah 14:5**ULT**

⁵ For even the doe abandons her young in the fields, for there is no grass.

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⁵ Even the does abandon their newborn babies, because there is no grass in the fields for them to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:6**ULT**

⁶ The wild donkeys stand on the bare plains and they pant in the wind like jackals. Their eyes fail to work, for there is no vegetation."

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⁶ The wild donkeys stand on the barren hills, panting like thirsty jackals. They become blind because there is no grass to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:7**ULT**

⁷ Even though our iniquities testify against us, Yahweh, act for the sake of your name. For our faithless actions increase; we have sinned against you.

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⁷ The people say, "Yahweh, if we have turned away from you and sinned many times, we now know that we are being punished because of our sins! Please help us in order that everyone can see that you are very great and keep your promises.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:8**ULT**

⁸ You are the Hope of Israel, the one who saves him in the time of distress. Why will you be like a stranger in the land, like a foreign wanderer who stretches out and spends just one night?

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⁸ You are the one whom we Israelites confidently expect to do good things for us when we have many troubles. So, why do you not help us? You act as though you are a stranger in our land, like you are someone who is staying here for only one night.

When does Yahweh save Israel?

He saves Israel in the time of distress.

Jeremiah 14:9**ULT**

⁹ Why are you like someone who is astounded, or like a warrior who has no power to rescue? You are in our midst, Yahweh, and your name is called over us. Do not leave us!

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⁹ Are you also surprised about the terrible things that are happening to us? Why do you act like you are unable to save anyone, even though you are a strong warrior? Yahweh, you are here among us, and others know that we are your people, so do not abandon us!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Yahweh says this to this people: "Since they love to wander, they have not held back their feet from doing so." Yahweh is not pleased with them. Now he calls to mind their iniquity and has punished their sins.

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¹⁰ And this is what Yahweh says to those people: "You love to wander away from me; you run from one idol to another. Therefore, now I will no longer accept you, and I will punish you for your sins."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ Yahweh said to me, "Do not pray for good on behalf of this people.

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¹¹ Then Yahweh said to me, "Do not pray for these people anymore.

What does Yahweh tell Jeremiah not to do for the people?

Yahweh tells Jeremiah not to pray for good for the people.

Jeremiah 14:12**ULT**

¹² For if they fast, I will not listen to their wailing, and if they offer up burnt offerings and food offerings, I will not take pleasure in them. For I will put an end to them by sword, famine, and plague."

UST

¹² When they fast, I will not pay any attention. When they bring to me their offerings of animals to be completely burned on the altar and their offerings of flour, I will not accept them. Instead, I will get rid of them by wars, by famines, and by diseases."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:13**ULT**

¹³ Then I said, "Oh, Lord Yahweh! Behold! The prophets are saying to the people, 'You will not see the sword; there will be no famine for you, for I will give you true security in this place.'"

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¹³ Then I replied to him, "Yahweh my God, their prophets are telling the people that they will not experience wars or famines. They are telling the people that you will surely allow us to have peace in our land for many years."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Yahweh said to me, "The prophets prophesy deceit in my name. I did not send them out, nor did I give them any command or speak to them. But deceitful visions and useless, deceitful divination coming from their own minds are what they are prophesying to you."

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh replied to me, "Those prophets say that they are speaking what I tell them to say, but they are telling lies. I did not send them, so what they are saying is false. They say that they have received visions from me, and that they are telling things that I have revealed to them, but that is not true. They are saying foolish things that they have only thought of themselves."

From where do the deceitful words of the false prophets come?

They come from the hearts of the false prophets.

Jeremiah 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Therefore Yahweh says this, "About the prophets prophesying in my name but whom I did not send out—those who say there will be no sword or famine in this land: These prophets will perish by sword and famine."

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¹⁵ So this is what I say about those prophets who are predicting what will happen, saying that I told them those things: They are saying that we Israelites will not die from wars or famines, but I did not send those prophets. And they themselves will die from wars or from famines."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then the people to whom they prophesied will be thrown out in the streets of Jerusalem because of famine and sword, for there will be no one to bury them—their wives, their sons, or their daughters—for I will pour out their wickedness on them.

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¹⁶ And the people to whom they are predicting these things, they and their wives and their sons and their daughters, will also die from wars or from famines. Their corpses will be thrown into the streets of Jerusalem, and there will not be anyone to bury them. I will punish them like they deserve to be punished.

What will happen to the false prophets?

They will die from war and famine.

Jeremiah 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Say this word to them: 'Let my eyes flow with tears, night and day. Do not let them stop, for there will be a great collapse of the virgin daughter of my people—a great and incurable wound.'

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¹⁷ So, Jeremiah, tell this to them about yourself: 'Day and night my eyes are full of tears. I cannot stop crying. I cry for my people, who are very precious to me, as if they were my daughters. I cry for them because they have been severely wounded; and they will not recover or heal from this severe wound.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ If I go out to the field, there are the ones who were killed by the sword! If I come to the city, there are the diseases that are caused by famine. Both the prophet and the priest wander about the land, and they do not know."

UST

¹⁸ If I go out into the fields, I see corpses of people who have been slaughtered by our enemies. If I walk along the streets of the city, I see corpses of people who died from hunger. The prophets and the priests travel through the land, preaching to people, but they do not know what they are doing."

Where will people die of war?

They will die of war in the fields.

Where will people die of famine?

They will die of famine in the city.

Jeremiah 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Have you completely rejected Judah? Do you hate Zion? Why will you afflict us when there is no healing for us? We hoped for peace, but there was nothing good— and for a time of healing, but see, there is only terror.

UST

¹⁹ Then I prayed this: “Yahweh, have you completely rejected the people of Judah? Do you really despise the people of Jerusalem? Why have you wounded us very badly, with the result that we will never be healed? We hoped that we would have peace, but there was no peace. We hoped that there would be a time when we would be healed, but all that we received were things that terrified us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ We admit, Yahweh, our offenses, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

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²⁰ Yahweh, we admit that we are wicked people, and that our ancestors also did many wicked things. We have all sinned against you.

What does Jeremiah admit to Yahweh is the iniquity of the ancestors?

They had sinned against Yahweh.

Jeremiah 14:21**ULT**

²¹ Do not reject us! For the sake of your name, do not make your glorious throne a disgrace. Remember and do not break your covenant with us.

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²¹ But Yahweh, in order that we may honor you, do not despise us. Do not dishonor the city where your glorious throne is. Please do not forget us, and do not break your agreement with us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:22

ULT

²² Do any of the worthless idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the skies themselves send down showers? Are you not the one, Yahweh our God? We wait for you, for you are the one who does all these things.

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²² Those idols that have been brought from other nations certainly cannot bring rain to us, and the sky certainly cannot cause rain to fall. Yahweh our God, you are the only one who can do things like that. So we will confidently expect you to help us.”

Why should the people hope in Yahweh?

Yahweh has made the heavens and given the spring rain.

Jeremiah 15

Jeremiah 15:1

ULT

¹ Then Yahweh said to me, "Even if Moses or Samuel were standing in front of me, I would still not be in favor of this people. Send them out from before me, for them to go away.

UST

¹ Then Yahweh said this to me: "Even if Moses and Samuel could come back from their graves and stand in front of me and plead with me for these Israelite people, I would not act mercifully toward these people. I would tell you to send them away from me. Cause them to leave me!

What did Yahweh say he would not change even if Moses or Samuel pled for the people?

He would still not be in favor of this people.

Jeremiah 15:2

ULT

² It will happen that they will say to you, 'Where should we go?' Then you must say to them, 'Yahweh says this: Those who are for death should go to death; those who are for the sword should go to the sword. Those who are for famine should go to famine; and those who are for captivity should go to captivity.'

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² And if they ask you, 'Where shall we go?', tell them, 'This is what Yahweh says: The ones that I say must die, will die: The ones that I say must die in wars, will die in wars. The ones that I say must die from hunger, will die from hunger. The ones that I say must be captured and taken to other countries, will be captured and taken to other countries.'

What will happen to the people of Judah and Jerusalem?

Some will die, some will be killed, some will die from being hungry, and some will be taken far from home.

Jeremiah 15:3**ULT**

³ For I will assign them to four groups—this is Yahweh's declaration—the sword to slaughter some, the dogs to drag some away, the birds of the skies and the beast of the earth to consume and destroy some.

UST

³ I will send four things that will get rid of them: I will send enemy soldiers using swords to kill them. I will send wild dogs to drag away their corpses. I will send vultures to eat their corpses. And I will send other wild animals to eat what remains of their corpses.

What four things will happen to the people?

Some will die in war, dogs will drag some away, birds will eat some, and beasts will eat some.

Jeremiah 15:4**ULT**

⁴ I will make of them a horrifying thing to all the kingdoms of the earth, because of what Manasseh son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, did in Jerusalem.

UST

⁴ Because of the wicked things that King Manasseh did in Jerusalem, I will cause people in all the kingdoms of the earth to be horrified concerning what will happen in Judah to my people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:5**ULT**

⁵ For who will have compassion for you, Jerusalem? Who will grieve for you? Who will turn aside to ask about your well-being?

UST

⁵ You people of Jerusalem, no one will feel sorry for you. No one will weep for you. No one will wish that you would not be hurt.

Who will care about Jerusalem?

No one will care about Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 15:6**ULT**

⁶ You have forsaken me—this is Yahweh's declaration—you have gone back from me. So I will strike you with my hand and destroy you. I am tired of having mercy on you.

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⁶ You people have abandoned me; you have continued to walk away from me. So, I will lift up my fist to smash you; I am tired of acting mercifully toward.

What is Yahweh tired of doing for Jerusalem?

He is tired of having mercy on Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 15:7**ULT**

⁷ So I will winnow them with a pitchfork at the gates of the land. I will bereave them. I will destroy my people since they will not turn from their ways.

UST

⁷ At the gates of your cities, I will scatter you like a farmer scatters the chaff from his grain by winnowing it. You, my people, have refused to turn away from your evil behavior. So, I will get rid of you, and I will even cause your children to be killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:8**ULT**

⁸ I will make their widows number more than the sands of the seashore. Against the mothers of young men I will send the destroyer at noonday. I will make shock and horror suddenly fall on them.

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⁸ I will cause there to be more widows in Judah than there are grains of sand on the seashore. I will bring on you an enemy army that will destroy your young men and cause their mothers to weep. I will cause you to suddenly experience great suffering and become very terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:9**ULT**

⁹ The mother who has borne seven children will waste away. She will gasp. Her sun will set while it is still day. She will be ashamed and embarrassed, for I will give those who remain to the sword in the presence of their enemies— this is Yahweh's declaration."

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⁹ A woman who has seven children will become faint and gasp for breath; it will be as though her daylight will become darkness, because most of her children will be dead, and she will be disgraced and humiliated. And her children who are still alive, I will enable your enemies to kill them. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What will make the mother of seven children ashamed and embarrassed?

Yahweh will have the enemy kill her children.

Jeremiah 15:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Woe to me, my mother! For you have borne me, I who am a man of controversy and argument through all the land. I have not lent, nor has anyone lent to me, but they all curse me.

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¹⁰ I said to my mother, "I am very sad; I wish that you had not given birth to me; everyone in this land opposes me and quarrels with me. I have not made anyone angry by lending or borrow money and then quarreling about it, but everyone curses me anyway."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:11**ULT**

¹¹ Yahweh said: "Will I not rescue you for good? I will certainly make your enemies beg for help in the time of calamity and distress.

UST

¹¹ But Yahweh replied to me, "Jeremiah, I will take care of you. And at times when you have the most troubles, I will come on your behalf and protect you from your enemy.

When will Yahweh make Jeremiah's enemies beg for help?

He will make them beg for help in the time of calamity and distress.

Jeremiah 15:12**ULT**

¹² Can one smash iron? Especially iron from the north that is mixed with bronze?

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¹² People of Judah, you know how strong iron is when it is mixed with bronze, it is very hard and good for weapons. That iron mixed with bronze metal is just like the strength of your enemies when they attack Judah from the north, no one will be able to stop them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:13**ULT**

¹³ I will give to your enemies your wealth and treasures as free plunder. I will do this because of all your sins committed within all your borders.

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¹³ I will give all the valuable possessions of your people to their enemies, without them paying for it. Your people will lose everything valuable because of all the sins that they have committed throughout the country.

Why will Yahweh give the people's wealth to their enemies?

He will give it because of all the people's sins.

Jeremiah 15:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then I will make you serve your enemies in a land that you do not know, for a fire will ignite, kindled in my wrath against you." ^[1]

UST

¹⁴ I will tell their enemies to force them to become their prisoners, to take them to other lands that they have not experienced, and force them to become their slaves. That will happen because I am extremely angry with your people; my anger is like a burning fire."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Yahweh, you know! Remember me and help me. Bring vengeance for me against those who persecute me. You are patient, but do not allow them to take me away; know that I suffer reproach for your sake.

UST

¹⁵ Then I said, "Yahweh, you know what is happening to me. Please come and help me. Punish those who are persecuting me. Please do not continue to be patient with them and do not allow me to die now. It is for your sake that I am suffering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Your words have been found, and I consumed them. Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I bear your name, Yahweh, God of hosts.

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh my God, you are the commander of the angel armies; when you spoke to me, I was delighted with your message; it caused me to be joyful, and I eagerly accepted what you said because I belong to you.

What did Jeremiah do with Yahweh's words?

He consumed them.

Jeremiah 15:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I did not sit in the circle of those who celebrated or rejoiced. I sat in solitude because of your powerful hand, for you filled me with indignation.

UST

¹⁷ When the people were carousing together, I never joined them; I sat alone, because you are the one who controls what I do. I was very angry with those people because of their sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Why is my pain ongoing and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be like deceitful waters to me, waters that dry up?

UST

¹⁸ So, why do you allow me to continue to suffer? It seems that my wounds cannot be healed. Sometimes you help me, sometimes you do not help me. It seems that you are as undependable as a brook that has water in it only during certain seasons; you are like a spring that has dried up."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Therefore Yahweh said this, "If you repent, then I will restore you, and you will stand before me. For if you separate the foolish things from the precious things, you will be like my mouth. The people will come back to you, but you yourself must not go back to them.

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¹⁹ Then Yahweh replied to me saying this: "If you begin again to trust in me, I will restore you, in order that you can continue to serve me. If you proclaim good messages and not worthless ones, you will continue to be the one who speaks what I tell you to say. You must cause the people to pay attention to what you say; you must not pay attention to what they say.

What does Jeremiah need to do to be restored?

He needs to repent.

Jeremiah 15:20**ULT**

²⁰ I will make you like an impenetrable bronze wall to this people, and they will wage war against you. But they will not defeat you, for I am with you to save and rescue you—this is Yahweh's declaration—

UST

²⁰ They will fight against you, but I will protect you, like people are protected from their enemies by a bronze wall. They will not defeat you, because I will be with you, and I will protect and rescue you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:21

ULT

21 for I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the hand of the tyrant.”
15:14 ^[1], some ancient copies have .

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21 Truly, I will keep you safe from those wicked people, I will rescue you when you are seized by cruel people.
That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

What kinds of people will Yahweh rescue Jeremiah from?

He will rescue him from the wicked and the tyrant.

Jeremiah 16

Jeremiah 16:1

ULT

¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:2

ULT

² "Do not take a wife for yourself, and do not have sons or daughters for yourself in this place.

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² "Do not get married and have children in this land,

What command does Yahweh give to Jeremiah?

Yahweh commands Jeremiah not to take a wife.

Jeremiah 16:3

ULT

³ For Yahweh says this to the sons and daughters who are born in this place, to the mothers who bear them, and to the fathers who caused them to be born in this land,

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³ because this is what I, Yahweh, say about the children who are born in this city, and about their mothers and fathers:

What will happen to the children that are born in that place? (vv3-4)

They will all die.

Jeremiah 16:4**ULT**

⁴ 'They will die diseased deaths. They will not be mourned or buried. They will be like dung on the ground. For they will come to an end by sword and famine, and their corpses will be food for the birds of the skies and the beasts of the earth.'

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⁴ Many of them will die from terrible diseases. And no one will mourn for them. No one will even bury their corpses; the corpses will lie on the ground, scattered like manure. Others will die in wars or from hunger, and then their corpses will become food for vultures and wild animals."

What will happen to their corpses?

Their corpses will be like dung on the ground and will be food for the birds and beasts.

Jeremiah 16:5**ULT**

⁵ For this says Yahweh, 'Do not enter a house where there is mourning. Do not go to mourn or to show sympathy for them, for I have taken away my peace from this people—this is Yahweh's declaration—and my covenant faithfulness and mercy.

UST

⁵ This is also what Yahweh said to me: "Do not go to funerals to mourn or to show those whose relatives have died that you feel sorry for them, because I have stopped protecting them, and I have caused that things will not go well for them. I have stopped faithfully loving them and acting mercifully toward them.

Why does Yahweh command Jeremiah not to go into houses where people are mourning? (vv5-6)

He commands Jeremiah because both the great people and the small people will die, but no one will mourn for them.

Jeremiah 16:6**ULT**

⁶ Both the great and the small will die in this land. They will not be buried, and no one will mourn for them or cut themselves or shave their heads for them.

UST

⁶ Very many people will die in this land, including those who are important and those who are not important. And no one will mourn for them, or even bury their corpses. No one will cut himself or shave his head to show that he is very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:7**ULT**

⁷ No one must share any food in mourning to comfort them because of the deaths, and none must give a comforting cup to his father or his mother.

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⁷ No one will bring food to comfort those who are mourning, not even if it is their father or their mother who is mourning. No one will give them a cup of wine to cheer them up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:8**ULT**

⁸ You must not go to a banquet house to sit with them in order to eat or drink.'

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⁸ And do not go into the houses where people are feasting. Do not eat or drink anything with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:9**ULT**

⁹ For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, 'See, before your eyes, in your days and in this place, I am about to put an end to the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the sound of the groom and the sound of the bride.'

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⁹ I want you to do this because this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say: 'While you are still alive and seeing it happen, I will cause there to be no more singing and laughing in this land. There will be no more joyful voices of bridegrooms and brides.'

Why does Yahweh command Jeremiah not to go into houses where people are celebrating?

Yahweh commands him because he is going to put an end to celebrations.

Jeremiah 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then it will happen that you will report all these words to this people, and they will say to you, 'Why has Yahweh decreed all this great disaster against us? What is our iniquity and sin that we sinned against Yahweh our God?'

UST

¹⁰ When you tell these things to the people, they will ask, 'Why has Yahweh declared that these terrible things will happen to us? What have we done for which we deserve to be punished like this? What sin have we committed against Yahweh our God?'

What will be the people's question when Jeremiah reports his word to them?

The people will ask Jeremiah why Yahweh has decreed disaster against them.

Jeremiah 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ So say to them, 'Because your ancestors abandoned me—this is Yahweh's declaration—and they went after other gods and worshiped and bowed down to them. They abandoned me and have not kept my law.

UST

¹¹ Then this is what you must tell them that I am replying to them: 'It is because your ancestors turned away from me, Yahweh. They worshiped other gods and served them. They abandoned me and did not obey my commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:12**ULT**

¹² But you yourselves have brought about more wickedness than your ancestors, for see, each person is walking by the stubbornness of his wicked heart; there is no one who listens to me.

UST

¹² But you who are living now have done more wicked things than your ancestors did! Each of you stubbornly does the evil things that he desires and refuses to pay attention to what I say.

Who was more wicked, these people or their ancestors?

These people were more wicked than their ancestors were.

Jeremiah 16:13**ULT**

¹³ So I will throw you from this land to a land that you have not known, neither you nor your ancestors, and you will worship other gods there by day and night, for I will not give any favor to you.'

UST

¹³ So, I will throw you out of this land, and I will send you to a land that you and your ancestors have never known about. There you will worship other gods day and night. And I will not act mercifully toward you.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Therefore, behold, the days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when it will no longer be said, 'As Yahweh lives, the one who brought up the people of Israel from the land of Egypt.'

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¹⁴ But there will be a time when people who are solemnly promising to do something will no longer say, 'I will do this, just as surely as Yahweh lives—the one who brought the Israelite people here from Egypt.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:15**ULT**

¹⁵ but, 'As Yahweh lives, the one who brought up the people of Israel from the land of the north and from the lands where he had scattered them.' For I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors.

UST

¹⁵ Instead, they will say 'I will do this, just as surely as Yahweh lives—the one who brought us Israelite people back to our own land, from the lands to the north and from all the other lands to which he had exiled us.' They will be able to say that because some day I will bring your descendants back to this land that I gave to your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Behold! I will send for many fishermen—this is Yahweh's declaration—so they will fish the people out. After this I will send for many hunters so they will hunt for them among all the mountains and hills, and in rock crevices.

UST

¹⁶ But now I am summoning your enemies who will seize them like fishermen catch fish. I am summoning those who will search for them on every mountain and hill, and in every cave, like hunters search for animals to kill.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For my eye is on all their ways; they cannot be hidden from before me. Their iniquity cannot be concealed from before my eyes.

UST

¹⁷ I am watching them carefully. I see every sin that they commit. They will not be able to hide from me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:18**ULT**

¹⁸ I will first pay back double for their iniquity and sin for their polluting of my land with their disgusting idol figures, and for their filling my inheritance with their disgusting idols."

UST

¹⁸ Because of all the wicked things that they have done, I will punish them twice as much as I would punish other people. I will do that because they have caused my own land to become unacceptable to me because of their worshiping lifeless statues of detestable gods, and also because they have filled my land with the other evil things that they have done."

Why will Yahweh pay back double Israel's iniquity and sin?

He will do it because they have polluted the land with their idols.

Jeremiah 16:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Yahweh, you are my stronghold and my refuge, my place of safety in the day of distress. The nations will go to you from the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our ancestors inherited deceit. They are empty; there is no profit in them."

UST

¹⁹ Then I prayed, saying, "Yahweh, you are the one who strengthens me and protects me; you are the one to whom I go when I have troubles. Some day people from nations all over the world will come to you and say, 'Our ancestors left us only something that was false; they worshiped idols that are completely worthless.'"

What will the nations say about their ancestors when they go to Yahweh?

They will say that their ancestors inherited deceit.

Jeremiah 16:20**ULT**

²⁰ Do people make gods for themselves? But they are not gods."

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²⁰ No one can make their own gods; the gods that they make are only idols; they are not real gods."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:21**ULT**

²¹ Therefore see! I will cause them to know in this time, I will cause them to know my hand and my power, so they will know that Yahweh is my name.

UST

²¹ Then Yahweh said, "Now I will show my power to the people of Judah; I will show them that I am truly very powerful. Then, finally, they will know that I, Yahweh, am the true God."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17

Jeremiah 17:1

ULT

¹ “The sin of Judah is written with an iron stylus having a diamond point. It is engraved on the tablet of their hearts and on the horns of your altars.

UST

¹ Yahweh said, “It is as though a list of the sins committed by the people of Judah is engraved with an iron chisel, or engraved using the fine point of a very hard stone, on their inner beings and on the altars where they worship their idols.

Where is the sin of Judah engraved?

It is engraved on their hearts.

Jeremiah 17:2

ULT

² Even their children remember their altars and their Asherah poles that were beside the spreading trees and on the high hills.

UST

² Even their children remember when they went to the altars, and they went up to the poles that represent the goddess Asherah, and there they worshiped underneath all the big trees and on all the high hills.

Where are the people’s Asherah poles located?

The Asherah poles are by the leafy trees on the high hills.

Jeremiah 17:3

ULT

³ My mountain in the open country, and your wealth and all your treasures I will give away as plunder, together with your high places, because of the sin you committed in all your territories.

UST

³ I will give my mountain as plunder, along with all your wealth and all your treasures, because of your idolatry and your worship on the hills. They will take your possessions away because you sinned against Yahweh throughout your land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:4**ULT**

⁴ You will lose the inheritance that I gave to you. I will enslave you to your enemies in a land that you do not know, for you have ignited a fire in my wrath, which will burn forever.”

UST

⁴ The wonderful land that I gave to you will no longer belong to you. I will tell your enemies to take you to a land that you do not know about, and you will become their slaves. I will do that because I am extremely angry with you; my being angry is like a fire that will burn forever.”

Where will Judah be enslaved?

Judah will be enslaved in a land that they do not know.

Jeremiah 17:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh says, “The person who trusts in mankind is accursed; he makes flesh his strength but turns his heart away from Yahweh.

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⁵ This is also what Yahweh says: “Those who trust in human beings to help them are cursed, those who rely on their own strength and turn away from me with their inner beings.

Who does Yahweh say is accursed?

Yahweh says that the person who trusts in mankind is accursed.

Jeremiah 17:6**ULT**

⁶ For he will be like a small bush in the Arabah and will not see anything good coming. He will stay in the arid places in the wilderness, barren land without inhabitants.

UST

⁶ They are like dry bushes in the desert, they are people who will not experience any good things. Those people will live in the barren desert in a salty area, where no one can safely abide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:7**ULT**

⁷ But the person who trusts in Yahweh is blessed, for Yahweh is his reason for confidence.

UST

⁷ But Yahweh is pleased with those who trust in him, and who confidently expect him to take care of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:8**ULT**

⁸ For he will be like a tree planted by water, its roots will spread out by the stream. It will not fear the heat when it comes, for its leaves are always green. It is not anxious in a year of drought, and it will not stop producing fruit.

UST

⁸ Those people are like fruit trees that have been planted along a riverbank, trees that have roots that go down into the wet ground beside the water. They are trees whose leaves remain green when it becomes hot, trees that continue to bear fruit when there are many months in which there is no rain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:9**ULT**

⁹ The heart is more deceitful than anything else. It is sick; who can understand it?

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⁹ Human minds are extremely corrupt, and we cannot change that. It is also completely impossible for anyone to understand that.

What is the heart like?

The heart is more deceitful than anything else, it is sick, and no one can understand it.

Jeremiah 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I am Yahweh, the one who searches through the mind, who tests the hearts. I give to each person according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.

UST

¹⁰ But I, Yahweh, search what is in everyone's inner being, and I examine what they are thinking. I will give all people reward or punishment, what they deserve for what they have done."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:11**ULT**

¹¹ A partridge hatches an egg that she did not lay. Someone may become rich unjustly, but when half his days are over, those riches will abandon him, and in the end he will be a fool."

UST

¹¹ I know some people who become rich by doing things that are unjust. They are like birds that hatch eggs that they did not lay. So, when those people have lived only half of the years that they expect to live, they will disappear. Then other people will realize that those people have been foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:12**ULT**

¹² "The place of our temple is a glorious throne, elevated from the beginning.

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¹² Yahweh, your temple is like a glorious throne that has been on a high hill since it was built.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:13**ULT**

¹³ Yahweh is the hope of Israel. All who abandon you will be put to shame; those who turn away from you will be written in the earth, for they have forsaken Yahweh, the fountain of living waters.

UST

¹³ You are the one whom we Israelite people confidently expect to bless us, and all those who turn away from you will be disgraced and feel what it is like to be separated from you, because they have abandoned you, who are like a fountain where people obtain fresh water.

What will happen to those who abandon Yahweh?

All who abandon Yahweh will be ashamed and cut off.

Jeremiah 17:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Heal me, Yahweh, and I will be healed! Rescue me, and I will be rescued. For you are my song of praise.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh, please heal me, because if you heal me, I will truly be healed. If you rescue me, I will truly be safe, because you are the only one whom I praise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:15**ULT**

¹⁵ See, they are saying to me, 'Where is the word of Yahweh? Let it come!'

UST

¹⁵ People often ridicule me and say, "You tell us messages that you say came from Yahweh, but why have the things that you predicted not happened?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:16**ULT**

¹⁶ As for me, I did not run from being a shepherd following you. I did not long for the day of disaster. You know the proclamations that came from my lips. They were made in your presence.

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh, you appointed me to take care of your people like a shepherd takes care of his sheep; I have not abandoned that work, and you know that I have not previously wanted this time of disaster to come to people who ridicule me. And you know everything that I have said to your people.

From what job did Jeremiah not run away?

Jeremiah did not run from being a shepherd following Yahweh.

Jeremiah 17:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Do not be a terror to me. You are my refuge on the day of disaster.

UST

¹⁷ Do not cause me to be terrified! When disasters come, you are the one to whom I will go to be safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:18**ULT**

¹⁸ May my pursuers be ashamed, but do not let me be ashamed. May they be dismayed, but do not let me be dismayed. Send the day of disaster against them and shatter them with a double share of destruction."

UST

¹⁸ So now, cause those who persecute me to be ashamed and dismayed, but do not do things to me that will cause me to be ashamed and dismayed. Cause them to be terrified! Do to them many things that will completely destroy them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Yahweh said this to me: "Go and stand in the gate of the people where the kings of Judah enter and where they exit, then in all the other gates of Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁹ This is what Yahweh said to me: "Go to the city gates in Jerusalem. First go to the gate where the kings of Judah go in and out of the city, and then go to each of the other gates.

What did Yahweh want Jeremiah to do when he stood by the gates?

He wanted Jeremiah to tell the people to listen to the word of Yahweh.

Jeremiah 17:20**ULT**

²⁰ Say to them, 'Hear the word of Yahweh, kings of Judah and all you people of Judah, and every resident of Jerusalem who comes in through these gates.

UST

²⁰ Say to the people at each gate, 'You kings of Judah and everyone else who is living in Jerusalem and all you other people of Judah who enter these gates, listen to this message from Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:21**ULT**

²¹ Yahweh says this: "Be careful for the sake of your lives and do not carry a burden on the Sabbath day to bring it to the gates of Jerusalem.

UST

²¹ He says, "Listen to this warning carefully if you want to live! Stop doing work on Sabbath days! Stop carrying loads through these gates on those days!

What did Yahweh want the people to stop doing?

He wanted them to stop carrying burdens on the Sabbath.

Jeremiah 17:22**ULT**

²² Do not bring a load out from your house on the Sabbath day. Do not do any work, but set apart the Sabbath day, just as I commanded your ancestors to do.”

UST

²² Do not carry loads out of your houses or do any other work on Sabbath days! Instead, cause Sabbath days to be holy. I commanded your ancestors to do that,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:23**ULT**

²³ They did not listen or pay attention, but stiffened their neck so they would not hear me nor accept discipline.

UST

²³ but they did not listen to me or obey me. When I did things to correct them, they stubbornly refused to pay attention to what I said or to accept it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:24**ULT**

²⁴ It will happen that if you truly listen to me—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and do not bring a load to the gates of this city on the Sabbath day but instead set apart the Sabbath day to Yahweh and not do any work on it,

UST

²⁴ But I say that if you obey me, and if you do not carry loads through these gates on Sabbath days or do any other work on Sabbath days, and if you dedicate the Sabbath days to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:25**ULT**

²⁵ then kings, princes, and those who sit on David's throne will come to the gates of this city in chariots and with horses, they and their leaders, men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, and this city will be inhabited forever.

UST

²⁵ kings of Judah and their officials will continue to go in and out of these gates. There will always be someone who is a descendant of King David ruling here in Jerusalem. Kings and their officials will go in and out of these gates, riding in chariots and on horses, and there will be people living in this city forever.

What will happen to the city if the people will listen and not do any work on the Sabbath?

If they will listen and obey, then the city will remain forever.

Jeremiah 17:26**ULT**

²⁶ They will come from the cities of Judah and from all around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin and the lowlands, from the mountains, and from the Negev, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and frankincense, thank offerings to the house of Yahweh.

UST

²⁶ And people will come to Jerusalem bringing offerings to be completely burned on the altar and other offerings. They will bring to the temple grain offerings and incense and offerings to thank me. People will bring these offerings from the towns in Judah and the villages near Jerusalem and from the land where the tribe of Benjamin lives and from the western foothills and from the southern Judean wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:27**ULT**

²⁷ But if you do not listen to me—to set apart the Sabbath day and to not carry heavy loads and to not enter the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day—then I will light a fire in its gates, and it will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem, and it cannot be put out.”

UST

²⁷ But if you do not pay attention to what I say, and if you refuse to dedicate the Sabbath days to me, and if you continue to carry loads through these gates into the city on Sabbath days, I will burn these gates completely. The fire will spread to the palaces, and no one will be able to put out that fire.””

What will happen if the people do not listen?

If the people do not listen, Yahweh will burn Jerusalem up.

Jeremiah 18

Jeremiah 18:1

ULT

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave another message to me. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:2

ULT

² "Arise and go out to the potter's house, for I will have you hear my word there."

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² "Go to the shop of the man who makes clay pots. I will give you a message there."

Where does Yahweh tell Jeremiah to go to hear a word from him?

Yahweh tells Jeremiah to go to the potter's house.

Jeremiah 18:3

ULT

³ So I went out to the potter's house, and behold! The potter was working on the potter's wheel.

UST

³ So I went to that shop, and I saw the man who makes pots. He was working at the wheel that he uses to form pots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:4**ULT**

⁴ But the pot he was making from the clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, so he returned the clay and formed it into another pot, and he made it into an object that was pleasing in his eyes.

UST

⁴ But when he finished making one jar, it was not as good as he hoped it to be. So, he took the clay and formed it into another jar, shaping it as he desired to.

What happened to the object of clay that the potter molded while Jeremiah was watching?

It was ruined in his hand.

Jeremiah 18:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

⁵ Then Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:6**ULT**

⁶ "Should I not be able to act like this potter with you, house of Israel?—this is Yahweh's declaration. Behold! Like clay in a potter's hand—that is how you are in my hand, house of Israel.

UST

⁶ "Perhaps the people of Israel think that I cannot do to them like this man who makes pots has done. But what they think is wrong. I can control what happens to them like this man controls what he does with the clay in his hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:7**ULT**

⁷ At one moment, I may proclaim something about a nation or a kingdom, that I will drive it out, tear it down, or destroy it.

UST

⁷ There may be a time when I proclaim that I will get rid of a nation or kingdom, like someone pulls up a plant with its roots, and smash it, and destroy it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:8**ULT**

⁸ But if the nation about which I have made that proclamation turns from its evil, then I will relent from the disaster that I was planning to bring upon it.

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⁸ But if the people of that nation repent of doing evil things, I will not send to them the disasters that I planned to send.

What will Yahweh do to a nation that turns from evil after it hears his proclamation?

He will relent from the disaster that he was planning to bring upon it.

Jeremiah 18:9**ULT**

⁹ At another moment, I may proclaim something about a nation or a kingdom, that I will build it up or plant it.

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⁹ And there may be a time when I proclaim that I will establish a nation or kingdom and cause it to be strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But if it does evil in my eyes by not listening to my voice, then I will stop the good that I had said I would do for them.

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¹⁰ But if the people of that nation start to do evil things and refuse to obey me, then I will not bless them as I said that I would do.

What will Yahweh do to a nation that does not listen to his voice?

He will not do the good that he had said he would do for them.

Jeremiah 18:11**ULT**

¹¹ So now, speak to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and say, 'Yahweh says this: See, I am about to form disaster against you. I am about to devise a plan against you. Repent, each person from his wicked way, so your ways and your practices will bring good to you.'

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¹¹ Therefore, Jeremiah, go and warn all the people in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah. Say to them, 'This is what Yahweh says: I am planning a disaster that I will send to you. So, each of you should turn from your evil behavior and start doing what is right, in order that good things will come to you instead!'

Why will Yahweh form disaster against the people of Judah and Jerusalem?

They are doing wicked things.

Jeremiah 18:12**ULT**

¹² But they will say, 'This is no use. We will act according to our own plans. Each one of us will do what his evil, stubborn heart desires.'

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¹² But the people will say back to you, 'It is useless for you to say these things to us. We will continue to be stubborn and behave as wickedly as we want to.'"

What will the men of Judah and Jerusalem do after Jeremiah warns them?

They will not listen or stop doing evil things.

Jeremiah 18:13**ULT**

¹³ Therefore Yahweh says this, 'Ask the nations, who has ever heard of such a thing as this? The virgin Israel has committed a horrible act.

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¹³ So this is what Yahweh said in response: "Ask the people who live in other nations if they have ever heard of such a thing. My Israelite people, who have been pure like virgins, have done a terrible thing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Does the snow in Lebanon ever leave the rocky hills on its sides? Are the mountain streams coming from far away ever destroyed, those cold streams?

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¹⁴ The snow certainly never completely disappears from the rocky slopes of the mountains in Lebanon. The cold streams that flow down from those distant mountains never cease flowing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Yet my people have forgotten me. They have made offerings to useless idols and been made to stumble in their paths; they have left the ancient paths to walk lesser paths.

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¹⁵ But my people are not as reliable as those streams: They have abandoned me. They burn incense to honor worthless idols. It is as though they have stumbled as they walked along well known and reliable roads and now, instead, they are walking on dirt paths.

Why will Israel become a horror?

The Israelites have forgotten Yahweh and made offerings to idols.

Jeremiah 18:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Their land will become a horror, an object of everlasting hissing. Everyone who passes by her will shudder and shake his head.

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¹⁶ Therefore, their land will become desolate, and people who see it will hiss to ridicule it from now on. All the people who pass by will be appalled; they will shake their heads to show that they are shocked.

Why will everyone who passes by shudder and shake his head?

They will do that because Yahweh has made the land a horror.

Jeremiah 18:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I will scatter them before their enemies like an eastern wind. I will show them my back, and not my face, on the day of their disaster.”

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¹⁷ I will scatter the people when their enemies attack them like dust is scattered by an east wind. And when they experience all these disasters, I will turn my back on them and refuse to help them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So the people said, “Come, let us make plots against Jeremiah, since the law will never perish from the priests, or advice from the wise men, or words from the prophets. Come, let us attack him with our words and no longer pay attention to anything he proclaims.”

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¹⁸ Then the people said, “Come, we should plan to attack Jeremiah. We have many priests who teach us God’s laws, wise men who give us good advice, and prophets who tell us what will happen. We do not need Jeremiah! So we should slander him and not pay attention to anything that he says.”

What is the people’s plot against Jeremiah?

They plan to attack him with their words and no longer pay attention to anything he says.

Jeremiah 18:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Pay attention to me, Yahweh, and listen to the voice of my enemies.

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¹⁹ Then I prayed, "Yahweh, please listen to me! And listen to what my enemies are saying about me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:20**ULT**

²⁰ Will disaster from them really be my reward for being good to them? For they have dug a pit for me. Remember how I stood before you to speak for their welfare, to cause your fury to turn away from them.

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²⁰ I am doing things that are good, so it is disgusting that they are paying me back by doing evil things to me. It is as though they have dug a pit for me to fall into and die. Do not forget that one time I stood in front of you and pleaded for you to help them, and I tried to prevent you from punishing them, even though you were very angry with them.

What does Jeremiah ask Yahweh to remember him for?

Jeremiah asks Yahweh to remember how Jeremiah had spoken for the people's welfare.

Jeremiah 18:21**ULT**

²¹ Therefore give their children over to famine, and give them to the hands of those who use the sword. So let their women become bereaved and widows, and their men be killed, and their young men killed by the sword in battle.

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²¹ So now, allow their children to die from hunger! Or cause them to be killed by their enemies' swords! Cause their wives to become widows, whose children are all dead! Cause their husbands to be killed in battles!

What does Jeremiah ask Yahweh to do to his enemies?

He asks Yahweh to kill all the men and not forgive their sin.

Jeremiah 18:22**ULT**

²² Let a distressed shout be heard from their houses, as you suddenly bring raiders against them. For they have dug a pit to capture me and have hidden traps for my feet.

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²² Cause people to scream in their homes when enemy soldiers suddenly come into their houses! Cause all these things to happen to them because they want to kill me. It is as though they have dug a pit for me to fall into, and they have hidden traps along my path.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:23**ULT**

²³ But you, Yahweh, you know all of their plans against me to kill me. Do not forgive their iniquities and sins. Do not wipe their sins away from you. Instead, let them be overthrown before you. Act against them in the time of your wrath.

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²³ Yahweh, you know all the things that they are planning to do to kill me. Do not forgive them for their crimes or blot out the record of their sins. Cause them to be destroyed; punish them because of your being angry with them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19

Jeremiah 19:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh said this, "Go and purchase a potter's clay flask while you are with the elders of the people and the priests.

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¹ This is another message that Yahweh gave to me: "Go and buy a clay jar from a man who makes them. Then take with you some of the elders of the people and leaders of the priests.

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to purchase?

He told Jeremiah to go and purchase a potter's clay flask.

Jeremiah 19:2

ULT

² Then go out to the Valley of Ben Hinnom at the entry of the Broken Pottery Gate, and there proclaim the words that I will tell you.

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² Go out of the city past the Broken Pottery Gate, to the place overlooking the dump for broken pottery in the Hinnom Valley. Then give them a message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:3

ULT

³ Say, 'Hear the word of Yahweh, kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, "See, I am about to bring disaster on this place, and the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle.

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³ Say to them, 'This message is for you kings of Judah and other people of Jerusalem. Listen to what Yahweh is saying! The God of Israel, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says that he will bring a terrible disaster on Jerusalem. Those who hear about it will be stunned.

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah he would bring on the kings of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem?

Yahweh said he would bring disaster on that place, and make their ears tingle.

Jeremiah 19:4**ULT**

⁴ I will do this because they have abandoned me and profaned this place. In this place they offer sacrifices to other gods that they did not know. They, their ancestors, and the kings of Judah have also filled this place with innocent blood.

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⁴ That will happen because you Israelite people have stopped worshiping me, and have caused this place to be a place where you worship foreign gods. You burn sacrifices to gods that neither you nor your ancestors nor even the kings of Judah ever heard about. And you have filled this place with the blood of innocent people whom you have killed.

Why is God bringing disaster on Jerusalem?

He is bringing disaster because the people have abandoned God and profaned his place, and approached other gods, and filled the place with innocent blood.

Jeremiah 19:5**ULT**

⁵ They built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to him—something that I did not command or mention, nor did it enter my mind.

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⁵ You have built houses on the top of many hills to honor your god Baal, and at those places you have killed your own children and offered them to be sacrifices to Baal. I never commanded you to do that, I never spoke about doing that, and never even considered allowing that!

Why did the people build shrines to Baal?

They built shrines to Baal in order to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to him.

Jeremiah 19:6**ULT**

⁶ Therefore, see, the days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when this place will no longer be called Topheth, the Valley of Ben Hinnom, for it will be the Valley of Slaughter.

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⁶ So, beware, because I, Yahweh, say that there will be a time when this garbage dump will no longer be called Topheth or Hinnom Valley; it will be called Slaughter Valley.

What will the Valley of Ben Hinnom be called?

It will be called the Valley of Slaughter.

Jeremiah 19:7**ULT**

⁷ In this place I will make the plans of Judah and Jerusalem useless. I will make them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hand of the ones seeking their lives. Then I will give their corpses as food to the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the earth.

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⁷ In this place I will ruin the plans of you people who live in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah. I will allow your enemies who want to kill you to kill many of you with their swords. Then I will allow your corpses to remain on the ground to be food for vultures and wild animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:8**ULT**

⁸ Then I will make this city a ruin and the object of hissing, for everyone passing by it will shudder and hiss regarding all of its plagues.

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⁸ I will completely destroy Jerusalem and cause it to become a heap of ruins that people will despise. All the people who pass by will be appalled, and they will be shocked when they see that the city has been destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:9**ULT**

⁹ I will make them eat the flesh of their sons and daughters; each man will consume the flesh of his neighbor in the siege and in the anguish brought on them by their enemies and the ones seeking their lives.”

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⁹ I will enable your enemies who want to kill you to surround the city for a long time. Then the food will be all gone, and you people will be extremely hungry, with the result that you people in the city will eat the flesh of your own children and your neighbors' children.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then you will break the clay flask in the sight of the men who went with you.

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¹⁰ Jeremiah, after you tell that to them, while the people who are with you are watching, smash the jar that you brought.

What was Jeremiah to do with the clay flask?

He was to break the clay flask in the sight of the men who went with him.

Jeremiah 19:11**ULT**

¹¹ You will say to them, 'Yahweh of hosts says this: I will do this same thing to this people and this city just as Jeremiah shattered the clay flask so that it could not be repaired again. People will bury the dead in Topheth until there is no place left for any more dead.

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¹¹ Then say to them, 'This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: Just like this jar has been smashed and cannot be repaired, I will smash this city of Jerusalem and other places in Judah. You will bury some of your corpses here in this dump, until there is no more space to bury any more corpses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:12**ULT**

¹² This is what I will do to this place and its inhabitants when I make this city like Topheth—this is Yahweh's declaration—

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¹² That is what I will do to this city and to you people who live here. I will make you unfit to worship me, and this city will be like you, just as Topheth is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:13**ULT**

¹³ so the houses of Jerusalem and of the kings of Judah will become like Topheth—all the houses on whose rooftops the unclean people worship all the stars of the heavens and pour out drink offerings to other gods.”

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¹³ The houses in Jerusalem and the palaces of the kings of Judah will be unfit, like this place will be. All the houses where you burned incense on the rooftops to honor the stars that you worshiped, and where you poured out wine to be an offering to your gods, will become unfit for anyone who worships me to live in.”

What were the unclean people doing on the rooftops?

The unclean people were worshipping the stars on the rooftops and pouring out drink offerings to other gods.

Jeremiah 19:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then Jeremiah went from Topheth, where Yahweh had sent him to prophesy. He stood in the courtyard of Yahweh’s house and he said to all the people,

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¹⁴ Then I returned from the garbage dump where Yahweh had sent me to tell them that message, and I stood in the courtyard of Yahweh’s temple and said this to all the people who were there:

Why did Yahweh bring disaster on the city and all of its towns? (vv14-15)

God brought disaster on them because they stiffened their neck and refused to listen to God’s words.

Jeremiah 19:15**ULT**

¹⁵ “Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, ‘See, I am about to bring to this city and to all of its towns all the disaster that I have proclaimed against it, since they stiffened their neck and refused to listen to my words.’”

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¹⁵ “This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: ‘I will bring a disaster to this city and to the villages around it like I promised, because you people have stubbornly refused to pay attention to what I said to you.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20

Jeremiah 20:1

ULT

¹ Pashhur son of Immer the priest—he was a leading officer—heard Jeremiah prophesying these words before Yahweh’s house.

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¹ Pashhur son of Immer, was a priest who supervised the temple guards. He heard these things that I had prophesied.

Why did Pashur beat Jeremiah and place him in stocks? (vv1-2)

He punished Jeremiah because Jeremiah prophesied these words before Yahweh’s house.

Jeremiah 20:2

ULT

² So Pashhur beat Jeremiah the prophet and then placed him in the stocks that were at the Upper Gate of Benjamin in Yahweh’s house.

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² So he arrested me. Then he commanded guards to whip me and fasten my feet in stocks at the Benjamin Gate of Yahweh’s temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:3

ULT

³ It happened on the next day that Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, “Yahweh has not called your name Pashhur, but you are Magor Missabib.

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³ The next day, when Pashhur released me, I said to him, “Pashhur, Yahweh is giving you a new name. From now on, your name will be ‘Surrounded by Terror,’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:4**ULT**

⁴ For Yahweh says this, 'Look, I will make you an object of horror, you and all of your loved ones, for they will fall by the sword of their enemies and your eyes will see it. I will give all of Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon. He will make them captives in Babylon or attack them with the sword.

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⁴ because Yahweh says this to you: 'I will cause you and your loved ones to be terrified. You will watch them being killed by your enemies' swords. I will enable the army of the king of Babylon to capture the people of Judah. Those soldiers will take some of the people to Babylon, and they will kill others with their swords.

What will Yahweh give to the king of Babylon?

Yahweh will give him all the wealth of this city and all of its riches, all of its precious items and all the treasures of the kings of Judah.

Jeremiah 20:5**ULT**

⁵ I will give him all the wealth of this city and all of its riches, all of its precious items and all the treasures of the kings of Judah. I will place these things in the hand of your enemies, and they will seize them. They will take them and bring them to Babylon.

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⁵ And I will enable their soldiers to take away other things in Jerusalem: all your wealth and the produce of your hard work. They will take to Babylon all the very valuable things that belonged to your kings.

What will happen to Pashur and all the inhabitants of his house?

They will go to Babylon and die there.

Jeremiah 20:6**ULT**

⁶ But you, Pashhur, and all the inhabitants of your house will go into captivity. You will go to Babylon and die there. You and all of your loved ones to whom you prophesied deceitful things will be buried there."

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⁶ And as for you, Pashhur, they will take you and all your family to Babylon. You and your family and all your friends who have prophesied things that are lies will die there and be buried there."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:7**ULT**

⁷ “Yahweh, you deceived me, and I was deceived. You are stronger than I, and you overpowered me. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

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⁷ One day I said this to Yahweh: “Yahweh, when you chose me to be a prophet, you deceived me so that I would agree to do this work. You forced me to become a prophet. But now everyone ridicules me. They make fun of me all the day.

What happened when Jeremiah tried not to proclaim Yahweh’s name anymore? (vv7-9)

His word became like a fire in Jeremiah’s heart, a burning in his bones, and he could contain it.

Jeremiah 20:8**ULT**

⁸ For whenever I have spoken, I have called out and proclaimed, ‘Violence and destruction.’ Then Yahweh’s word has become for me reproach and mocking every day.

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⁸ When I tell people your messages, I shout saying, ‘Yahweh is going to cause you to experience violence and destruction!’ So because I tell them those messages from you, they insult me and scoff at me all the day.

What message did Jeremiah call out and proclaim?

He called out and proclaimed, “Violence and destruction.”

Jeremiah 20:9**ULT**

⁹ If I say, ‘I will not think about Yahweh anymore. I will not speak any longer in his name.’ Then it is like a consuming fire in my heart, held within my bones. So I struggle to contain it but I cannot.

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⁹ But if I would say, ‘I will never mention Yahweh or say anything about him,’ it would be as though your message would burn in my inner being like a fire; it would be like a fire in my bones. Sometimes I try to remain silent and not proclaim your messages, but I am not able to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I have heard rumors of terror from many people all around. 'Report! We must report it!' Those who are close to me watch to see if I will fall. 'Perhaps he can be tricked. If so, we can overpower him and take our revenge on him.'

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¹⁰ I hear many people whispering about me, saying 'He is the man who proclaims that there will be things that cause us to be terrified everywhere. We must tell the authorities what he is saying! We must denounce him!' Even my best friends are waiting for me to say something that is wrong. They are saying, 'Perhaps we can cause him to say something wrong, and if he does, we will be able to defeat him.'

What will happen to those who watch for Jeremiah to fall? (vv10-11)

They will stagger, they will not defeat him, and they will have unending shame.

Jeremiah 20:11**ULT**

¹¹ But Yahweh is with me like a powerful warrior, so the ones pursuing me will stagger. They will not defeat me. They will be greatly ashamed, because they will not succeed. They will have unending shame, it will never be forgotten.

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¹¹ But you, Yahweh, are helping me like a strong warrior, so it is as though he will cause those who persecute me to stumble, and they will not defeat me. They will be completely disgraced because of being unable to gain any advantage over me; and other people will never forget that they were disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:12**ULT**

¹² But Yahweh of hosts, you examine the righteous and see the mind and the heart. Let me see your vengeance on them for I have committed my cause to you.

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¹² Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, you examine all those who are righteous; you know all that is in their inner beings and what they think. Allow me to see you getting revenge on those who want to harm me, because I came to you to petition for what is right."

Why does Jeremiah say to sing and praise Yahweh? (vv12-13)

Everyone should sing and praise Yahweh because he examines the righteous, sees their mind and heart, does vengeance, and rescues the oppressed person.

Jeremiah 20:13**ULT**

¹³ Sing to Yahweh! Praise Yahweh! For he has rescued the lives of those who are oppressed from the hand of evildoers.

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¹³ Sing to Yahweh! Praise Yahweh! He rescues poor and needy people, from those who are wicked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Let the day when I was born be cursed. Do not let the day that my mother bore me be blessed.

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¹⁴ But I hope that the day that I was born will be cursed. I do not want anyone to celebrate that day when my mother gave birth to me.

How does Jeremiah say about the day he was born?

He curses the day he was born and asks that it not be blessed.

Jeremiah 20:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Let the man who informed my father be cursed, the one who said, 'A male child has been born to you,' causing great joy.

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¹⁵ And as for that man who brought to my father the news, and caused him to be very happy, by saying "Your wife has given birth to a son for you," I hope that he also will be cursed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Let that man be like the cities that Yahweh overthrew and he did not have compassion on them. Let him hear a cry for help in the dawn, a battle cry at noontime,

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¹⁶ Allow him to be destroyed like the cities that Yahweh destroyed long ago, without acting mercifully toward them. Cause that man to hear the people wailing in the morning, and to hear the enemy soldiers shout their battle cries at noon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:17**ULT**

¹⁷ because he did not kill me in the womb, making my mother to be my tomb, a womb that was pregnant forever.

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¹⁷ I want that to happen to him because he did not kill me when I was born. I wish that I had died in my mother's womb, and that my mother's body would have been like my grave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Why is it that I came out from the womb to see troubles and agony, so that my days are filled with shame?"

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¹⁸ I have continually experienced much trouble and sorrow, and I am disgraced now when I am about to die; why was it necessary for me to be born?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21

Jeremiah 21:1

ULT

¹ The word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh when King Zedekiah sent Pashhur son of Malkijah and Zephaniah son of Maaseiah the priest to him, and they said,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message when King Zedekiah of Judah sent a man named Pashhur son of Malkijah, and a priest named Zephaniah son of Maaseiah, to talk to me. They pleaded with me, saying,

What did Pashhur and Zephaniah ask Jeremiah? (vv1-2)

They asked him to seek advice from Yahweh.

Why did they want Jeremiah to seek advice from Yahweh? (vv1-2)

They were hoping Yahweh would do miracles for them.

Jeremiah 21:2

ULT

² "Please seek advice from Yahweh on our behalf, for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is making war on us. Perhaps Yahweh will do miracles for us, as in times past, and will make him withdraw from us."

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² "The army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon is attacking Judah. Please speak to Yahweh for us. Ask him if he will help us. Perhaps he will force Nebuchadnezzar's army to leave by performing a miracle for us, like the miracles he performed previously."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:3

ULT

³ So Jeremiah said to them, "This is what you must say to Zedekiah,

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³ I replied to them, "Go back to King Zedekiah. Tell him,

What is the message that Jeremiah give Zedekiah? (vv3-5)

The message is that Yahweh will fight against Zedekiah.

Jeremiah 21:4**ULT**

⁴ Yahweh, God of Israel, says this: See, I am about to turn back the instruments of war that are in your hand, with which you are fighting against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who are closing you in from outside the walls! For I will gather them in the middle of this city.

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⁴ This is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says: "I will cause your weapons to be useless in fighting against the king of Babylon and his army that is outside the walls of Jerusalem, attacking. I will enable them to enter into the center of this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:5**ULT**

⁵ Then I myself will fight against you with a raised hand and a strong arm, and with wrath, fury, and great anger.

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⁵ I myself will fight against your army with my very great power, because I am very angry with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:6**ULT**

⁶ For I will attack the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast. They will die in a severe plague.

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⁶ I will send a very terrible plague on the people of this city, and on their domestic animals, and many of them will die."

How will Yahweh fight against King Zedekiah? (vv6-7)

Yahweh will fight against King Zedekiah with sickness, war, and hunger.

Jeremiah 21:7**ULT**

⁷ After this—this is Yahweh’s declaration—Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants, the people, and whoever remains in this city after the plague, the sword, and the famine, I will give them all into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life. Then he will kill them with the edge of the sword. He will not pity them, spare them, or have compassion.’

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⁷ And Yahweh says there are many people in this city who want to kill you. So, he will enable the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and other people in this city to capture you, King Zedekiah, and your officials, and all the other people who do not die from the plague. His army will slaughter your soldiers; they will not act mercifully toward you or pity you at all.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:8**ULT**

⁸ Then to this people you must say, ‘Yahweh says this: See, I am about to place before you the way of life and the way of death.

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⁸ And tell this to all the people: ‘Yahweh says that you must decide whether you want to die or to remain alive.

What did people who wanted to live need to do? (vv8-9)

They needed to go out of the city and surrender to the Chaldeans.

What would happen to the people who stayed in the city? (vv8-10)

They would die.

Jeremiah 21:9**ULT**

⁹ Anyone staying in this city will die by the sword, famine, and plague; but anyone going out and falling on his knees before the Chaldeans who have closed in against you will live. He will escape with his life.

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⁹ Everyone who remains in Jerusalem will die. They will be killed in battles or die from being hungry or from diseases. But those who surrender to the army of Babylon that is surrounding your city will remain alive. They will escape dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For I have set my face against this city in order to bring disaster and not to bring good—this is Yahweh's declaration. It has been given into the hand of the king of Babylon and he will burn it.'

UST

¹⁰ This will happen because I, Yahweh, have decided to cause this city to experience disasters, not to experience something good. The army of the king of Babylon will capture this city and will destroy it completely by fire.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:11**ULT**

¹¹ Concerning the house of the king of Judah, listen to the word of Yahweh.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh also told me to say this to the family of the king of Judah: "Listen to this message from Yahweh!

What does Yahweh want the king of Judah to do? (vv11-12)

He wants the king to listen to Yahweh's word, to bring about justice, and to rescue the oppressed.

Jeremiah 21:12**ULT**

¹² House of David, Yahweh says, 'Bring about justice in the morning. Rescue the one who has been robbed by the hand of the oppressor, or my fury will go out like fire and burn, and there is no one who can quench it, because of your evil deeds.

UST

¹² This is what he says to you descendants of King David: 'Every day, make fair decisions for the people whom you judge. Help those who have been robbed. Rescue them from robbers and abusers. If you do not do that, I will be angry and punish you with a fire that will be impossible to extinguish, because of all the sins that you have committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:13**ULT**

¹³ See, inhabitant of the valley! I am against you, rock of the plain—this is Yahweh's declaration— I am against anyone who is saying, "Who will come down to attack us?" or "Who will enter our houses?"

UST

¹³ I will fight against you people of Jerusalem, you who live on top of a rocky hill above the valley. I will fight against you people who boast, saying, "No one can attack us and break through our defenses."

Who is Yahweh against? (vv13-14)

Yahweh is against the people who live in the valley and on the plain.

What will Yahweh do because of what the people are doing? (vv13-14)

He will light a fire in the thickets that will burn everything up.

Jeremiah 21:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I have assigned the fruit of your practices to come against you—this is Yahweh's declaration— and I will light a fire in the thickets, and it will consume everything around it."

UST

¹⁴ I will punish you for your wicked deeds like you deserve to be punished; It will be as though I will light a fire in your forests that will burn up everything around you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22

Jeremiah 22:1

ULT

¹ This is what Yahweh says, "Go down to the house of the king of Judah and proclaim this word there.

UST

¹ This is another message that Yahweh gave to me: "Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and say this to him:

What does Yahweh tell the King of Judah, his servants, and his people to do? (vv1-3)

They are to listen to the word of Yahweh, act justly, help those who have been robbed, and rescue the oppressed. They are not to mistreat foreigners, orphans, or widows, and they are not to be violent or kill innocent people.

Jeremiah 22:2

ULT

² Say, 'King of Judah, listen to the word of Yahweh—you who sit on David's throne—you, and your servants, and your people who come through these gates.

UST

² You are the king of Judah. You are the ruler, like King David was. You and your officials and your people must listen

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:3

ULT

³ Yahweh says this, "Perform justice and righteousness, and anyone who has been robbed—rescue him from the hand of the oppressor. Do not mistreat any foreigner in your land, or any orphan or widow. Do not commit violence or pour out innocent blood in this place.

UST

³ to what Yahweh says: "Act fairly and justly. Do what is right. Help those who have been robbed. Rescue people from those who oppress them. Stop doing evil deeds. Do not mistreat those who have come here from other countries, and do not mistreat orphans and widows. Stop murdering here in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:4**ULT**

⁴ For if you truly do these things, then kings sitting on David's throne will enter the gates of this house riding in a chariot and on horses, he, his servants, and his people!

UST

⁴ If you obey these commands carefully, there will always be some descendant of King David who will be ruling here in Jerusalem. The king and his officials and other people will ride through the gates of the city in chariots and on horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:5**ULT**

⁵ But if you do not listen to these words from me that I have announced—this is Yahweh's declaration—then this royal house will become a ruin.”

UST

⁵ But if you refuse to pay attention to these commands, I, Yahweh, solemnly declare, that this palace will become a pile of rubble.”

What happens if they do not listen to these words of Yahweh's declaration?

The royal palace will become a ruin.

Jeremiah 22:6**ULT**

⁶ For Yahweh says this concerning the house of the king of Judah, 'You are like Gilead, or like the summit of Lebanon to me. Yet I will turn you into a wilderness, into cities with no inhabitants.

UST

⁶ And this is what Yahweh says about the house of the king of Judah: "I like this palace, like I like the forests in the region of Gilead and the mountains in Lebanon. But I will cause this palace to become a desert, a place that no one lives in.

How will the palace become a wilderness? (vv6-7)

Yahweh will choose people to come and destroy it.

Jeremiah 22:7**ULT**

⁷ For I have designated destroyers to come against you! Men with their weapons will cut off the best of your cedars and let them fall into the fire.

UST

⁷ I will select troops who will destroy this palace; each soldier will use his own tools to wreck the building. They will cut into pieces the beautiful big cedar beams and throw them into a fire."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:8**ULT**

⁸ Then many nations will pass by this city. Each person will say to the next, "Why has Yahweh acted in this way toward this great city?"

UST

⁸ People from many nations will walk past the ruins of this city and say to each other, "Why did Yahweh destroy this city that was very great?"

Why has Yahweh done these things to the great city? (vv8-9)

He has done them because the people abandoned the covenant and worshiped other gods.

Jeremiah 22:9**ULT**

⁹ Then the other will answer, "Because they abandoned the covenant of Yahweh their God and bowed down to other gods and worshiped them."

UST

⁹ And other people will reply, "He did it because his people stopped obeying the agreement that they had made with Yahweh their God. Instead, they worshiped other gods."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Do not weep for the one who is dead or mourn for him; but weep bitterly for him who is about to go away, because he will never return and see his native land again.'

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh also says, "Do not mourn for King Josiah; do not cry because he has died. Instead, mourn for King Jehoahaz, his son, because he will be captured and taken to another country, and he will never return to see his own country, Judah, again."

Why should the people weep for those who go into captivity?

They should weep because the captives will never return or see the land again.

Jeremiah 22:11**ULT**

¹¹ For Yahweh says this about Jehoahaz son of Josiah king of Judah, who served as king instead of Josiah his father, 'He has gone from this place and will not come back.

UST

¹¹ Jehoahaz became king after his father, King Josiah, died, but Jehoahaz was captured and taken to Babylonia. And this is what Yahweh says about him: "He also will never return to Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:12**ULT**

¹² He will die there in the place to where they have exiled him, and he will never again see this land.'

UST

¹² He will die in that country where they have taken him as a captive and will never see his own country again."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:13**ULT**

¹³ Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, who makes his neighbor work for him for nothing, and he does not give him his wages;

UST

¹³ And Yahweh said to me, "Terrible things will happen to King Jehoahaz's brother, King Jehoiakim. He unjustly forced men to build his palace. The rooms on the upper level were built by men who were forced unjustly to do that work; he forced his neighbors to work for nothing; he did not pay them anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:14**ULT**

¹⁴ he says, 'I will build for myself a large house with spacious upper rooms.' So he cuts out large windows for it, and he panels it with cedar, and he paints it red.

UST

¹⁴ He said, 'I will force my workers to build a huge beautiful palace with very large rooms and many windows. They will cover the walls with fragrant cedar panels and paint them bright red.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Is this what makes you a good king, that you wanted to have boards of cedar? Did not your father also eat and drink, yet do justice and righteousness? Then things went well for him.

UST

¹⁵ But it is certainly not having a beautiful cedar palace that causes a king to be great! Jehoiakim's father, Josiah, also had plenty of things to eat and drink. But Josiah always did things that are right and just, and that is why God blessed him.

What should a good king do? (vv15-16)

He should do justice even for the poor and needy, do righteousness, and know Yahweh.

Jeremiah 22:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He judged in favor of the poor and needy. It was good then. Is this not what it means to know me?—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹⁶ Josiah acted justly and helped poor and needy people, so things went well for him. Yahweh says, "That is the way a person should behave who knows me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But there is nothing in your eyes and heart except worry for your unjust profit and for pouring out innocent blood, for producing oppression and crushing of others.

UST

¹⁷ But Jehoiakim, you are greedy and desire only to obtain things by acting dishonestly. You murder innocent people, you oppress poor people, and you treat people cruelly and violently."

Why will the people not lament for king Jehoiakim?

They will not lament because he steals, he kills innocent people, and he oppresses people.

Jeremiah 22:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Therefore this is what Yahweh says about Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah: They will not lament for him, saying, 'Woe, my brother!' or 'Woe, my sister!' They will not lament for him, saying, 'Woe, master!' or 'Woe, majesty!'

UST

¹⁸ Therefore, this is what Yahweh says about Jehoiakim son of King Josiah: "When he dies, people will not mourn for him. They will not say to each other, 'It is very sad; we are so sorry!' The people whom he ruled will not mourn for him, saying, 'We are sad that our king is dead; we are so sorry that the wonderful things that happened while he was king are ended.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:19**ULT**

¹⁹ He will be buried with a donkey's burial, dragged away and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁹ When he dies, people will do to his corpse what they do to a dead donkey; his corpse will be dragged out of Jerusalem and dumped outside the gates!

What kind of burial will they give Jehoiakim?

They will bury him as they bury donkeys.

Jeremiah 22:20**ULT**

²⁰ Go up Lebanon's mountains and shout. Lift your voice in Bashan. Shout from the Abarim mountains, for all of your friends will be destroyed.

UST

²⁰ You people of Judah, go to the mountains in Lebanon and weep, shout in the mountains of the Bashan region, call out in mourning in the mountains of Moab, because all your friends in those areas have been destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:21**ULT**

²¹ I spoke to you when you were safe, but you said, 'I will not listen.' This was your custom since your youth, for you have not listened to my voice.

UST

²¹ When you were prosperous, I warned you, but you replied, 'We will not pay attention to what you say.' You have been acting like that since you were young; you have never obeyed me.

What has been the custom of the people since they were young?

They have not listened to Yahweh's voice.

Jeremiah 22:22**ULT**

²² The wind will shepherd away all your shepherds, and your friends will go into captivity. Then you will certainly be ashamed and humiliated by all of your evil deeds.

UST

²² So, now I will punish all your leaders; it will be as though they have been blown away by the wind. They will be captured by your enemies and taken to another country. When that happens, you will truly be ashamed and disgraced because of all the wicked things that you have done.

What will happen to them when they do not listen?

They will lose their shepherds, their friends will become captives, and they will be ashamed and humiliated.

Jeremiah 22:23**ULT**

²³ You who live in 'Lebanon,' who is nestled in cedar buildings, how you will be pitied when the labor pains come upon you, pain like that of a woman in labor!"

UST

²³ Now, your king enjoys living in the cedar rooms in his palace, but soon he will be punished, and then he will groan like a woman who is giving birth to a baby."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:24**ULT**

²⁴ "As I live—this is Yahweh's declaration—even if you, Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on my right hand, I would tear you off.

UST

²⁴ Yahweh says this: "Jehoiachin son of King Jehoiakim of Judah, as surely as I am alive, I will punish you. Even if you were the ring on my finger that shows that I am the king, I would pull you off.

What will happen to Jehoiachin? (vv24-26)

Yahweh will give Jehoiachin to the king of Babylon, and he will die far away from the land.

Jeremiah 22:25**ULT**

²⁵ For I have given you to the hand of the ones seeking your life and to the hand of those before whom you are afraid, even to the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the Chaldeans.

UST

²⁵ You are afraid of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and his huge army, because they are wanting to kill you. I will enable them to capture you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:26**ULT**

²⁶ I will throw you and your mother who bore you into another land, a country where you were not born, and there you will die.

UST

²⁶ I will expel you and your mother from this land, and you will be taken to another country. Neither of you were born there, but you will both die there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:27**ULT**

²⁷ About this land to which they will want to return, they will not come back here.

UST

²⁷ You will never return to this land that you will very much desire to return to."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:28**ULT**

²⁸ Is this a despised and shattered vessel? Is this man Jehoiachin a pot that pleases no one? Why have they thrown him and his descendants out, and have poured them out into a land that they did not know?

UST

²⁸ Someone said, "Jehoiachin will be like a broken pot that is despised and which no one wants. He and his children will be exiled to a foreign land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:29**ULT**

²⁹ Land, Land, Land! Hear the word of Yahweh!

UST

²⁹ I want the people in this land to listen carefully to this message from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:30**ULT**

³⁰ Yahweh says this, 'Write about this man Jehoiachin: He will be childless. He will not prosper during his days, and no one among his descendants will achieve success or ever again sit on David's throne and rule over Judah.'

UST

³⁰ This is what Yahweh says: "In the record about the kings of Judah, write down that it will be as though this man Jehoiachin had no children, and that he has not been successful during his life, because none of his children will ever become king to rule over the people of Judah."

What does Yahweh say about Jehoiachin?

Jehoiachin will be childless and will not prosper.

Jeremiah 23

Jeremiah 23:1

ULT

¹ “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture—this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

¹ Yahweh declares, “Terrible things will happen to the leaders of my people—those who are like shepherds of the people who are like my sheep—because they have scattered my people and sent them away, and have not taken care of them.

What do the shepherds of Jeremiah’s day do to the sheep? (vv1-2)

The shepherds destroy and scatter the sheep, drive them away, and do not care for them.

Jeremiah 23:2

ULT

² Therefore Yahweh, the God of Israel, says this concerning the shepherds who are shepherding his people, “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away. You have not cared for them. So I am about to punish you for the evil you have done—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

² So, this is what I, Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people worship, say to those leaders: ‘Instead of taking care of my people and leading them to places where they are safe like a shepherd does for his sheep, you have scattered them. So I will punish you for the evil things that you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:3

ULT

³ I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all of the lands where I have driven them, and I will return them to a grazing place, where they will be fruitful and increase.

UST

³ But later I will gather those who are still alive, from the countries where I have forced them to go. I will bring them back to their own country, where they will have many children, and their number will increase.

What does Yahweh declare he will do for his flock? (vv3-4)

He will gather them, give them a place to graze, and give them good shepherds.

Jeremiah 23:4**ULT**

⁴ Then I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them so they will no longer fear or be shattered. None of them will go missing—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

⁴ Then I will appoint other leaders for my people, leaders who will take care of them. And my people will never be afraid of anything again, and none of them will be like a lost sheep that has been driven off by its shepherd.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:5**ULT**

⁵ See, the days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when I will raise up for David a righteous branch. He will reign as king; he will act wisely and cause justice and righteousness in the land.

UST

⁵ Yahweh also says, “Some day I will appoint for you a righteous man who will be a descendant of King David. As king, he will do what is just and right for all the people in the nation.

What will Yahweh do in the coming days? (vv5-6)

He will raise up a righteous king.

Jeremiah 23:6**ULT**

⁶ In his days Judah will be rescued, and Israel will live in security. Then this is the name by which he will be called: Yahweh is our righteousness.

UST

⁶ At that time, he will save all the Israelite people from their enemies, and they will be safe. And his name will be ‘Yahweh, the one who does what is right for us.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore see, days are coming—this is Yahweh’s declaration—when they will no longer say, ‘As Yahweh lives, who brought the people of Israel up from the land of Egypt.’

UST

⁷ Yahweh also says that at that time, people who are solemnly promising to do something will no longer say, “I will do it as surely as Yahweh lives, who rescued the Israelite people from Egypt.”

What will the people say Yahweh has done for them? (vv7-8)

They will say Yahweh has brought them back from other lands so they can live in their own land.

Jeremiah 23:8**ULT**

⁸ Instead they will say, ‘As Yahweh lives, who brought up and who led back the descendants of the house of Israel from the northern land and all the lands where they had been driven.’ Then they will live in their own land.”

UST

⁸ Instead, they will say, “I will do it as surely as Yahweh lives, who brought us Israelite people back to our own land, from the land to the northeast and from all the other countries to which he had exiled us.” And they will live in their own land again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:9**ULT**

⁹ Regarding the prophets, my heart is broken in me, and all of my bones tremble. I have become like a drunk man, like a man whom wine has overpowered, because of Yahweh and his holy words.

UST

⁹ I am very sad in my deepest emotions because of the sacred message that Yahweh has spoken about what will happen to the false prophets; it is as though all my bones shake. I stagger like a man who is drunk after drinking a lot of wine,

Why is Jeremiah’s heart broken?

His heart is broken because Yahweh’s words are holy, but the prophets are liars and the land is full of adulterers.

Jeremiah 23:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For the land is full of adulterers. Because of these the land is dried up. The meadows in the wilderness dry up. These prophets' paths are wicked; their power is not used in a right manner.

UST

¹⁰ The land is full of people who commit adultery; and Yahweh has cursed the land. Even the pastures in the desert are all dried up, because the people do what is evil, and the false prophets use their power to do things that are not just.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:11**ULT**

¹¹ "For both the prophets and the priests are polluted. I even found their wickedness in my house!—this is Yahweh's declaration—

UST

¹¹ Yahweh says, "Even the priests and the prophets are ungodly; they do wicked things even in his temple.

What will happen to the prophets and priests? (vv11-12)

Yahweh will push them down and disaster will come against them.

Jeremiah 23:12**ULT**

¹² therefore their way will be like a slippery place in the darkness. They will be pushed down. They will fall in it. For I will send disaster against them in the year of their punishment—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹² Therefore, it will be as though the paths that they walk on are slippery. It will be as though they are being chased in the darkness, and there they will fall down, because I will cause them to experience disasters at the time that I will punish them. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:13**ULT**

¹³ For I have seen the prophets in Samaria doing what is repulsive: They prophesied by Baal and led my people Israel astray.

UST

¹³ Previously I saw that the prophets in Samaria were doing something that was wrong; they were prophesying, saying that Baal gave them the messages that they were proclaiming, and they were deceiving my people.

What are the offenses of the prophets? (vv13-14)

They prophesied by Baal, led Yahweh's people off the right path, committed adultery, deceived the people, and encouraged the people to do evil.

Jeremiah 23:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Among the prophets in Jerusalem I have seen horrible things: They commit adultery and walk in deceit. They strengthen the hands of evildoers; no one turns back from his evildoing. All of them have become like Sodom to me and its inhabitants like Gomorrah!"

UST

¹⁴ And now I have seen the prophets in Jerusalem doing terrible things. They commit adultery and habitually tell lies. They encourage evil people to continue to do evil things, with the result that the people do not stop sinning. Those prophets are as wicked as the people in Sodom and Gomorrah were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Therefore Yahweh of hosts says this concerning the prophets, "Look, I am about to make them eat wormwood and drink poisonous water, for pollution has gone out from the prophets of Jerusalem to all the land."

UST

¹⁵ So, this is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says about those false prophets: "I will give those prophets bitter things to eat and poison to drink, because it is because of them that this land is filled with people who do wicked deeds."

What does Yahweh make these prophets do?

He makes them eat wormwood and drink poisonous water.

Jeremiah 23:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Yahweh of hosts says this, "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They have deluded you! They are announcing visions from their own minds, not from Yahweh's mouth.

UST

¹⁶ This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: "Do not pay any attention to what those false prophets say to you, because they are just fooling you. They tell you about visions that they have only thought in their own minds, not about visions that I have given them.

Why does Yahweh say, "Do not listen to the prophets"? (vv16-17)

They have lied to the people.

Jeremiah 23:17**ULT**

¹⁷ They are constantly saying to those who dishonor me, 'Yahweh declares there will be peace for you.' For everyone walking in the stubbornness of his own heart says, 'Disaster will not come upon you.'

UST

¹⁷ They habitually say to those who hate me, 'Yahweh says that you will have peace.' And they say to those who stubbornly do what they want to do, 'Nothing bad will happen to you because of your doing those things.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Yet who has stood in Yahweh's council meeting? Who sees and hears his word? Who pays attention to his word and listens?

UST

¹⁸ But none of them has ever been in a council meeting in heaven in order to listen to a message from me. None of them has paid attention to anything that Yahweh has said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:19**ULT**

¹⁹ See, there is a storm coming from Yahweh! His fury is going out, and a tempest is whirling about. It is whirling around the heads of the wicked.

UST

¹⁹ So, Yahweh will punish them; it will be like a great storm; it will come down like a whirlwind, swirling around the heads of those wicked people.

What is Yahweh's fury like?

His fury is like a storm.

Jeremiah 23:20**ULT**

²⁰ Yahweh's wrath will not return until it has carried out and brought into being his heart's intentions. In the final days, you will understand it.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh will not stop being angry until he has completely accomplished all that he has planned. In the future, you will understand all of this clearly."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:21**ULT**

²¹ I did not send out these prophets. They just appeared. I did not proclaim anything to them, but they have still prophesied.

UST

²¹ Yahweh also says, "I have not appointed those prophets, but they run around telling people their messages. I did not speak to them, but they continue to prophesy.

What is wrong with the prophets? (vv21-22)

Yahweh did not send them.

Jeremiah 23:22**ULT**

²² For if they had stood in my council meeting, they would have caused my people to hear my word; they would have caused them to turn from their wicked words and corrupt practices.

UST

²² If they had been in my council meetings, they would have been able to speak messages from me, and they would have caused people to turn away from committing evil deeds. "

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:23**ULT**

²³ Am I only a God nearby—this is Yahweh's declaration—and not also a God far away?

UST

²³ Yahweh also says, "Am I a God who is only nearby? No, I am a God who is far away, also.

Where can people go to get away from Yahweh? (vv23-24)

There is nowhere people can get away from him. He nearby and far away, he can see in every secret place, and he is everywhere in the heavens and the earth.

Jeremiah 23:24**ULT**

²⁴ Can anyone hide in a secret place so I cannot see him?—this is Yahweh's declaration— and do I not fill the heavens and the earth?—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

²⁴ So, no one can hide in some secret place with the result that I cannot see him. I am everywhere, in heaven and on the earth! That is what I, Yahweh, say!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:25**ULT**

²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said, those who were prophesying deceit in my name. They said, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!'

UST

²⁵ I have heard those prophets prophesy lies, saying that they are telling people messages from me. They say, 'Listen to me tell you the dream I received from God last night! I really had this dream!'

What do the prophets want the people to do? (vv25-27)

They want the people to stop worshiping Yahweh.

Jeremiah 23:26**ULT**

²⁶ How long will this go on, prophets who prophesy lies from their minds, and who prophesy from the deceit in their hearts?

UST

²⁶ How long will they continue to do this? How long will those lying prophets continue to prophesy things that come only from their own minds?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:27**ULT**

²⁷ They are planning on making my people forget my name with the dreams that they report, each one to his neighbor, just as their ancestors forgot my name in favor of Baal's name.

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²⁷ They think that because of the dreams that they tell to each other, people will forget me, like their ancestors forgot about me when they started to worship Baal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:28**ULT**

²⁸ The prophet who has a dream, let him report the dream. But the one to whom I have declared something, let him declare my word truthfully. What does straw have to do with grain?—this is Yahweh's declaration—

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²⁸ Allow those false prophets to tell people their dreams, but those who have messages that really come from me should proclaim those messages faithfully. I, Yahweh, say that like straw and grain are certainly very different, my messages and the message from those false prophets are certainly very different.

How is the prophet of Yahweh to declare what he hears from Yahweh? (vv28-29)

He is to declare Yahweh's word truthfully and not steal words from other people.

Jeremiah 23:29**ULT**

²⁹ Is not my word like fire?—this is Yahweh's declaration—and like a hammer that shatters a rock into pieces?

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²⁹ It is as though my messages burn like a fire and is like a hammer that smashes rocks into pieces when it affects someone's heart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:30**ULT**

³⁰ So see, I am against the prophets—this is Yahweh's declaration—anyone who steals words from another person and says they come from me.

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³⁰ Therefore, I, Yahweh say, I oppose all those prophets who steal messages from each other and claim that those messages came from me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:31**ULT**

³¹ See, I am against the prophets—this is Yahweh’s declaration—who use their tongues to prophesy proclamations.

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³¹ I oppose those prophets who speak their own messages but claim that those messages came from me.

Why is Yahweh against the prophets? (vv31-32)

He is against them because they deceive people by saying that their own thoughts are the words of Yahweh.

Jeremiah 23:32**ULT**

³² See, I am against the prophets who dream deceitfully—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and then proclaim them and in this way mislead my people with their deceit and boasting. I am against them, for I have not sent them out nor given them commands. So they will certainly not help this people—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

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³² I oppose those prophets who falsely say that I told them something in a vision, but they are only telling lies that cause my people to sin. I did not send those prophets. I did not even appoint them to be prophets. And they have no messages that will benefit my people at all. That is what I, Yahweh, declare.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:33**ULT**

³³ When these people, or a prophet, or a priest asks you, ‘What is the burden of Yahweh?’ you will say to them, ‘You are the burden, and I will cast you off’—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

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³³ Yahweh said to me, “If one of those prophets or priests or one of the other people asks you, ‘What problem has Yahweh told you about now?’, you must reply, ‘He has not given me anything to say to you! Instead, Yahweh says that he will abandon you!’”

What does Yahweh want Jeremiah to tell those who ask him for a word from Yahweh?

He is to say that there is no word from Yahweh because Yahweh has abandoned the people.

Jeremiah 23:34**ULT**

³⁴ As for the prophets, priests, and people who are saying, 'This is the burden of Yahweh' I will punish that man and his house.

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³⁴ And if any prophet or priest or anyone else falsely says, 'I have a prophecy from Yahweh,' I will punish that person and his family.

Whom will Yahweh punish?

He will punish those who say they have a message from Yahweh.

Jeremiah 23:35**ULT**

³⁵ You continue to say, each person to his neighbor and each man to his brother, 'What did Yahweh answer?' and 'What did Yahweh declare?'

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³⁵ What you should continually ask each other is, 'When you spoke to Yahweh, what did he reply? What is he saying to us?'

Why must the people not talk to each other about Yahweh's declaration? (vv35-36)

They must not do it because each man is using his own words, and they have perverted the words of the living God.

Jeremiah 23:36**ULT**

³⁶ But you must no longer talk about the 'burden of Yahweh,' for the burden is every man's own word, and you have perverted the words of the living God, Yahweh of hosts, our God.

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³⁶ But instead you are only concerned with your own ideas and with twisting the true message from the true God, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom we worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:37**ULT**

³⁷ This is what you will say to the prophet, 'What answer did Yahweh give you?' or 'What did Yahweh say?'

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³⁷ This is what you should ask each prophet: 'What did Yahweh reply when you talked to him? What is he saying to us?'

How does Jeremiah test any prophet? (vv37-38)

He asks questions to see if they falsely say that they have received a declaration from Yahweh.

Jeremiah 23:38**ULT**

³⁸ But if you say, 'The burden of Yahweh', this is what Yahweh says: 'Because you have said these words, 'The burden of Yahweh,' when I sent to you, saying, 'You will not say, "The burden of Yahweh,"'

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³⁸ If he replies, 'What I told you is a prophecy from Yahweh' then let him know I will punish him, because I told my true prophets not to give any messages to this people right now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:39**ULT**

³⁹ therefore, behold, I am about to pick you up and throw you away from me, along with the city that I gave you and your ancestors.

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³⁹ So I, Yahweh, will get rid of you false prophets. I will expel you from my presence. And I will get rid of this city that I gave to you and to your ancestors.

What happens to the prophets who give false reports? (vv39-40)

Yahweh will throw them away and put everlasting shame on them.

Jeremiah 23:40

ULT

⁴⁰ Then I will put everlasting shame and insult on you that will not be forgotten.”

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⁴⁰ I will cause people to make fun of you forever. People will never forget that you were disgraced.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24

Jeremiah 24:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh showed me something. Behold, two baskets of figs were placed before Yahweh's temple. (This vision happened after Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, took into exile Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, the officials of Judah, the craftsmen and the metalworkers from Jerusalem and brought them to Babylon.)

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¹ The army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon captured Jehoiachin, the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, and his officials, and all his skilled workers and took them to Babylon. After that happened, Yahweh gave me a vision. In the vision I saw two baskets of figs that had been placed in front of the temple.

What is the vision Yahweh gave Jeremiah? (vv1-3)

Yahweh showed him a basket of very good figs and a basket of very bad figs.

Jeremiah 24:2

ULT

² One basket of figs was very good, like first ripe figs, but the other basket of figs was so very bad that they could not be eaten.

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² One basket was full of good figs, like the kind that ripen first. The other basket was filled with figs that were bad, with the result that they could not be eaten.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24:3

ULT

³ Yahweh said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" I said, "Figs. Figs that are very good and figs that are so very bad they cannot be eaten."

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³ Then Yahweh said to me, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" I replied, "I see some figs. Some are very good ones, but some are very bad, with the result that no one would eat them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24:4**ULT**

⁴ Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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⁴ Then Yahweh gave me this message:

Who are the people Yahweh says are like the good figs? (vv4-5)

Yahweh says the exiles are like the good figs.

Jeremiah 24:5**ULT**

⁵ "Yahweh, God of Israel, says this: I will look on the exiles of Judah for their benefit, just like these good figs, the exiles whom I have sent out from this place to the land of Chaldea.

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⁵ "This is what I, Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people say that they worship, say: The good figs represent the people of Judah whom I exiled to Babylonia. I sent them there for their own good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24:6**ULT**

⁶ I will set my eyes on them for good and restore them to this land. I will build them up, and not tear them down. I will plant them, and not uproot them.

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⁶ and I will not exile them again, instead I will bring them back to this land and let them build up houses and cities again. They will be like plants that grow and prosper and are never cut down.

What will Yahweh do to the people who are like the good figs?

He will restore them to the land

Jeremiah 24:7**ULT**

⁷ Then I will give them a heart to know me, for I am Yahweh. They will be my people and I will be their God, so they will turn to me with all their heart.

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⁷ I will enable them to desire to know in their inner beings that I am Yahweh. They will be my people, and I will be their God, because they will return to me sincerely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24:8**ULT**

⁸ But like the bad figs that are too bad to be eaten—this is what Yahweh says—I will act in this way with Zedekiah, king of Judah, with his officials, and with the rest of Jerusalem who remain in this land or go to stay in the land of Egypt.

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⁸ But I, Yahweh, also say, the bad figs represent Zedekiah, the king of Judah, and his officials, and all the other people who remain in Jerusalem, and those who have gone to Egypt. I will do to them like people do to rotten figs.

Who are the people Yahweh says are like the bad figs?

Zedekiah, the people who remain in the land, and the people who go to Egypt are like the bad figs.

What will Yahweh do to the people he says are like the bad figs? (vv8-10)

He will make things go badly for them, and he will kill them by war, famine, and sickness.

Jeremiah 24:9**ULT**

⁹ I will turn them into a frightening thing, a disaster, in the sight of all the kingdoms on earth, a disgrace and a subject for proverbs, taunts, and curses in every place where I will have driven them.

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⁹ I will cause them to experience calamities, with the result that people in every nation on the earth will be horrified, and will hate them because they are evil people. Wherever I scatter them, people will make fun of them, and say that they are disgraced, and ridicule them, and curse them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24:10

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¹⁰ I will send out sword, famine, and plague against them, until they are destroyed from the land that I gave them and their ancestors.”

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¹⁰ And I will cause them to experience wars and famines and diseases, until they have disappeared from Israel, this land which I gave to them and to their ancestors.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25

Jeremiah 25:1

ULT

¹ This is the word that came to Jeremiah about all the people of Judah. It came in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah. That was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon.

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¹ After Jehoiakim had been ruling Judah for almost four years, Yahweh gave me this message for all the people of Judah. It was during the year that King Nebuchadnezzar started to rule in Babylon.

Who did Jeremiah the prophet proclaim this word to? (vv1-2)

He proclaimed the word to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 25:2

ULT

² Jeremiah the prophet proclaimed this to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

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² Jeremiah spoke this message to all the people in Jerusalem and other places in Judah:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:3

ULT

³ He said, "For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah until this day, Yahweh's words have been coming to me and I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened.

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³ "Yahweh has been giving me messages for twenty-three years. He started giving me messages when Josiah son of Amon, had been ruling Judah for almost thirteen years. And I have faithfully told you those messages, but you have not paid any attention to them.

How had the people received the words Jeremiah had proclaimed?

They had not listened.

How long had Jeremiah been proclaiming Yahweh's words? (vv3-4)

He had been proclaiming them for 23 years.

Jeremiah 25:4**ULT**

⁴ Yahweh sent out all his servants the prophets to you again and again, but you have not listened or paid any attention.

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⁴ Many times Yahweh has sent to you the prophets who served him, but you have not listened to them or paid any attention to what they said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:5**ULT**

⁵ These prophets said, 'Let each man turn from his wicked way and the corruption of his practices and return to the land that Yahweh gave in ancient times to your ancestors and to you, as a permanent gift.'

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⁵ Each time their message was this: 'Turn from all your evil behavior, from all the evil things that you have continually been doing. If you do that, you will be able to stay in this land that Yahweh gave to you and to your ancestors, to belong to you forever.'

What did the prophets tell each man? (vv5-6)

They told each man to turn from his wicked way, not to worship other gods, and not to provoke Yahweh with what they did.

Jeremiah 25:6**ULT**

⁶ So do not walk after other gods to worship them or bow down to them, and do not provoke him with the work of your hands so that he does you harm.'

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⁶ Do not cause Yahweh to become angry by serving and worshiping idols that you have made with your hands. If you do not cause him to be angry, he will not punish you.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:7**ULT**

⁷ But you have not listened to me—this is Yahweh’s declaration—so you have provoked me with the work of your hands to do harm to you.

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⁷ And Yahweh says, ‘But you would not pay attention to the messages that I gave to those prophets. You caused me to become extremely angry by your worshiping idols that you had made with your own hands. That resulted in my punishing you.

What harm did Yahweh do because they did not listen? (vv7-9)

Yahweh sent the people of the north with Nebuchadnezzar to destroy them.

Jeremiah 25:8**ULT**

⁸ So Yahweh of hosts says this, ‘Because you did not listen to my words,

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⁸ So now, I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say that because you have not paid attention to what I said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:9**ULT**

⁹ see, I am about to send out a command to gather all the peoples of the north—this is Yahweh’s declaration—with Nebuchadnezzar my servant, king of Babylon, and bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all the nations around you. For I will set them apart for destruction. I will turn them into a horror, an object for hissing, and an unending desolation.

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⁹ I will gather all the armies of the nations that will come from the northeast. I have appointed King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to lead them. I have appointed him to do my work for me. I will bring those armies to attack this land, all the people living in it, and even nearby countries. I will completely destroy them, and cause them to be places that people are horrified about, and that people will ridicule, places that will be ruined forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I will put an end to the sound of joy and sound of gladness, the sound of the groom and the sound of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

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¹⁰ I will cause happy singing and laughing to cease in your land. There will no longer be brides and bridegrooms talking joyfully. There will not be the sound of people grinding grain with millstones. There will be no lamps lit in your houses.

What sounds will disappear from these nations when they serve the king of Babylon for seventy years? (vv10-11)

The sound of celebration and the sound of work will disappear.

Jeremiah 25:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then all of this land will become a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years.

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¹¹ All of this land will become a desert where no one will live. And the people of Israel and of the nearby countries will be exiled to Babylonia and work for the kings of Babylon for seventy years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:12**ULT**

¹² Then it will happen when seventy years have been completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans—this is Yahweh's declaration—for their iniquity and make it an unending desolation.

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¹² Then, after they have been in Babylonia for seventy years, I will punish the king of Babylonia and his people for the sins that they have committed. I will cause Babylonia to become a wasteland forever.

What will happen in seventy years? (vv12-14)

Yahweh will punish the people of Babylon for their iniquity.

Jeremiah 25:13**ULT**

¹³ Then I will carry out against that land all the words that I had spoken, and everything written in this book that Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

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¹³ I will cause them to experience all the terrible things that Jeremiah has written about—all the punishments that he predicted will happen to all those nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For also many other nations and great kings will make slaves out of these nations. I will repay them for their deeds and the works of their hands.”

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¹⁴ The leaders of many nations will cause the people of Babylonia to become their slaves, like the people of Babylonia caused my people to become slaves. I will punish them like they deserve for having caused my people to suffer.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For Yahweh, God of Israel, said this to me, “Take this cup of the wine of fury from my hand and make all the nations to which I am sending you drink it.

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¹⁵ Then Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave me a vision. In the vision he was holding a cup of wine. He said, “Take from me this cup that is full of wine that represents punishment. I will cause all the leaders of the nations to which I will send you to drink some of the wine in this cup.

What will all the nations do when Yahweh gives them his cup of fury? (vv15-16)

They will drink it, stumble about, and rant madly.

Jeremiah 25:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For they will drink and then stagger about and rant madly before the sword that I am sending out among them.”

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¹⁶ When they drink the wine, they will stagger and act like crazy people, because they will realize that I will massacre many of their people with swords.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So I took the cup from Yahweh’s hand, and I made all the nations to which Yahweh had sent me drink it:

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¹⁷ So, in the vision, I took that cup full of wine from Yahweh, and I took it to all the nations to which he sent me, and caused the leaders of those nations to drink some of that wine.

What happened after Jerusalem, the cities of Judah, and her kings and officials drank from the cup that Jeremiah gave them? (vv17-18)

They turned into ruins.

Jeremiah 25:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Jerusalem, the cities of Judah and her kings and officials—to turn them into ruins and something terrifying, and into an object for hissing and cursing, as they are at this present day.

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¹⁸ I went to Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah, and the king and the other officials drank some of the wine from that cup. And, starting from that day, they all eventually were removed from having authority, and became people whom others ridiculed, who were despised, and cursed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Other nations also had to drink it: Pharaoh king of Egypt and his servants; his officials and all his people;

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¹⁹ In the vision Egypt had to drink some of the wine, including the king and his officials and many of his people,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:20**ULT**

²⁰ all people of mixed heritage and all the kings of the land of Uz; all the kings of the land of Philistia—Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod;

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²⁰ and foreigners who were living there. In the vision the land of Uz and the cities and kings of Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and Ashdod had to drink some of the wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:21**ULT**

²¹ Edom and Moab and the people of Ammon.

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²¹ Then the vision about the kings of Edom, Moab, and Ammon began.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:22**ULT**

²² The kings of Tyre and Sidon, the kings of the coasts on the other side of the sea,

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²² Then there were more visions about the kings of the cities of Tyre and Sidon across the Mediterranean Sea, about the kings who had to drink some of the wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:23**ULT**

²³ Dedan, Tema, and Buz with all the ones who cut the hair on the sides of their heads, they also had to drink it.

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²³ In the vision the religious leaders of the cities of Dedan, Tema, and Buz, which were cities in Arabia and other distant places, they had to drink some of the wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:24**ULT**

²⁴ All the kings of Arabia and all the kings of people of mixed heritage who live in the wilderness;

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²⁴ In the vision other places in Arabia and the kings of tribes in the desert

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:25**ULT**

²⁵ all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes;

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²⁵ and the kings of the Zimri, Elam, and Media people groups,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:26**ULT**

²⁶ all the kings of the north, the ones close by and the ones far away—everyone with his brother and all the kingdoms of the world that are on the surface of the earth, all of them had to drink the cup from Yahweh's hand. Finally, the king of Babylon will also drink from that cup.

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²⁶ and kings in countries to the north that are near to Israel and to countries that are far from Israel, one after the other—all the kingdoms in the world had to drink, and finally the king of Babylon had to drink some of the wine.

What was the final nation to drink of the cup of Yahweh's fury?

Babylon was the last to drink of the cup of Yahweh's fury.

Jeremiah 25:27**ULT**

²⁷ Yahweh said to me, "Now you must say to them, 'Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Drink and become drunk, then vomit, fall down, and do not rise before the sword that I am sending among you.'

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²⁷ Then in the vision Yahweh said to me, "Tell them that this is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Drink from this cup some of the wine that represents the punishment that I will give you. Drink a lot of it and become drunk and vomit. You will fall down and not get up again, because I will cause you to be killed in wars that I will send to you.'

What will happen if the nations refuse to take the cup from Jeremiah's hand? (vv27-29)

They will be punished anyway.

Jeremiah 25:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then it will happen that if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, you will say to them, 'Yahweh of hosts says this: You must certainly drink it.'

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²⁸ If any of those to whom you give this wine refuse to drink it, tell them that Yahweh, commander of the angel armies says that they must drink it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:29**ULT**

²⁹ For see, I am about to bring disaster on the city that is called by my name, and should you yourselves be free from punishment? You will not be free, for I am calling a sword against all the inhabitants of the land!—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.'

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²⁹ I am starting to bring disaster to my own people. They will not be exempt from punishment, for I am sending wars to all the nations on the earth. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, have said it.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:30**ULT**

³⁰ You must prophesy all these words against them, and say to them, 'Yahweh will roar from the heights and he will shout with his voice from his holy dwelling, and he will roar mightily against his fold; and he will shout, like those who tread the grapes against all those who live on the earth.

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³⁰ Now tell them all those things that I have said, and also say this to them: 'Yahweh will shout to them from the highest places like a lion roars! He will call out with a shout from the holy place where he lives! He will roar like a lion against his people because of their sins! Like those who shout so loudly when they are treading the grapes, he will shout so that everyone who lives on the earth can hear him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:31**ULT**

³¹ The sound of battle will resound to the ends of the earth, for Yahweh brings charges against the nations, and he brings judgment on all flesh, and the wicked ones he will put to the sword—this is Yahweh's declaration.'

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³¹ Even people in very remote places around the earth will hear him shouting, because he will say why he will judge and punish all the nations. He will cause the wicked people to be slaughtered with swords. That will surely happen because Yahweh has said it.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:32**ULT**

³² Yahweh of hosts says this, 'See, disaster is going out from nation to nation, and a great storm is beginning from the farthest parts of the earth.

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³² Then tell them that this is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: 'Listen to this! Disasters will happen to one nation after another. Punishment from me will arise like a great storm from the most distant places on the earth.

Whom will the disaster from Yahweh kill? (vv32-33)

It will kill everyone from one end of the earth to the other.

Jeremiah 25:33**ULT**

³³ Then those killed by Yahweh will on that day extend from one end of the earth to the other; they will not be mourned, gathered, or buried. They will be like dung on the ground.

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³³ When that happens, the corpses of those whom I have caused to be slaughtered will fill the earth from the east to the west. And no one will mourn for them, and no one will gather their corpses to bury them. They will be scattered on the ground like manure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:34**ULT**

³⁴ Wail, shepherds, and shout for help! Roll about in the dust, you leaders of the flock, for the days of your slaughter have come; you will be scattered when you fall like fine pottery.

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³⁴ You evil leaders, they call out for someone to help them! You who were the leaders of my people, fell down and and they rolled in the dust. Now is time for you to be slaughtered! You will fall down and be shattered like a fragile vase shatters when it falls to the ground.

Why are the shepherds wailing? (vv34-36)

It is their day to die.

Jeremiah 25:35**ULT**

³⁵ There is no refuge for the shepherds, there will be no escape for the leaders of the flock.

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³⁵ Those who should have taken care of my people will not find any place to hide; there will be no place for the leaders of my people to find safety.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:36**ULT**

³⁶ Hear the cries of the shepherds and the wails of the leaders of the flock, for Yahweh is destroying their pastures.

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³⁶ You are the ones who take care of my people now crying out for help, and those who were the leaders of my people they cry and beg for help— while I, Yahweh, am destroying your nation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:37**ULT**

³⁷ So the peaceful pastures will be devastated because of Yahweh's fierce anger.

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³⁷ Your peaceful meadows will become a wasteland because Yahweh will severely punish it.

Why were the peaceful pastures destroyed? (vv37-38)

Yahweh was angry.

Jeremiah 25:38

ULT

³⁸ Like a young lion, he has left his den, for their land will become a horror because of the oppressor's anger, because of his angry wrath." ^[1]

25:38 ^[1], some ancient copies and modern versions have .

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³⁸ Yahweh will leave his dwelling like a lion leaves its den to attack other animals, and he will cause your land to become desolate. He is very angry with you and will make your enemies angry at you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26

Jeremiah 26:1

ULT

¹ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, this word came from Yahweh, saying,

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¹ Soon after Jehoiakim son of Josiah, became the king of Judah, Yahweh gave me this message:

What does Yahweh tell Jeremiah to proclaim in the courtyard? (vv1-2)

He tells him to proclaim all of Yahweh's words.

Jeremiah 26:2

ULT

² "Yahweh says this: Stand in the courtyard of my house and speak about all the cities of Judah who come to worship at my house. Proclaim all the words that I have commanded you to say to them. Do not cut short any word!

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² "This is what I, Yahweh, am telling you: Stand in the courtyard in front of my temple, and speak to all the people from the various towns in Judah who come there to worship me. Tell them everything that I tell you; do not leave out anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:3

ULT

³ It may be that they will listen, that each man will turn from his wicked ways, so I will relent concerning the disaster that I am planning to bring on them because of the wickedness of their practices.

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³ If you do tell them everything, perhaps they will pay attention, and each one of them will turn away from his evil behavior. Then I will change my mind, and not bring on them the disaster that I was planning to bring on them because of the evil things that they have done.

What can the people do to get Yahweh not to bring disaster on them?

If the people listen and turn from their wicked ways, Yahweh will not bring disaster on them.

Jeremiah 26:4**ULT**

⁴ So you must say to them, 'Yahweh says this: If you do not listen to me so as to walk in my law that I have placed before you—

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⁴⁻⁵ Say to them, 'This is what Yahweh says: I sent to you the prophets who serve me, to tell you what you should do. I sent them to you many times, but you have not paid attention to what they said. If you will not pay attention to what I say and do not obey the message that I have given to you, and if you do not pay attention to what the prophets say,

If the people do not listen to the words of Yahweh, what will Yahweh do to their city? (vv4-6)

Yahweh will turn their city into a curse.

Jeremiah 26:5**ULT**

⁵ if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I am persistently sending to you—but you have not listened!—

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⁴⁻⁵ Say to them, 'This is what Yahweh says: I sent to you the prophets who serve me, to tell you what you should do. I sent them to you many times, but you have not paid attention to what they said. If you will not pay attention to what I say and do not obey the message that I have given to you, and if you do not pay attention to what the prophets say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:6**ULT**

⁶ then I will make this house like Shiloh; I will turn this city into a curse in the sight of all the nations on earth.'"

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⁶ I will destroy this temple like I destroyed Shiloh, the place where the sacred tent was put. And I will cause Jerusalem to be a place whose name people in every nation on the earth will say when they curse someone.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:7**ULT**

⁷ The priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah announcing these words in Yahweh's house.

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⁷ Jeremiah did what Yahweh told him to do. The priests, the false prophets, and many other people listened to him as he told them that message outside the temple.

What happens to Jeremiah after he announces Yahweh's words? (vv7-9)

The priests, prophets, and people seize him and tell him he will die.

Jeremiah 26:8**ULT**

⁸ So it happened that when Jeremiah had finished announcing all that Yahweh commanded him to say to all the people, the priests, prophets, and all the people seized him and said, "You will certainly die!

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⁸ But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling them everything that Yahweh had commanded him to say, they all seized him and said, "You must be executed!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:9**ULT**

⁹ Why have you prophesied in Yahweh's name and said that this house will become like Shiloh and this city will become desolate, with no inhabitant?" For all the people had formed a mob against Jeremiah in Yahweh's house.

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⁹ Why are you prophesying that this temple will be destroyed like Shiloh was destroyed? Why are you saying that this city will be destroyed, and that no one will live here anymore? All the people surrounded Jeremiah as he stood in front of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then the officials of Judah heard these words and went up from the king's house to Yahweh's house. They sat in the gateway at the New Gate of Yahweh's house.

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¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard about all this that was happening, they rushed from the palace and sat down at the gate of the temple named The New Gate, to judge Jeremiah's case.

Where do the people take him to judge him? (vv10-12)

They take him to the gateway of the New Gate of the temple.

Jeremiah 26:11**ULT**

¹¹ The priests and the prophets spoke to the officials and to all the people. They said, "It is right for this man to die, for he prophesied against this city, just as you heard with your own ears!"

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¹¹ The priests and the prophets told the officials and the other people who were there, "This man should be executed, because he has prophesied that this city will be destroyed, and you yourselves have heard him say that!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:12**ULT**

¹² So Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people and said, "Yahweh has sent me out to prophesy against this house and this city, to say all the words that you have heard.

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¹² Then Jeremiah replied to the officials and the other people. He said to them, "Yahweh sent me to prophesy all the things that you heard me say about what will happen to this temple and this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:13**ULT**

¹³ So now, improve your ways and your practices, and listen to the voice of Yahweh your God so that he will relent concerning the disaster that he has proclaimed against you.

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¹³ But if you change your behavior and stop sinning, and start to obey Yahweh our God, he will change his mind, and not send to you the disasters that he said that he would send.

What will happen if the officials kill Jeremiah? (vv13-15)

If they kill him, they will be guilty of killing an innocent man.

Jeremiah 26:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I myself—look at me!—am in your hand. Do to me what is good and right in your eyes.

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¹⁴ As for me, I am not able to free myself from your grasp. So you can do to me whatever you want to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But you must surely know that if you kill me, then you are bringing innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and its inhabitants, for Yahweh has truly sent me to you to proclaim all these words for your ears.”

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¹⁵ But you need to know that if you kill me, you will be killing a man who is innocent. And you and everyone else in this city will be guilty, because the truth is that it was Yahweh who sent me to speak every word that you have heard me say.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and prophets, "It is not right for this man to die, for he has proclaimed things to us in the name of Yahweh our God."

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¹⁶ Then the officials and the other people said to the priests and the false prophets, "This man does not deserve to be executed, because he has spoken to us the message that Yahweh gave him!"

What do the officials, people, and elders say about killing Jeremiah? (vv16-17)

They say that it would be wrong to kill him.

Jeremiah 26:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then men from the elders of the land rose up and spoke to the entire assembly of the people.

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¹⁷ Then some of the elders stood up and spoke to all the people who were gathered there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:18**ULT**

¹⁸ They said, "Micah the Morashite was prophesying in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. He spoke to all the people of Judah and said, 'Yahweh of hosts says this: Zion will become a plowed field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, and the hill of the temple will become a thicket.'

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¹⁸ They said, "Remember what Micah, the prophet from Moresheth, prophesied during the years that Hezekiah was the king of Judah. He told the people of Judah this: 'This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: Some day Mount Zion will be plowed like fields are plowed; Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins. There will be a large clump of trees on top of the hill where the temple is now.'

What did Micah prophesy?

Micah prophesied that Zion, Jerusalem, and the temple mount would become ruins.

Jeremiah 26:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all of Judah put him to death? Did he not fear Yahweh and appease the face of Yahweh so that Yahweh would relent concerning the disaster that he proclaimed to them? So will we do greater evil against our own lives?"

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¹⁹ But did Hezekiah or anyone else in Judah kill Micah for saying that? No! Instead, Hezekiah revered Yahweh, and pleaded that he would act mercifully toward them. So, Yahweh changed his mind about sending to them the terrible disaster that he said he would send. And now if we kill Jeremiah, we are going to bring even worse disaster on ourselves!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:20**ULT**

²⁰ Meanwhile there was another man who prophesied in the name of Yahweh—Uriah son of Shemaiah from Kiriath Jearim—he also prophesied against this city and this land, agreeing with all of Jeremiah's words.

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²⁰ At that time, Uriah son of Shemaiah from the city of Kiriath Jearim was also prophesying from Yahweh. He was predicting that the city and the rest of the land would experience the same disasters that Jeremiah was predicting.

What does the king try to do to Uriah?

The king tries to kill Uriah.

Jeremiah 26:21**ULT**

²¹ But when King Jehoiakim and all his soldiers and officials heard his word, then the king tried to put him to death, but Uriah heard and was afraid, so he ran away and went to Egypt.

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²¹ When King Jehoiakim and his army officers and officials heard what Uriah was saying, the king sent someone to kill Uriah. But Uriah heard about it, and became very afraid, and he escaped to Egypt.

What does Uriah do?

He goes to Egypt.

Jeremiah 26:22**ULT**

²² Then King Jehoiakim sent out men to go to Egypt—Elnathan son of Akbor and men to go into Egypt after Uriah.

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²² Then King Jehoiakim sent Elnathan son of Acbor along with several other men to Egypt.

How was Jehoiakim able to kill Uriah? (vv22-23)

Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt to bring Uriah back, then Jehoiakim killed Uriah with the sword.

Jeremiah 26:23**ULT**

²³ They took Uriah out from Egypt and brought him to King Jehoiakim. Then Jehoiakim killed him with a sword and sent his corpse out to the graves of the ordinary people.

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²³ They captured Uriah and took him back to Jerusalem to King Jehoiakim. The king then commanded a soldier to kill Uriah with a sword. Then they buried his corpse in a place where poor people are buried.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:24**ULT**

²⁴ But the hand of Ahikam son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so he was not given into the hand of the people to be put to death.

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²⁴ However, Ahikam son of Shaphan defended me, and persuaded the officials not to allow the mob to murder Jeremiah.

Who keeps Jeremiah from being killed?

Ahikam son of Shaphan keeps Jeremiah from being killed.

Jeremiah 27

Jeremiah 27:1

ULT

¹ In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh. ^[1]

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¹ Soon after Zedekiah son of Josiah became the king of Judah, Yahweh gave a message to me.

Which kings does Jeremiah get a word from Yahweh for? (vv1-2)

He gets a message for the kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, and Sidon.

Jeremiah 27:2

ULT

² This is what Yahweh said to me, "Make fetters and a yoke for yourself. Place them on your neck.

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² This is what he said to me: "Make a yoke and bonds, then fasten them around your own neck.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:3

ULT

³ Then send them out to the king of Edom, the king of Moab, the king of the people of Ammon, the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon. Send them by the hand of those kings' ambassadors who have come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah.

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³ Then send them to the kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, and Sidon, and give them to the ambassadors from those countries who have come to Jerusalem to talk to King Zedekiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:4**ULT**

⁴ Give commands to them for their masters and say, 'Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: This is what you must say to your masters,

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⁴ Tell them to give this message to their kings: This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom Israel worships, says:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:5**ULT**

⁵ "I myself made the earth by my great strength and my raised arm. I also made the people and animals on the earth, and I give it to anyone who is right in my eyes.

UST

⁵ 'With my very great power I created the earth and the people and the animals that are on the earth. And I can give those things to anyone whom I want to.

What is the message for the kings? (vv5-7)

All their nations will serve Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon.

Jeremiah 27:6**ULT**

⁶ So now, I myself am giving all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, my servant. Also, I am giving the living things in the fields to him to serve him.

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⁶ And now I am going to enable King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, who does what I want him to do, to control your countries. I am going to enable him to rule everything, even the wild animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:7**ULT**

⁷ For all the nations will serve him, his son, and his grandson until the time for his land comes. Then many nations and great kings will subdue him.

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⁷ The people of all the nations will work for him, and later for his son, and later for his grandson, until the time for them to rule is finished. Then the armies of many great kings from many nations will conquer Babylon.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:8**ULT**

⁸ So the nation and the kingdom that does not serve Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and that does not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon—I will punish that nation with the sword, with famine, and with the plague—this is Yahweh's declaration—until I have destroyed it by his hand.

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⁸ But now I tell you that you must do what the king of Babylon wants you to do, like an ox that has a yoke on its neck must do what its master wants it to do. I will punish any nation that refuses to do that. I will cause those people to experience war and famine and diseases, until the armies of Babylon have conquered that nation.

What will happen to the nations that do not serve Nebuchadnezzar?

Yahweh will punish nations that do not serve Nebuchadnezzar with sword, famine, and plague.

Jeremiah 27:9**ULT**

⁹ So do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your seers, your soothsayers, and sorcerers, who have been speaking to you and saying, 'Do not serve the king of Babylon.'

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⁹ So, do not pay attention to your false prophets and fortune tellers and people who predict what will happen by working magic or by talking with spirits of dead people. Those people say not to serve him because the king of Babylon will not conquer your country.

What will happen to the people who listen to deceitful prophecy? (vv9-10)

Yahweh will send them away from their land, and they will die.

Jeremiah 27:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For they are prophesying deceit to you in order to send you far away from your lands, for I will drive you away, and you will die.

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¹⁰ Those people are all liars. If you believe what they say, it will result in your being exiled from your land. I will cause you to be taken from your land, and you will die far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:11**ULT**

¹¹ But the nation that places its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serves him, I will allow it to rest in its land—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and they will cultivate it and make their homes in it.””

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¹¹ But the people of any country who do what the king of Babylon wants them to do will remain in their own country and be able to plant their crops as they always have done. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

What will the nation that takes the yoke of the king of Babylon receive?

They will stay in their land, cultivate it, and make homes.

Jeremiah 27:12**ULT**

¹² So I spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah and gave him this message, “Place your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him and his people, and you will live.

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¹² After I gave that message to those ambassadors, I gave the same message to King Zedekiah of Judah. I said to him, “If you want to remain alive, do what the king of Babylon and his officials want you to do.

What does King Zedekiah need to do if he wants to live?

He needs to serve the King of Babylon.

Jeremiah 27:13**ULT**

¹³ Why will you die—you and your people—by the sword, famine, and plague, just as I have declared about the nation that refuses to serve the king of Babylon?

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¹³ It would be foolish for you not to do that, because the result would be that you and your people would die by your enemies' swords or by famine or diseases, which Yahweh will cause any nation to experience that refuses to allow the king of Babylon to rule them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you and say, 'Do not serve the king of Babylon,' for they are prophesying lies to you.

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¹⁴ Do not pay attention to those prophets who say to you, 'Do not obey the king of Babylon since he will not conquer your country.' They are liars.

What will happen to Zedekiah if he listens to his prophets? (vv14-15)

Yahweh will drive him out and he will die.

Jeremiah 27:15**ULT**

¹⁵ 'For I have not sent them out—this is Yahweh's declaration—for they are prophesying deceit in my name so that I will drive you out and you will perish, both you and the prophets who are prophesying to you.'"

UST

¹⁵ This is what Yahweh says: 'I have not appointed those prophets. They are saying that I gave them messages, but they are lying. So, if you believe them, I will expel you from this land. And you and all those prophets will die in Babylon!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I proclaimed this to the priests and all the people and said, "Yahweh says this: Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you and say, 'Look! The objects belonging to Yahweh's house are being returned from Babylon now!' They are prophesying lies to you.

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¹⁶ Then I spoke to the priests and the other people, and I said, "This is what Yahweh says: 'Do not believe your prophets who tell you that all the gold items that were taken from my temple by soldiers from Babylon will soon be returned from Babylon, because what they are prophesying is a lie.

What does Jeremiah say to the priests and the people? (vv16-17)

They are not to listen to the prophets. They are to serve the king of Babylon and live.

Jeremiah 27:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Do not listen to them. You should serve the king of Babylon and live. Why should this city become a ruin?

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¹⁷ Do not pay attention to what they say. Surrender to the king of Babylon. If you do that, you will remain alive. If you do not do that, this entire city will be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:18**ULT**

¹⁸ If they are prophets, and if the word of Yahweh has truly come to them, let them beg Yahweh of hosts not to send to Babylon the objects that remain in his house, the house of the king of Judah, and Jerusalem.

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¹⁸ If they are really prophets who speak messages from me, tell them to plead to me, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, that the soldiers from Babylon will not be allowed to take away to Babylon the valuable items that still remain in the temple and in the king's palace and in the other palaces in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Yahweh of hosts says this about the pillars, the large basin known as “The Sea” and its base, and the rest of the objects that remain in this city—

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¹⁹ I say this because the huge pillars that are in front of the temple and the large tank that was called “The Sea” and the ten water carts and all the other items that are used for offering sacrifices are still in this city.

What did Nebuchadnezzar take from Judah and Jerusalem? (vv19-20)

He took Jehoiachin and all the nobles.

Jeremiah 27:20**ULT**

²⁰ the objects that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he carried Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon with all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem.

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²⁰ King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon left those things here when he exiled Jehoiachin, the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, to Babylon, along with all the other leaders of Jerusalem and the leaders of other places in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:21**ULT**

²¹ Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this about the objects that remain in the house of Yahweh, the house of the king of Judah, and Jerusalem,

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²¹ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this about all those valuable things that are still outside the temple and in the palace of the king of Judah:

What will happen to the objects in the temple? (vv21-22)

Nebuchadnezzar will take them to Babylon.

Jeremiah 27:22**ULT**

²² ‘They will be brought to Babylon, and they will remain there until the day I have set to come for them—this is Yahweh’s declaration—then I will bring them up and restore them to this place.’”

27:1 ^[1], most modern versions have , because the events in this chapter occur during his reign.

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²² They will all be carried away to Babylon. And they will stay there until I say that they should be brought back to Jerusalem. Then they will be brought back here. That is what I, Yahweh, say.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28

Jeremiah 28:1

ULT

¹ It happened in that year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year and the fifth month, Hananiah son of Azzur the prophet, who was from Gibeon, spoke to me in Yahweh's house in front of the priests and all the people. He said,

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¹ These things occurred when Zedekiah was beginning his rule as king of Judah. It happened on the fourth year and fifth month of his rule, that Azzur's son Hananiah, a prophet from the city of Gibeon, spoke to Jeremiah in the courtyard of the temple, while all the priests and other people were listening. He said,

Briefly what did Hananiah say to Jeremiah in front of the priests and people? (vv1-2)

Hananiah said that Yahweh had broken the yoke imposed by the king of Babylon.

Jeremiah 28:2

ULT

² "Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: I have broken the yoke imposed by the king of Babylon.

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² "This is what the Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom Israel worships, says: 'I will cause the king of Babylon to stop ruling you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:3

ULT

³ Within two years I will bring back to this place all the objects belonging to Yahweh's house that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took from this place and transported to Babylon.

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³ Within two years, I will cause to be brought back to this temple all the valuable things that King Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers took from this temple and took to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:4**ULT**

⁴ Then I will bring back to this place Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the captives of Judah who were sent to Babylon—this is Yahweh’s declaration—for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.”

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⁴ And I will also bring back to this place Jehoiachin, who was the son of the Jehoiakim, the King of Judah, and all the other people who were captured and taken to Babylon. The king of Babylon has forced you to do what he wants, like someone puts a yoke on the neck of an ox to force it to do what he wants it to do. But I will cause that to end. That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:5**ULT**

⁵ So Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Hananiah the prophet in front of the priests and to all the people who stood in Yahweh’s house.

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⁵ Jeremiah replied to Hananiah in front of all the priests and other people whom were standing outside the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:6**ULT**

⁶ Jeremiah the prophet said, “May Yahweh do this! May Yahweh confirm the words that you prophesied and bring back to this place the objects belonging to Yahweh’s house, and all the captives from Babylon.

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⁶ He said, “I want that to be true! I desire that what you have predicted will happen just as you said! I hope that he will cause men from Babylon to bring back all the valuable things that were in this temple, and all the people who were taken to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:7**ULT**

⁷ However, listen to the word that I am proclaiming in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

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⁷ But now listen to what I say to you while all these people are listening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:8**ULT**

⁸ The prophets who existed before me and you from long ago also prophesied about many nations and against great kingdoms, about war, famine ^[1], and plague.

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⁸ Many years ago, those who were prophets before you and I became prophets spoke messages about many nations and great kingdoms. They predicted that wars and disasters and plagues would occur in those nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:9**ULT**

⁹ So the prophet who prophesies that there will be peace—if his word comes true, then it will be known that he is indeed a prophet sent out by Yahweh.”

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⁹ So now you or any other prophet who predicts that things will go well for us must show that your message is correct. Only if what you predict actually happens will we know that you were truly appointed by Yahweh.”

How does one know if a prophet is a true prophet sent by Yahweh?

The prophet's words will come true.

Jeremiah 28:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke it.

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¹⁰ Then Hananiah took the yoke off my neck and broke it.

Why does Hananiah break the yoke off Jeremiah? (vv10-11)

He wants the people to believe that they will be free from Babylon.

Jeremiah 28:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then Hananiah spoke in front of all the people and said, "Yahweh says this: Just like this, within two years I will break from off the neck of every nation the yoke imposed by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon." Then Jeremiah the prophet went on his way.

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¹¹ Then he said this to all the people who were there: "This is what Yahweh says: 'Just like Hananiah has broken this yoke, within two years I will cause King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to stop forcing the people to do what he wants, which has been like a heavy yoke on all their necks.'" After Hananiah said that, Jeremiah left the temple area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:12**ULT**

¹² After Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

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¹² Soon after Hananiah had broken the yoke that was around the neck of Jeremiah, Yahweh gave this message to me:

Are Hananiah's words true? (vv12-14)

No, the people will not be free from Babylon.

Jeremiah 28:13**ULT**

¹³ "Go and speak to Hananiah and say, 'Yahweh says this: You broke a yoke of wood, but I will make instead a yoke of iron.'

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¹³ "Go and say this to Hananiah: 'Yahweh, Commander of the angel armies, whom Israel worships, says that you have broken a wooden yoke, but that he will replace it with an iron yoke.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: I have placed a yoke of iron on the neck of all of these nations to serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and they will serve him. I have also given him the wild beasts in the fields to rule over."

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¹⁴ I have forced the people of all these nations to become slaves of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. That is like an iron yoke around their necks. I have put everything, even wild animals, under his control."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Next Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, "Listen Hananiah! Yahweh has not sent you, but you yourself have caused this people to believe in lies.

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¹⁵ Then Jeremiah went to Hananiah and said to him, "Hananiah, listen to this: Yahweh has not appointed you; instead, you have told lies to the people, and they have believed your lies.

What is Yahweh's message through Jeremiah to Hananiah? (vv15-17)

Yahweh will kill Hananiah this year because Hananiah told the people to rebel against Yahweh.

Jeremiah 28:16**ULT**

16 So Yahweh says this: Look, I am about to send you out from the earth. You will die this year, since you proclaimed rebellion against Yahweh.”

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16 Therefore, this is what Yahweh says: ‘You will soon die. Before the end of this year, you will die, because you have encouraged people to act against Yahweh.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:17**ULT**

17 In the seventh month of that same year, Hananiah the prophet died.
28:8 ^[1] instead of .

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17 Hananiah died two months later.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29

Jeremiah 29:1

ULT

¹ These are the words in the scroll that Jeremiah the prophet sent out from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the captives and to the priests, prophets, and all the people that Nebuchadnezzar exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon.

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¹⁻² After King Jehoiachin, his mother, his palace officials, other officials in Judah and Jerusalem, and all the various kinds of craftsmen had been exiled to Babylon, Jeremiah wrote a letter to the elders, the priests, the prophets and all the other people who had been taken from Jerusalem to Babylon by soldiers of Nebuchadnezzar.

Who did Jeremiah send his scroll to?

It was sent to all the people exiled to Babylon.

Jeremiah 29:2

ULT

² This was after Jehoiachin the king, the queen mother, and the high officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen had been sent away from Jerusalem.

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¹⁻² After King Jehoiachin, his mother, his palace officials, other officials in Judah and Jerusalem, and all the various kinds of craftsmen had been exiled to Babylon, Jeremiah wrote a letter to the elders, the priests, the prophets and all the other people who had been taken from Jerusalem to Babylon by soldiers of Nebuchadnezzar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:3

ULT

³ He sent this scroll by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah whom Zedekiah, king of Judah, had sent to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

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³ He gave the letter to Elasah son of Shaphan, and to Gemariah son of Hilkiah, when they were about to go to Babylon to be ambassadors from King Zedekiah to King Nebuchadnezzar. This is the letter that Jeremiah wrote, the message that Yahweh gave him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:4**ULT**

⁴ The scroll said, "Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this to all the captives whom I caused to be exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon,

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⁴ This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says to all you people who were captured here in Jerusalem and taken there to Babylon:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:5**ULT**

⁵ 'Build houses and live in them. Plant gardens and eat their fruit.

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⁵ "Build houses there, and plan to stay there because you will be there for many years. Plant gardens, and eat the food that is produced in the gardens.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:6**ULT**

⁶ Take wives and give birth to sons and daughters. Then take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands. Let them give birth to sons and daughters and increase there so you do not become too few.

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⁶ Get married and have children. Then when they grow up, choose wives for your sons, and husbands for your daughters, in order that they also may have children. In that way, the number of your people will increase, not decrease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:7**ULT**

⁷ Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be exiled, and intercede with me on its behalf since there will be peace for you if it is at peace.'

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⁷ Also, do things that will cause things to go well for the other people there in the city where I sent you. Pray that things will go well for the people in that city, because if things go well for them, things will go well for you, also."

Why did Yahweh tell the captives to seek the peace of the city where they were exiled and to intercede with Yahweh on behalf of that city?

He told them to do this because the exiles would have peace if the city was at peace.

Jeremiah 29:8**ULT**

⁸ For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, 'Do not let your prophets who are in your midst and your diviners deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that you yourselves are having.

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⁸ This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: "There are false prophets and fortune tellers among you. Do not allow them to deceive you. Do not pay attention to them when they tell you their dreams,

What is Yahweh's warning through Jeremiah to the captives? (vv8-9)

He warns them not to listen to dreams or to prophets whom Yahweh did not send.

Jeremiah 29:9**ULT**

⁹ For they are prophesying deceitfully to you in my name. I did not send them—this is Yahweh's declaration.'

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⁹ because they are telling you lies, saying that I have given them the messages that they are telling you. But, I have not appointed them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For Yahweh says this, 'When Babylon has ruled you for seventy years, I will help you and carry out my good word for you to bring you back to this place.

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¹⁰ This is also what Yahweh says: "After you and your children have been in Babylon for seventy years, I will help you, and do for you the things that I promised, and I will enable you to return here to Jerusalem.

What is Yahweh's plan for the captives after seventy years? (vv10-11)

He will bring them back to Judah and give them peace.

Jeremiah 29:11**ULT**

¹¹ For I myself know the plans that I have for you—this is Yahweh's declaration—plans for peace and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

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¹¹ I, Yahweh, know what I have planned for you. I am planning to cause things to go well for you, not to cause you to experience disasters. I am planning to give you many things that you can confidently expect to receive in the future that your people will survive to see.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:12**ULT**

¹² Then you will call to me, and go and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

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¹² At that time, when you go to worship me and call out my name in prayer, I will listen to what you pray.

When will they find Yahweh? (vv12-14)

They will find him when they call to him, pray to him, and seek him with all their heart.

Jeremiah 29:13**ULT**

¹³ For you will seek me and find me, since you will seek me with all your heart.

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¹³ If you earnestly desire for me to bless you, you will see that I will answer you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then I will be found by you—this is Yahweh's declaration—and I will bring back your fortunes; I will gather you from all the nations and places where I scattered you—this is Yahweh's declaration—for I will bring you back to the place from where I caused you to be exiled.'

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¹⁴ I will help you. I will cause you to no longer be slaves in Babylon. I will gather you from all the nations to which I have exiled you, and I will bring you back here to your own land, to the place from which you were taken."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Since you said that Yahweh has raised up prophets for us in Babylon,

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¹⁵ Some of you say that Yahweh has appointed prophets for you there in Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Yahweh says this to the king who sits on the throne of David and to all the people who are staying in that city, your brothers who have not gone out with you into captivity—

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¹⁶ But this is what Yahweh says about the king who rules here in Jerusalem, and about all the other people who are still living here—your relatives who were not taken to Babylon with you.

What was Yahweh going to do to the people who stayed in the city and did not go out into captivity? (vv16-17)

Yahweh said he was about to send sword, famine, and disease on them.

Jeremiah 29:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Yahweh of hosts says this, 'See, I am about to send sword, famine, and disease on them. For I will make them like rotten figs that are too bad to be eaten.

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¹⁷ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this: "I will cause them to experience wars and famines and diseases. I will cause them to become like bad figs that are very rotten, with the result that no one can eat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then I will pursue them with sword, famine, and plague and make them a horrible sight to all the kingdoms on earth—a horror, an object of curses and hissing, and a shameful thing among all the nations where I scattered her.

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¹⁸ I will not stop causing them to experience wars and famines and diseases. And I will scatter them all around the world. In every country where I force them to be taken, I will cause them to be people whom others curse and be horrified about and mock.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:19**ULT**

¹⁹ This is because they did not listen to my word—this is Yahweh's declaration—that I sent out to them through my servants the prophets. I repeatedly sent them, but you would not listen—this is Yahweh's declaration.'

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¹⁹ That will happen because they have refused to pay attention to my messages, messages that I gave to the prophets whom I sent to them. And you who have been exiled to Babylon have not paid attention to them, either." That is what Yahweh says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:20**ULT**

²⁰ So you yourselves listen to the word of Yahweh, all you exiles whom he has sent out from Jerusalem to Babylon,

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²⁰ Therefore, you people who have been exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon, listen to this message from Yahweh.

What does Yahweh say he will do to Ahab and Zedekiah? (vv20-21)

He will hand them over to Nebuchadnezzar, who will kill them.

Jeremiah 29:21**ULT**

²¹ 'Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this about Ahab son of Kolaiah and Zedekiah son of Maaseiah, who prophesy falsely to you in my name: See, I am about to put them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. He will kill them before your eyes.

UST

²¹ This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships,, says about Ahab son of Kolaiah, and about Zedekiah son of Maaseiah, who are telling lies to you, saying that they are giving messages from him: "They will be seized and taken to King Nebuchadnezzar, who will cause them to be executed while you are watching.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:22**ULT**

²² Then a curse will be spoken about these persons by all the captives of Judah in Babylon. The curse will say: May Yahweh make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in fire.

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²² Because of what will happen to them, all you people who have been taken from Judah to Babylon will say this when they curse someone: 'I hope that Yahweh will do to you the same thing that he did to Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon caused to be killed by being burned in a fire.'

What curse will the captives of Judah in Babylon speak?

They will say, "May Yahweh make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in fire."

Jeremiah 29:23**ULT**

²³ This will happen because of the shameful things they did in Israel when they committed adultery with their neighbor's wives and declared false words in my name, things that I never commanded them to say. For I am the one who knows; I am the witness—this is Yahweh's declaration."

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²³ They have done terrible things to my Israelite people. They have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and they have spoken lies, saying that they were messages from me. They have said things that I did not tell them to say, and I, Yahweh, have heard them say those things."

Why will Yahweh have Ahab and Zedekiah killed?

He will have them killed because of the shameful things they did.

Jeremiah 29:24**ULT**

²⁴ "About Shemaiah the Nehelamite, say this:

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²⁴ Yahweh told me to send this message to Shemaiah, a man from Nehelam who was living in Babylon:

Where was Shemaiah when he wrote the letters?

He was in Babylon.

Jeremiah 29:25**ULT**

²⁵ 'Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Because you sent out letters in your own name to all the people in Jerusalem, to Zephaniah son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, and said,

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²⁵ "This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: "You wrote a letter that no one told you to write. You sent it to Zephaniah the priest, son of Maaseiah, and you sent copies to the other priests and all the other people here in Jerusalem. This is what you wrote to him:

Where were the people to whom Shemaiah wrote the letters?

They were in Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 29:26**ULT**

²⁶ "Yahweh has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, for you to be in charge of Yahweh's house. You are in control of all the people who rave and make themselves into prophets. You should put them in stocks and chains.

UST

²⁶ 'Zephaniah, Yahweh has appointed you to be the priest instead of Jehoiada, to supervise those who work in the temple. Anyone who acts like a crazy man and who claims that he is a prophet, you should put his arms and legs and head into stocks.

What did Shemaiah want Zephaniah to do?

He wanted Zephaniah to make prisoners of the prophets.

Jeremiah 29:27**ULT**

²⁷ So now, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself into a prophet against you?

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²⁷ So why have you not done anything to stop Jeremiah, the man from Anathoth, who pretends that he is a prophet among you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:28**ULT**

²⁸ For he has sent to us in Babylon and said, 'It will be a long time. Build houses and live in them, and plant gardens and eat their fruit.'"

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²⁸ He sent a letter to us who are here in Babylon, saying that we will be here for a long time. He said that therefore we should build houses and plan to stay here, and plant gardens, and eat the food that is produced in the gardens."

Why did Shemaiah want Zephaniah to rebuke Jeremiah?

Jeremiah had said that the people would be in Babylon for a long time.

Jeremiah 29:29**ULT**

²⁹ Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the hearing of Jeremiah the prophet.

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²⁹ But when Zephaniah the priest received the letter from you, he brought it to me and read it to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:30**ULT**

³⁰ Then the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

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³⁰ Then Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:31**ULT**

³¹ “Send word to all the exiles and say, ‘Yahweh says this about Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you when I myself did not send him, and he has led you to believe lies,

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³¹ “Send this message to all the people from Judah who are there in Babylon: Say that this is what Yahweh says about Shemaiah, the man from Nehelam: ‘I did not appoint him, but he has deceived you and caused you to believe the lies that he prophesied.

Why will Yahweh punish Shemaiah and his descendants? (vv31-32)

He will do it because Shemaiah prophesied lies to the people so they would rebel against Yahweh.

Jeremiah 29:32**ULT**

³² therefore Yahweh says this: Look, I am about to punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his descendants. There will not be a man for him to stay among this people. He will not see the good that I will do for my people—this is Yahweh’s declaration—for he has proclaimed rebellion against Yahweh.”

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³² So, I will punish him and his family. He has incited you to rebel against me. Because of that, all of his descendants will soon die. I will do many good things for you, my people, but he and his descendants will not see those things, because they will be dead. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30

Jeremiah 30:1

ULT

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave Jeremiah another message. He said,

What will Yahweh do for his people? (vv1-3)

He will restore their fortunes and bring them back to the land.

Jeremiah 30:2

ULT

² "This is what Yahweh, God of Israel, says, 'Write in a scroll all the words that I have spoken to you.

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² "I, Yahweh, the God of Israel am telling you to write down everything that I have said to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:3

ULT

³ For look, days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah. I, Yahweh, have said it. For I will bring them back to the land that I gave their ancestors, and they will possess it."

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³ I want you to know that some day I will free my people, the people of Israel and Judah, from being slaves in Babylon. I will bring them back to this land that I gave to their ancestors, and this land will belong to them again. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:4**ULT**

⁴ These are the words that Yahweh declared concerning Israel and Judah,

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⁴ Yahweh gave to me another message concerning the people of Israel and Judah.

Who heard the “trembling voice of dread”? (vv4-5)

Yahweh, speaking of himself as “we,” was the one who heard the voice.

Jeremiah 30:5**ULT**

⁵ “For Yahweh says this, ‘We have heard a trembling voice of dread and not of peace.

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⁵ This is what he said: “I hear people screaming because they are terrified; there is no peace in the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:6**ULT**

⁶ Ask and see if a man bears a child. Why do I see every young man with his hand on his loins like a woman bearing a child? Why have all their faces become pale?

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⁶ But think about this: Men certainly do not give birth to babies. Therefore, why do strong men stand there, with their faces very white, with their hands pressed against their stomachs, like women who are about to give birth to babies?

Why do the young men have their hands on their loins and have pale faces? (vv6-7)

The descendants of Jacob will have a time of anxiety.

Jeremiah 30:7**ULT**

⁷ Woe! For that day will be great, with none like it. It will be a time of anxiety for Jacob, but he will be rescued from it.

UST

⁷ Terrible things will soon happen; That will be a terrible day! There has never been such a time. It will be a time when my Israelite people will experience great trouble, but finally they will be saved from their sufferings."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:8**ULT**

⁸ For it will be in that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—that I will break the yoke off your neck, and I will shatter your chains, so foreigners will no longer enslave you.

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⁸ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this: "At that time it will be as though I will sever the ropes that are around my people, and I will free them from being slaves. People in other countries will no longer enslave them.

How will the Israelites celebrate being freed from enslavement? (vv8-9)

They will worship Yahweh their God and serve David their king.

Jeremiah 30:9**ULT**

⁹ But they will worship Yahweh their God and serve David their king, whom I will make king over them.

UST

⁹ My people will again serve me, Yahweh, their God, and they will serve a king who is a descendant of King David; and I will appoint this king for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So you, my servant Jacob, do not fear—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and do not be dismayed, Israel. For see, I am about to bring you back from far away, and your descendants from the land of captivity. Jacob will return and be at peace; he will be secure, and there will be no more terror.

UST

¹⁰ So, you people of Israel who serve me, do not be dismayed now, because some day I will bring you back from distant places; I will bring your descendants back home from the land where they had been exiled. Then you Israelite people will again live peacefully and safely, and there will not be any nation that will cause you to be terrified.

Why should the descendants of Jacob not be dismayed?

Yahweh will bring them back from where he had scattered them to be captives.

Jeremiah 30:11**ULT**

¹¹ For I am with you—this is Yahweh’s declaration—to save you. Then I will bring a complete end to all the nations where I have scattered you. But I will certainly not put an end to you, though I discipline you justly and will certainly not leave you unpunished.’

UST

¹¹ I, Yahweh, say that I will be with you and will rescue you; I will completely destroy the nations to which I have scattered you. But I will not completely destroy you. I will punish you for your many sins, but I will punish you only as severely as you deserve: I would be doing wrong if I did not to punish you at all.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:12**ULT**

¹² For Yahweh says this, ‘Your injury is incurable; your wound is infected.

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¹² Yahweh also says this: “You have suffered very much; it is as though you have a terrible wound that cannot be cured.

How can Israel’s wound be cured? (vv12-13)

It cannot be healed.

Jeremiah 30:13**ULT**

¹³ There is no one to plead your case; there is no remedy for your wound to heal you.

UST

¹³ There is no one to help you, no one to put a bandage on your wound. There is no medicine that will heal you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:14**ULT**

¹⁴ All of your lovers have forgotten you. They will not look for you, for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy and the discipline of a cruel master because of your many iniquities and your innumerable sins.

UST

¹⁴ All your allies have deserted you and they do not want to help you anymore. It is true that I have punished you severely, like your enemies would wound you, because you have committed many sins and you are very guilty.

Why does Yahweh discipline the Israelites? (vv14-15)

Yahweh disciplines the Israelites because of their iniquities and sins.

Jeremiah 30:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Why do you call for help for your injury? Your pain is incurable. Because of your many iniquities, your innumerable sins, I have done these things to you.

UST

¹⁵ Because that is true, why do you protest about my punishing you, as though I had caused a wound that could not be cured? It was necessary for me to punish you, because you had committed many sins and you were very guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So everyone who consumes you will be consumed, and all of your adversaries will go into captivity. For the ones who have plundered you will become plunder, and I will make all of the ones despoiling you a spoil.

UST

¹⁶ But some day all those who are trying to destroy you will be destroyed; all your enemies will be exiled to other nations. All those who have stolen things from you will have their valuable possessions stolen, and all those who attack you will be attacked.

What will Yahweh do to those who harmed Israel? (vv16-17)

He will have their enemies consume and capture and plunder them.

Jeremiah 30:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For I will bring healing on you; I will heal you of your wounds—this is Yahweh's declaration— I will do this because they called you: Outcast. No one cares for this Zion."

UST

¹⁷ Everyone says that you are outcasts, and that you live in Jerusalem, a city that no one cares about." But Yahweh says, "I will heal your injuries and cause you to be healthy again."

What will Yahweh do for Israel?

Yahweh will heal Israel's wounds.

Jeremiah 30:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Yahweh says this, "See, I am about to bring back the fortunes of Jacob's tents and have compassion on his homes. Then a city will be built on the heap of ruins, and a stronghold will exist again where it used to be.

UST

¹⁸ This is what Yahweh says: "I will bring the people of Israel back from the lands to which they were taken and enable them to possess their land and their houses again. When that happens, Jerusalem will be rebuilt on top of its ruins, and the king's palace will be rebuilt as a place of justice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then a song of praise and a sound of merriment will go out from them, for I will increase them and not diminish them; I will honor them so they will not be humbled.

UST

¹⁹ People will again sing joyfully to thank me, and I will cause there to be more people in Jerusalem, not fewer; I will cause them to be honored, not despised.

What will the people do after the city has been rebuilt?

They will sing songs of praise, they will increase in number, and Yahweh will honor them.

Jeremiah 30:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then their people will be like before, and their assembly will be established before me when I punish all the ones who are now tormenting them.

UST

²⁰ Their children will prosper like they did before. I will cause them to be a group of people who worship me, and I will punish any nation that oppresses them.

What will Yahweh do after he establishes Israel's assembly? (vv20-21)

He will appoint a leader for Israel.

Jeremiah 30:21**ULT**

²¹ Their leader will come from among them. He will emerge from their midst when I draw him near and when he approaches me. If I do not do this, who would dare come close to me?—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

²¹ One of their own people will be their king, and I will invite him to come close to me to worship me, because no one would dare to come close to me if I did not invite him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:22**ULT**

²² Then you will be my people, and I will be your God.

UST

²² You Israelite people will be my people, and I will be your God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:23**ULT**

²³ See, the tempest of Yahweh, his fury, has gone out. It is a continual tempest. It will whirl on the heads of the wicked people.

UST

²³ Yahweh will punish your enemies; it will be like a great storm; it will come down like a whirlwind, swirling around the heads of wicked people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:24**ULT**

²⁴ Yahweh's wrath will not return until it has carried out and brought into being his heart's intentions. In the final days, you will understand it.”

UST

²⁴ He will not stop being angry until he completely accomplishes all that he has planned. In the future, you will understand all of this clearly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31

Jeremiah 31:1

ULT

¹ “At that time—this is Yahweh’s declaration—I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they will be my people.”

UST

¹ Yahweh says that at that time, he will be the God who is worshiped by all the clans in Israel, and they will be his people.

Whose God will Yahweh be?

He will be the God of all the clans of Israel.

Jeremiah 31:2

ULT

² Yahweh says this, “The people who have survived the sword have found favor in the wilderness; I will go out to give rest to Israel.”

UST

² This is what Yahweh says: “Those people who remained alive and were not killed by their enemies’ swords were blessed by me even in the desert; where they survived.

Why did the people of Israel who survived the sword find Yahweh’s favor? (vv2-3)

They found favor because Yahweh loved them with an everlasting love.

Jeremiah 31:3

ULT

³ Yahweh appeared to me in the past and said, “I have loved you, Israel, with everlasting love. So I have drawn you toward myself with covenant faithfulness.

UST

³ Long ago I, Yahweh, said to your ancestors, the Israelite people, ‘I have loved you and I will continue to love you forever. By faithfully loving you I have brought you close to myself.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:4**ULT**

⁴ I will build you up again so you will be built, virgin Israel. You will again pick up your tambourines and go out with happy dances.

UST

⁴ And now I tell you, my Israelite people who I will think of like a chaste woman, that I will cause you to be a nation again. You will joyfully dance as you play your tambourines.

What will virgin Israel do after Yahweh builds her up? (vv4-5)

She will go out with happy dances and have good crops.

Jeremiah 31:5**ULT**

⁵ You will plant vineyards again on the mountains of Samaria; the farmers will plant and put the fruit to good use.

UST

⁵ Again you will plant your vineyards on the hills of Samaria, and you will eat the grapes that grow there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:6**ULT**

⁶ For a day will come when the watchmen in the mountains of Ephraim will proclaim, 'Arise, let us go up to Zion to Yahweh our God.'

UST

⁶ There will be a time when watchmen will call out from the hills of Samaria, 'Come, let us go up to Jerusalem to worship Yahweh, our God!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:7**ULT**

⁷ For Yahweh says this, "Shout for joy over Jacob! Shout in gladness for the chief people of the nations! Let praise be heard. Say, 'Yahweh has rescued his people, the remnant of Israel.'

UST

⁷ And now Yahweh also says this: "Sing joyfully about what I have done for the people of Israel! Shout about your nation, the greatest nation! Shout joyfully, praising me and saying, 'Yahweh, has rescued his people, the ones who were still alive!'

Whom has Yahweh rescued?

He has rescued the remnant of Israel.

Jeremiah 31:8**ULT**

⁸ See, I am about to bring them from the northern lands. I will gather them from the farthest parts of the earth. The blind and lame will be among them; pregnant women and those who are about to give birth will be with them. A great assembly will return here.

UST

⁸ Do that because I will bring them back from the northeast, from the most distant places on the earth. Among them will be blind people and lame people, women who are pregnant and women who are having labor pains. They will be a huge group of people!

Where will Yahweh bring the remnant of Israel back from?

He will bring them back from the northern lands and the farthest parts of the earth.

Jeremiah 31:9**ULT**

⁹ They will come weeping; I will lead them as they make their pleas. I will have them journey to streams of water on a straight road. They will not stumble on it, for I will be a father to Israel, and Ephraim will be my firstborn."

UST

⁹ They will be weeping as they return, and they will be praying to me. I will guide them along streams of water, on level paths where they will not stumble. I will do this because I am like a father to the Israelite people; it is as though Israel is my oldest son."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:10**ULT**

¹⁰ “Hear the word of Yahweh, nations. Report along the coasts in the distance. You nations must say, ‘The one who scattered Israel is gathering her up and keeping her as a shepherd keeps his sheep.’

UST

¹⁰ People in the nations of the world, listen to this message from Yahweh. Then proclaim it to people who live along the coasts far away. Yahweh scattered his people, but he will gather them again and will take care of them like a shepherd takes care of his sheep.

Who is “the one who scattered Israel”? (vv10-11)

Yahweh scattered Israel.

Jeremiah 31:11**ULT**

¹¹ For Yahweh has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from the hand that was too strong for him.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh will buy his Israelite people back from those who conquered them because they were more powerful than his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:12**ULT**

¹² Then they will come and rejoice on the heights of Zion. Their faces will shine because of Yahweh's goodness, over the corn and the new wine, over the oil and the offspring of the flocks and herds. For their lives will become like a watered garden, and they will never again feel any more sorrow.

UST

¹² Yahweh's people will return to Jerusalem and shout joyfully on the slopes of Zion Hill. They will rejoice about the things that Yahweh has abundantly given to them— grain and new wine and olive oil and young sheep and cattle. They themselves will be like a well-watered garden, and they will no longer feel worn out.

What will be the signs of Yahweh's goodness?

The people will have plenty of food, wine, oil, and livestock.

Jeremiah 31:13**ULT**

¹³ Then virgins will rejoice with dancing, and young and old men will be together. For I will change their mourning into celebration. I will have compassion on them and cause them to rejoice instead of sorrowing.

UST

¹³ The young women will dance joyfully, and all the men, young ones and old ones, will join with them. I will cause them to rejoice instead of mourning; I will comfort them and cause them to be happy instead of being sad.

What will the people do when they stop mourning?

They will celebrate

Jeremiah 31:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then I will saturate the lives of the priests in abundance. My people will fill themselves with my goodness—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

¹⁴ The priests will have plenty of things to eat and drink, and all my people will be filled with the good things that I give them. That will certainly happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Yahweh says this: "A voice is heard in Ramah, wailing and bitter weeping. It is Rachel weeping for her children. She refuses to be comforted over them, for they live no longer."

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¹⁵ Yahweh also says this: "Women were weeping in Ramah, on the border between Israel and Judah; they were mourning and crying very loudly. The women who were the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, the two grandsons of Rachel the wife of Jacob, were weeping about their children, and no one could comfort them because their children were all dead.

Why is there wailing and bitter weeping in Ramah?

There is wailing and weeping because Rachel's children have died.

Jeremiah 31:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Yahweh says this, “Hold your voice back from weeping and your eyes from tears; there is a reward for your work—this is Yahweh’s declaration—your children will return from the land of the enemy.

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¹⁶ But now this is what Yahweh says: ‘Do not cry anymore, because I will reward you for the good things you have done for your children. Your children will return from the land where their enemies have taken them.

Why should the people stop weeping? (vv16-17)

Yahweh will bring their descendants back from the enemy’s land.

Jeremiah 31:17**ULT**

¹⁷ There is hope for your future—this is Yahweh’s declaration—your descendants will return inside their borders.”

UST

¹⁷ I, Yahweh, am telling you that there are things that you can confidently expect me to do for you in the future. Your children will return to their own land.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:18**ULT**

¹⁸ “I have certainly heard Ephraim sorrowing, ‘You punished me, and I have been punished like an untrained calf. Bring me back and I will be brought back, for you are Yahweh my God.

UST

¹⁸ I have heard the people of Israel grieving very much and saying to me, ‘You punished us severely, like calves are beaten by their owners to train them for pulling a plow. So bring us back to obey you again, because we are ready to return to you, because you alone are Yahweh, our God.

Why will Yahweh have compassion on Ephraim? (vv18-20)

He will have compassion because Ephraim was ashamed of his sins.

Jeremiah 31:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For after I turned back to you, I was sorry; after I was trained, I slapped my thigh. I was ashamed and humiliated, for I have borne the guilt of my youth.'

UST

¹⁹ We turned away from you, but we repented; after you caused us to realize that we were guilty. We beat our hands on our legs to show that we were very ashamed of the sins that we committed when we were young.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:20**ULT**

²⁰ Is not Ephraim my precious child? Is he not my dear, delightful son? For whenever I speak against him, I certainly still call him to my loving mind. In this way my heart longs for him. I will certainly have compassion on him—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

²⁰ But I, Yahweh, say this: The Israelite people certainly are still my dear children. It is often necessary for me to threaten to punish them, but I still love them. That is why I have not forgotten them, and I will certainly act mercifully toward them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:21**ULT**

²¹ Place road signs for yourself. Set up guideposts for yourself. Set your mind on the right path, the way you should take. Come back, virgin Israel! Come back to these cities of yours.

UST

²¹ You Israelite people, set up road signs; put up posts along the roads to mark the road on which you walked when you were taken from Jerusalem. My precious Israelite people, come back to your towns here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:22**ULT**

²² How long will you waver, faithless daughter? For Yahweh has created something new on earth—a woman surrounds a strong man.

UST

²² You people who have been like daughters who have forsaken their parents, how long will you continue to wander away from me? I, Yahweh, will cause something to happen on the earth that is new: the women of Israel will be protecting their husbands as they travel back here!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:23**ULT**

²³ Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, says this, "When I bring back the people to their land, they will say this in the land of Judah and its cities, 'May Yahweh bless you, you righteous place where he lives, you holy mountain.'

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²³ This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: "When I bring them back from the countries to which they have been exiled, all the people from the towns in Judah will again say, 'I hope that Yahweh will bless this my home, the holy place where righteous people will live!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:24**ULT**

²⁴ For Judah and all its cities will live together there, as will farmers and those who set out with flocks.

UST

²⁴ The people of Judah who live in the towns, including the farmers and the shepherds, will all live together peacefully.

Why will the people say, "May Yahweh bless you"?

They will say that because people will live in the cities and farmers and shepherds will live in the country.

Jeremiah 31:25**ULT**

²⁵ For I will cause those who are weary to drink, and I fill up those who are faint.”

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²⁵ I will enable weary people to be refreshed with drinks of water, and enable people who are very exhausted to become strong again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:26**ULT**

²⁶ After this I awoke, and I realized that my sleep had been refreshing.

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²⁶ I, Jeremiah, woke up after dreaming all those things, and I looked around. I had slept very delightfully!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:27**ULT**

²⁷ “Look, the days are coming—this is Yahweh’s declaration—when I will sow the houses of Israel and Judah with the descendants of man and beast.

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²⁷ Then Yahweh said to me, “There will be a time when I will greatly increase the number of people and the number of livestock here in Israel and Judah.

**What will Yahweh do to the houses of Israel and Judah that he uprooted and tore down?
(vv27-28)**

Yahweh will watch over them so he can build them up and plant them.

Jeremiah 31:28**ULT**

²⁸ In the past, I kept them under surveillance in order to uproot them and to tear them down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring them harm. But in the coming days, I will watch over them, in order to build them up and to plant them—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

²⁸ Previously, I caused their enemies to remove the people from their land and to destroy their land and to bring many disasters to it. But in the future, I will enable them to build houses and to plant crops here in Israel again. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:29**ULT**

²⁹ In those days no one will say any longer, 'Fathers have eaten sour grapes, but the children's teeth are dulled.'

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²⁹ Previously the people often said, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, but it is the children's teeth that ache.' They meant that it was not fair for them to be punished for their ancestors' sins. But when I bring them back to their land, they will no longer say that.

What is the saying that the people of Israel and Judah will no longer use? (vv29-30)

The saying is, "Fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are dulled."

Jeremiah 31:30**ULT**

³⁰ For each man will die in his own iniquity; everyone who eats sour grapes, his teeth will be dulled.

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³⁰ But now all people will die because of the sins that they themselves have committed. It will be more like 'The person who eats sour grapes will have his own teeth aching.'

Why will the people no longer use that saying?

Each man will die for his own sin.

Jeremiah 31:31**ULT**

³¹ Look, the days are coming— this is Yahweh's declaration— when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

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³¹ I, Yahweh, say this: 'There will be a time when I will make a new agreement with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:32**ULT**

³² It will not be like the covenant that I established with their fathers in the days when I took them by their hand to bring them out from the land of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, although I was a husband for them— this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

³² This new agreement will not be like the agreement that I made with their ancestors when I took them by their hands and led them out of Egypt. They disobeyed that agreement, even though I loved them like husbands love their wives.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:33**ULT**

³³ This is the covenant that I will establish with the house of Israel after these days —this is Yahweh's declaration. I will place my law within them and will write it on their heart, for I will be their God, and they will be my people.

UST

³³ This is what I, Yahweh, say: 'This is the new agreement that I will make with the people of Israel some day: I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their inner beings. I will be their God, and they will be my people.'

What is the new covenant that Yahweh will establish with the house of Israel and Judah? (vv33-34)

The new covenant is this: Yahweh will write his law on their hearts.

Jeremiah 31:34**ULT**

³⁴ Then each man will no longer teach his neighbor, or a man teach his brother and say, 'Know Yahweh!' For all of them will know me, from the smallest of them to the greatest —this is Yahweh's declaration— for I will forgive their iniquity and will no longer call their sins to mind."

UST

³⁴ And it will not be necessary for them to teach their neighbors or their relatives and say, "You need to know Yahweh," because everyone, including both unimportant people and very important people, will already know me. And I will forgive them for having been very wicked, and I will never think again about the sins that they have committed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:35**ULT**

³⁵ Yahweh says this, it is he who makes the sun to shine by day and fixes the moon and stars to shine by night. He is the one who sets the sea in motion so that its waves roar— Yahweh of hosts is his name.

UST

³⁵ Yahweh is the one who causes the sun to give light during the day, and who causes the moon and the stars to give light during the night. He stirs up the seas, with the result that waves roar. His name is Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, and this is what he says:

Israel will be a nation as long as what has not vanished? (vv35-36)

They will be a nation as long as the sun, moon, stars, and sea have not vanished.

Jeremiah 31:36**ULT**

³⁶ "Only if these permanent things vanish from my sight—this is Yahweh's declaration— will Israel's descendants ever stop from forever being a nation before me."

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³⁶ "I will not permanently reject my Israelite people any more than I will get rid of the laws that control the universe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:37**ULT**

³⁷ Yahweh says this, “Only if the highest heavens can be measured, and only if the earth’s foundation below can be discovered, will I reject all of Israel’s descendants because of all that they have done—this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

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³⁷ And this is what I say: ‘No one can measure the sky and no one can find out what is supporting the earth. Similarly, I cannot reject the descendants of Jacob because of all the evil things that they have done.’ That is certain, because I, Yahweh, have said it!

Yahweh will reject Israel’s descendants only when what two things have happened?

They will be a nation as long as no one has measured the highest heavens or discovered the earth’s foundation.

Jeremiah 31:38**ULT**

³⁸ “Look, the days are coming—this is Yahweh’s declaration—when the city will be rebuilt for me, from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.

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³⁸ I, Yahweh, also say that there will be a time when everything in Jerusalem will be rebuilt for me, from the tower of Hananel at the northeast corner, west to the gate named the Corner Gate.

When the city is rebuilt, will it be bigger or smaller than it was? (vv38-40)

It will be bigger.

Jeremiah 31:39**ULT**

³⁹ Then the measuring line will go out again farther, to the hill of Gareb and around Goah.

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³⁹ Workers will stretch a measuring line over Gareb Hill all the way southwest to Goah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:40

ULT

⁴⁰ The whole valley of the dead bodies and the ashes, and all the terraced fields going out to the Kidron Valley as far as the corner of the Horse Gate on the east, will be set apart for Yahweh. The city will not be pulled up or overthrown again, forever.”

UST

⁴⁰ And the whole area, including the place where corpses and ashes are thrown in the Kidron Valley, and all the fields to the east as far as the Horse Gate, will become set apart for me. And the city of Jerusalem will never again be captured or destroyed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32

Jeremiah 32:1

ULT

¹ This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

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¹ After Zedekiah had been ruling Judah for almost ten years, Yahweh gave me another message, during the time that Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling Babylonia for almost eighteen years.

Where was Jeremiah when Yahweh gave a message to him? (vv1-2)

Jeremiah was imprisoned in the courtyard of the house of the king of Judah.

Jeremiah 32:2

ULT

² At that time, the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was imprisoned in the courtyard of the guard at the house of the king of Judah.

UST

² His army had surrounded Jerusalem, and Jeremiah was in a prison area in the courtyard where the guards of the king's palace stayed.

What was the Babylonian army doing?

It was attacking Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 32:3

ULT

³ Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him and said, "Why do you prophesy and say, 'Yahweh says this: Look, I am about to give over this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.

UST

³ King Zedekiah had put me there. I continued to prophesy there about what would happen. I continued to say, "Yahweh says that he is about to allow the army of the king of Babylon to capture this city.

Why did Zedekiah imprison Jeremiah? (vv3-5)

Zedekiah imprisoned him because Jeremiah prophesied that Jerusalem and Zedekiah would be captured by the Babylonians.

Jeremiah 32:4**ULT**

⁴ Zedekiah king of Judah will not escape from the hand of the Chaldeans, for he will certainly be given into the hand of the king of Babylon. His mouth will speak to the king's mouth, and his eyes will see the king's eyes.

UST

⁴ And the soldiers of Babylonia will most definitely capture King Zedekiah and take him to the king of Babylon for a face to face encounter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:5**ULT**

⁵ He will take Zekediah to Babylon, and he will remain there until I have dealt with him—this is Yahweh's declaration. Though you fight against the Chaldeans, you will not succeed."

UST

⁵ Then his soldiers will take Zedekiah to Babylon, and he will remain there until I arrange for him to be punished. And if he tries to fight against the soldiers from Babylonia, he will not succeed." King Zedekiah asked Jeremiah why he continued to say that, but Yahweh had said this would be so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:6**ULT**

⁶ Jeremiah said, "The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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⁶ At that time, Yahweh gave Jeremiah another message. He said,

What did Yahweh say, to Jeremiah, was going to happen? (vv6-7)

Yahweh told Jeremiah that Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle was coming to Jeremiah and would say, "Buy my field that is in Anathoth for yourself, for the right to buy it belongs to you."

Jeremiah 32:7**ULT**

⁷ Look, Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is coming to you and will say, "Buy my field that is in Anathoth for yourself, for the right to buy it belongs to you."

UST

⁷ "Your cousin Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle, will come to you. He will say to you, 'Buy my field at Anathoth, your hometown. Because you are my closest relative, it is written in our laws that you have the right to buy it before I ask if anyone else wants to buy it.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:8**ULT**

⁸ Then, as Yahweh had declared, Hanamel, the son of my uncle, came to me in the courtyard of the guard, and he said to me, "Buy my field that is in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of inheritance is yours, and the right to buy it belongs to you. Buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was Yahweh's word.

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⁸ And just as Yahweh had predicted, my cousin Hanamel came to see me in the courtyard of the palace. He said, "Please buy my field at Anathoth in the area where the descendants of Benjamin live. It is written in our laws that you have the right to buy it before I ask if anyone else wants to buy it." When he said that, I knew that the message that I had received was truly from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:9**ULT**

⁹ So I bought the field in Anathoth from Hanamel, the son of my uncle, and I weighed out for him the silver, seventeen shekels in weight.

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⁹ So, I bought the field at Anathoth. I paid Hanamel almost two hundred grams of silver for it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then I wrote in a scroll and sealed it, and had witnesses witness it. Then I weighed the silver in the scales.

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¹⁰ I signed the paper on which it was written that I was buying it, while others were watching. Then I weighed the silver and gave it to him.

How did Jeremiah go about buying the field? (vv10-12)

Jeremiah signed and sealed the deed of purchase, weighed the silver in the scales, and gave the sealed scroll to Baruch in the presence of the witnesses.

Jeremiah 32:11**ULT**

¹¹ Next I took the deed of purchase that was sealed, following the command and the statutes, as well as the unsealed deed.

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¹¹ Then I took two copies of the paper. One was sealed and the other was not sealed. On both of them was written the price and conditions of the purchase. I took both copies

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:12**ULT**

¹² I gave the sealed scroll to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah in front of Hanamel, the son of my uncle, and the witnesses who had written in the sealed scroll, and in front of all the Judeans who sat in the courtyard of the guard.

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¹² and I gave them to Baruch son of Neraiah, and the grandson of Mahseiah. I did this while my cousin Hanamel, the other witnesses who had signed the paper, and other men of Judah who were there in the courtyard, were watching.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:13**ULT**

¹³ So I gave a command to Baruch before them. I said,

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¹³ Then, while they were all listening, I said to Baruch,

What did Jeremiah tell Baruch to do with the sealed scroll? (vv13-14)

Jeremiah told Baruch to take the scrolls with the receipt of the purchase and place them in a new jar.

Jeremiah 32:14**ULT**

¹⁴ “Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Take these documents, both this receipt of purchase that is sealed and the unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last for a long time.

UST

¹⁴ “This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: ‘Take both copies of this paper and put them in a clay jar, to preserve them for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land.”

UST

¹⁵ Do that because this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: Some day people will again own property in this land, and they will buy and sell houses and vineyards and fields.”

What message of hope did Yahweh want to give through this purchase of land?

Yahweh wanted all the people to know that people would again buy houses, fields, and vineyards in the land.

Jeremiah 32:16**ULT**

¹⁶ After I gave the receipt of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah, I prayed to Yahweh and said,

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¹⁶ After I had given the papers to Baruch, I prayed to Yahweh, saying this:

How did Yahweh make the heavens and the earth? (vv16-17)

He made the heavens and the earth by his great strength and with his raised arm.

Jeremiah 32:17**ULT**

¹⁷ "Woe, Lord Yahweh! Look! You alone have made the heavens and the earth by your great strength and with your raised arm. Nothing you say is too difficult for you to do.

UST

¹⁷ "Yahweh, you are my Lord! You made the sky and the earth by your very great power. Nothing is too difficult for you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:18**ULT**

¹⁸ You show covenant faithfulness to thousands and pour the guilt of men into the laps of their children after them. You are the great and mighty God; Yahweh of hosts is your name.

UST

¹⁸ You show thousands of people that you will always be faithful to your covenant with them, but people suffer the consequences of the sins that their parents have committed. You are the great and powerful God. You are Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You are great in wisdom and mighty in deeds, for your eyes are open to all the ways of people, to give to each man what his conduct and deeds deserve.

UST

¹⁹ You make wise plans and you do mighty deeds. You see how all people behave, and you do to them what they deserve.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:20**ULT**

²⁰ You did signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. To this present day here in Israel and among all mankind, you have made your name famous.

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²⁰ You performed many miracles in Egypt, and you continue to perform miracles here in Israel and everywhere else in the world. Because of that, you have become very famous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:21**ULT**

²¹ For you brought your people Israel out from the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand, with a raised arm, and with great terror.

UST

²¹ You brought our Israelite ancestors out of Egypt by performing many great miracles, using your very great power, causing our enemies to be terrified.

How did Yahweh make his name famous?

He brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

Jeremiah 32:22**ULT**

²² Then you gave them this land—which you had sworn to their ancestors to give to them—a land flowing with milk and honey.

UST

²² You gave to us Israelite people this land that you solemnly promised to give to our ancestors, a land that is very fertile.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:23**ULT**

²³ So they entered and took possession of it. But they did not obey your voice or live in obedience to your law. They did nothing of what you had commanded them to do, so you brought all this disaster on them.

UST

²³ Our ancestors came here and conquered this land and started to live in it, but they refused to obey you or to do what you commanded them to do. Because of that, you have caused them to experience all these disasters.

What did the people of Israel do after Yahweh gave them the land?

They did not obey him.

Jeremiah 32:24**ULT**

²⁴ Look! The siege mounds have reached up to the city to capture it. For because of sword, famine, and plague, the city has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans who are fighting against it. For what you have said would happen is happening, and see, you are watching.

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²⁴ And now, the army of Babylonia has built ramps up against our city walls in order to attack our city. Because of our enemies' swords and because of famines and diseases, they will be able to conquer it easily. The things that you said would happen have now happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then you yourself said to me, "Purchase a field for yourself with silver and have witnesses witness it, even though this city is being given into the hand of the Chaldeans."

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²⁵ And it is evident that the Babylonian army will soon conquer this city. So now, I do not understand why you told me to buy this field with my silver, while others were watching. It seems that I have just been wasting my money by doing that!"

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to do when the city of Jerusalem was being given into the hand of the Babylonians?

He told him to buy a field.

Jeremiah 32:26**ULT**

²⁶ The word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

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²⁶ Then Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:27**ULT**

²⁷ "Look! I am Yahweh, God of all mankind. Is anything too difficult for me to do?"

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²⁷ "I am Yahweh, the God who rules over every living thing in the world. There is absolutely nothing that is too difficult for me to do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:28**ULT**

²⁸ Therefore Yahweh says this, 'See, I am about to give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans and Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. He will capture it.

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²⁸ So, this is what I say: It is true that I will enable the Babylonian army and King Nebuchadnezzar to capture this city.

Why will Nebuchadnezzar be able to capture the city?

Yahweh will give him the city.

Jeremiah 32:29**ULT**

²⁹ The Chaldeans who are fighting against this city will come and set fire to this city and burn it, along with the houses on the roofs of which the people worshiped Baal and poured out drink offerings to other gods in order to provoke me.

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²⁹ The soldiers of Babylonia who are now outside the walls around the city will enter and burn this city. They will burn down all the houses where people caused me to become angry by burning incense on the tops of their roofs to honor Baal and by pouring out offerings of wine to other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:30**ULT**

³⁰ For the people of Israel and Judah have certainly been people who have been doing evil before my eyes since their youth. The people of Israel have certainly offended me with the practices of their hands—this is Yahweh's declaration.

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³⁰ The people of Israel and Judah have continually done only evil things from the time that they became a nation. They have caused me to become very angry by all their evil deeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:31**ULT**

³¹ Yahweh declares that this city has been a provocation of my wrath and fury since the day that they built it. It has been that right up to this present day. So I will remove it from before my face

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³¹ From the time that this city was built until now, the people of this city have done only things that caused me to be very angry. So now I will destroy it.

How long had Jerusalem been a provocation to Yahweh? (vv31-32)

Jerusalem had been a provocation of Yahweh's wrath since the day that they built it.

Jeremiah 32:32**ULT**

³² because of all the wickedness of the people of Israel and Judah, the things that they have done to provoke me—they, their kings, princes, priests, prophets, and every person in Judah and inhabitant of Jerusalem.

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³² The people of Israel and Judah, including their kings, their officials, the priests, the false prophets, and all the other people in Jerusalem have committed many sins that have caused me to become angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:33**ULT**

³³ They turned their backs to me instead of their faces, though I had eagerly taught them. I tried to teach them, but not one of them listened in order to receive correction.

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³³ My people have turned away from me and have refused to return to me. Even though I taught them things many times, they would not pay attention to what I taught them, and they would not obey me.

What did the people of Israel do to provoke Yahweh? (vv33-35)

They turned their backs on Yahweh, placed wicked things in the temple, built shrines for Baal, and sacrificed their children to Molech.

Jeremiah 32:34**ULT**

³⁴ They set up their abominable idols in the house that is called by my name, to defile it.

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³⁴ They have set up their detestable idols even in my own temple and defiled it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:35**ULT**

³⁵ They built high places for Baal in the Valley of Ben Hinnom in order to put their sons and daughters in the fire for Molech. I did not command them. It never entered my mind that they should do this detestable thing and so cause Judah to sin.'

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³⁵ They have built on the hilltops places to worship Baal in Ben Hinnom Valley outside Jerusalem, and there they sacrifice their sons and daughters to their god Molech. I never commanded them to do such horrible deeds. I never even considered ordering such a terrible thing. And by doing it they have caused all the people of Judah to be guilty of having sinned."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:36**ULT**

³⁶ So now therefore, I, Yahweh, the God of Israel, say this concerning this city, the city about which you are saying, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, famine, and plague.'

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³⁶ "But now I will say something more about this city. You people of Jerusalem have been saying, 'The army of the king of Babylon will conquer it, either by their swords or because of famines or diseases.' But this is what I, the God of Israel, say:

What does Yahweh promise to do for the people of Judah even though they have been wicked? (vv36-37)

He promises to gather them from where they are and bring them back to the land.

Jeremiah 32:37**ULT**

³⁷ See, I am about to gather them from every land where I had driven them in my wrath, fury, and great anger. I am about to bring them back to this place and enable them to live in security.

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³⁷ I will certainly bring my people back here again, from all the countries to which I will force them to go because I am extremely angry with them. I will bring them back to this city and allow them to live here safely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:38**ULT**

³⁸ Then they will be my people, and I will be their God.

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³⁸ They will be my people, and I will be their God.

How will Yahweh provide for the people of Judah? (vv38-40)

He will give them one heart and one way to honor him, and he will establish a perpetual covenant with them.

Jeremiah 32:39**ULT**

³⁹ I will give them one heart and one way to honor me every day so it will be good for them and their descendants after them.

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³⁹ I will give them one way of thinking and behaving, in order that they may revere me, for their good and for the good of their descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ Then I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. I will set honor for me in their hearts, so that they will never turn away from me.

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⁴⁰ I will make an agreement with them that will last forever: I will never stop doing good things for them, and they will always honor me; they will never stop worshiping me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:41**ULT**

⁴¹ Then I will rejoice in doing good to them. I will faithfully plant them in this land with all my heart and all my life.

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⁴¹ I will be happy to do good things for them, and I will surely enable them to return to this land and remain here; I will do that with all my inner being and all my strength.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:42**ULT**

⁴² For Yahweh says this, 'Just as I have brought all this great disaster on this people, so I will bring on them all the good things that I have said I would do for them.

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⁴² And this is also what I, Yahweh, say: 'I have caused them to experience all these disasters. Similarly, some day I will do for them all the good things that I have promised.

Just as Yahweh brought disaster on his people, what else was he going to do with them in the future?

Yahweh said he would bring on them all the good things that he had said he would do for them.

Jeremiah 32:43**ULT**

⁴³ Then fields will be bought in this land, about which you are saying, “This is a ruined land, which has neither man nor beast. It has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans.”

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⁴³ By buying land you, Jeremiah, have predicted that some day people will buy and sell fields in this land about which you people of Jerusalem now say, “The Babylonian soldiers have destroyed it. It is now desolate. It is a land where there are no longer any people or animals.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ They will buy fields with silver and write in sealed scrolls. They will assemble witnesses in the land of Benjamin, all around Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, in the cities in the hill country and in the lowlands, and in the cities of the Negev. For I will bring back their fortunes—this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

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⁴⁴ But some day people will again buy and sell fields here. People will sign documents about buying those fields, and other people will witness them doing that. That will happen in the land where the descendants of Benjamin live and here in the villages near Jerusalem, in other towns in Judah, in the hill country and in the foothills to the west, and in the southern Judean wilderness. Some day I will cause them to prosper again. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33

Jeremiah 33:1

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¹ Then the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut within the courtyard of the guard, saying,

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¹ While Jeremiah was still being guarded in the courtyard of the palace, Yahweh gave him this second message:

What does Yahweh tell Jeremiah to do? (vv1-3)

Yahweh tells Jeremiah to call to him.

Jeremiah 33:2

ULT

² “Yahweh the maker, says this—Yahweh, who forms in order to establish—Yahweh is his name,

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² “This is what I, the one who made the earth, who formed it and put it in its place, say to the people of Jerusalem: ‘My name is Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:3

ULT

³ ‘Call to me, and I will answer you. I will demonstrate great things to you, mysteries that you do not understand.’

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³ Call out to me, and then I will tell you great and wonderful things that you have not known before.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:4**ULT**

⁴ For Yahweh, God of Israel, says this concerning the houses in this city and the houses of the kings of Judah that are torn down because of the siege ramps and the sword,

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⁴ This is what I, Yahweh, the God of Israel, say: 'The men in this city have torn down some of their houses, and even parts of the king's palace, to get materials to strengthen the walls around the city, in order that the soldiers of Babylonia would not be able to break through the walls after they climb up the ramps that they have built against the walls, and kill the inhabitants with their swords.'

What are the Chaldeans (Babylonians) going to do to the houses in the city? (vv4-5)

They are going to fill the houses with corpses.

Jeremiah 33:5**ULT**

⁵ 'The Chaldeans are coming to fight and to fill the houses with corpses of people whom I will kill in my wrath and fury, when I hide my face from this city because of all their wickedness.'

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⁵ You are expecting to fight against the army from Babylonia, but what will happen is that the houses of this city will be filled with the corpses of the men of this city whom I will allow to be killed because I am extremely angry with them. I have abandoned them because of all the wicked things that they have done.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:6**ULT**

⁶ But see, I am about to bring healing and a cure, for I will heal them and will bring to them abundance, peace, and faithfulness.

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⁶ However, there will be a time when I will cause the people in this city to be healthy and strong again. I will enable them to be prosperous and have peace.

What good news does Jeremiah share with the people of Judah? (vv6-8)

Yahweh will pardon all the iniquities of the people, heal them, and give them peace.

Jeremiah 33:7**ULT**

⁷ For I will bring back the fortunes of Judah and Israel; I will build them up as in the beginning.

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⁷ I will bring the people of Judah and Israel back from the lands to which they were exiled. I will enable them to rebuild their towns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:8**ULT**

⁸ Then I will purify them from all the iniquity that they have committed against me. I will pardon all the iniquities that they have done against me, and all the ways that they rebelled against me.

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⁸ I will get rid of their guilt for all the sins that they have committed against me, and I will forgive them for their sin of rebelling against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:9**ULT**

⁹ For this city will become for me an object of joy, a song of praise and honor for all the nations of the earth who will hear of all the good things that I am going to do for it. Then they will fear and tremble because of all the good things and the peace that I will give to it.'

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⁹ When that happens, all the nations of the world will rejoice, and they will praise me and honor me. They will hear about all the good things that I have done for this city and, because of that, they will revere me, and they will tremble because I have caused the people in this city to have peace and to prosper.'

What will the city of Jerusalem become for Yahweh?

Jerusalem will become for Yahweh an object of joy.

Jeremiah 33:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Yahweh says this, 'In this place about which you are now saying, "It is desolate, a place with neither man nor beast," in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate having neither man nor beast, there will be heard again

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¹⁰ And this is also what I, Yahweh, say: 'You people have said that this is a land where there are no longer any people or animals. But in the streets of Jerusalem that are now completely empty, and in the other towns in Judah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:11**ULT**

¹¹ the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the sound of the groom and the sound of the bride, the sound of those who say, while they bring thank offerings to the house of Yahweh, "Give thanks to Yahweh of hosts, for Yahweh is good, and his unfailing love lasts forever!" For I will restore the fortunes of the land to what they were before,' says Yahweh.

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¹¹ some day people will again be happy and laugh. Brides and bridegrooms will again sing joyfully. And many other people will also sing joyfully as they bring their offerings to me to thank me for what I have done for them. They will sing this song: "We thank you, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, because you are good to us. You faithfully hold to your covenant with us forever." They will sing that because I will cause the people of this land to be as prosperous as they were before.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:12**ULT**

¹² Yahweh of hosts says this: 'In this desolate place, where now there is neither man nor beast—in all its cities there will again be pastures where shepherds can rest their flocks.

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¹² This land is now desolate. There are no people or animals living here. But I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say this: 'In this land there will again be pastures where shepherds will lead their sheep

How will the cities of Judah change? (vv12-13)

The cities are desolate now, but shepherds will lead their flocks in them.

Jeremiah 33:13**ULT**

¹³ In the cities in the hill country, the lowlands, and the Negev, in the land of Benjamin and all around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks will again pass under the hands of the ones counting them,' says Yahweh.

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¹³ Shepherds will again count their sheep as the sheep walk by, outside the towns in the hill country, in the western foothills, in the southern Judean wilderness, in the land where the descendants of Benjamin live, around Jerusalem, and outside all the other towns in Judah.' That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:14**ULT**

¹⁴ 'Look! Days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when I will do what I have promised for the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

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¹⁴ Listen to this! I, Yahweh, say that there will be a time when I will do for the people of Israel and Judah all the good things that I promised to do for them.

What has Yahweh promised to do for the people of Judah and Jerusalem? (vv14-16)

Yahweh has promised to make a descendant of David their king so that he can carry out justice and righteousness in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15**ULT**

¹⁵ In those days and in that time I will make a righteous branch to grow for David, and he will carry out justice and righteousness in the land.

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¹⁵ At that time I will appoint a righteous man who will be a descendant of King David. Throughout the land, he will do what is just and right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:16**ULT**

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in security, for this is what she will be called, "Yahweh is our righteousness."

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¹⁶ At that time, the people of Judah will be rescued from their enemies, and the people of Jerusalem will be safe. And people will say that the name of the city is 'Yahweh is the one who does right for us.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For Yahweh says this: 'A man from David's line will never be lacking to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,

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¹⁷ And this is also what I, Yahweh, say: 'There will be descendants of King David ruling Israel forever.'

What does Yahweh promise Jeremiah? (vv17-18)

He promises that there will always be a man from David's line to rule Israel and a Leviticus priest to offer sacrifices.

Jeremiah 33:18**ULT**

¹⁸ nor will a man from the Levitical priests be lacking before me to raise burnt offerings, to burn food offerings, and to perform grain offerings all the time."

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¹⁸ And there will always be priests who are descendants of Levi who stand in front of me and offer sacrifices that will be completely burned on the altar and who will burn food offerings and other sacrifices."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

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¹⁹ Then Yahweh gave Jeremiah this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:20**ULT**

²⁰ "Yahweh says this: 'If you can break my covenant with day and night so that there will no longer be day or night at their proper times,

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²⁰ "This is what I, Yahweh, say: 'You certainly cannot annul my promise to cause nighttime to follow daytime each day.

When will Yahweh break his covenant with David? (vv20-21)

He will never break it.

Jeremiah 33:21**ULT**

²¹ then you will be able to break my covenant with David my servant, so that he will no longer have a son to sit on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests, my servants.

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²¹ Similarly, you cannot annul the promise that I made with King David, who served me well, that there will always be descendants of his who will rule Judah. The same is true for my agreement with the descendants of Levi who are priests who do work for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:22**ULT**

²² As the hosts of heaven cannot be counted, and as the sand of the seashores cannot be measured, so I will increase the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who serve before me.”

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²² No one can count the stars in the sky, and no one can count the grains of sand at the seashore. Similarly, I will cause there to be a huge number of descendants of David and descendants of Levi who will work for me.”

How many descendants will David have?

David will have more descendants than anyone can count.

Jeremiah 33:23**ULT**

²³ The word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

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²³ Yahweh gave another message to me. He said,

What have the people declared about Yahweh’s punishment of Judah? (vv23-24)

The people have declared that Yahweh has now rejected the two clans that he chose, so they are no longer a nation.

Jeremiah 33:24**ULT**

²⁴ “Have you not considered what this people has declared when they said, ‘The two families that Yahweh chose, now he has rejected them?’ In this way they despise my people, saying that they are no longer a nation in their sight.

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²⁴ “Surely you know that some people are saying, ‘Yahweh chose two groups, the people of Judah and the people of Israel, and later abandoned them.’ The people who are saying this are despising my people; they are saying that Israel no longer deserves to be considered a nation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:25**ULT**

²⁵ I, Yahweh, say this, 'If I have not established the covenant of day and night, and if I have not fixed the laws of heaven and earth,

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²⁵ But this is what I say: 'I will not reject my people any quicker than I will change my laws that control the day and the night, the sky and the earth.'

When will Yahweh reject the descendants of Jacob? (vv25-26)

He will never reject them.

Jeremiah 33:26**ULT**

²⁶ then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David my servant, and not bring from them a person to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and show mercy to them.'"

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²⁶ Similarly, I will never abandon the descendants of David or the other descendants of Jacob, and I will always allow descendants of David to rule the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will bring them back to their land, and I will act mercifully toward them.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34

Jeremiah 34:1

ULT

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all of his army, together with all the kingdoms of the earth, the domains under his power, and all their people were waging war against Jerusalem and all of her cities, saying:

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¹ King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came with the armies of all the kingdoms that he ruled, and they fought against Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah. At that time, Yahweh gave me this message:

When did Jeremiah receive the word from Yahweh?

Jeremiah received Yahweh's word when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all of his army were waging war against Jerusalem and her cities.

Jeremiah 34:2

ULT

² "Yahweh, God of Israel, says this: Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and say to him, 'Yahweh says this: Look, I am about to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon. He will burn it.

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² "Go to Zedekiah the King of Judah, and say to him, 'This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: "I am about to enable the army of the king of Babylon to capture this city, and they will burn it down.

What did Yahweh say to Jeremiah? (vv2-3)

He said that he was going to give the city to Nebuchadnezzar.

Jeremiah 34:3

ULT

³ You will not escape from his hand, for you will certainly be seized and given into his hand. Your eyes will look at the eyes of the king of Babylon; he will speak directly to you as you go to Babylon.'

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³ You will not escape from them; they will capture you and take you to the king of Babylon. You will meet him and speak with him face to face; then they will take you to Babylon."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:4**ULT**

⁴ Listen to the word of Yahweh, Zedekiah king of Judah! Yahweh says this concerning you, 'You will not die by the sword.

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⁴ But King Zedekiah, listen to what Yahweh has promised: "You will not be killed in a battle;

What did Yahweh tell Zedekiah king of Judah? (vv4-5)

He told Zedekiah that he would die in peace.

Jeremiah 34:5**ULT**

⁵ You will die in peace. As in the funeral burning of your ancestors, the kings who were before you, they will burn your body. They will say, "Woe, master!" They will lament for you. Now I have spoken—this is Yahweh's declaration."

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⁵ you will die peacefully. When you die, people will burn incense to honor you just as they did for your ancestors who were kings before you became king. They will mourn for you, calling out, 'We are very sad that our king is dead!' I, Yahweh, promise that will happen.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:6**ULT**

⁶ So Jeremiah the prophet proclaimed to Zedekiah king of Judah all these words in Jerusalem.

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⁶ So I took that message to King Zedekiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:7**ULT**

⁷ The army of the king of Babylon made war against Jerusalem and all the remaining cities of Judah: Lachish and Azekah. These cities of Judah remained as fortified cities.

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⁷ At that time the army of Babylonia had surrounded Jerusalem and Lachish and Azekah. Those three cities were the only three cities in Judah that had high walls around them that still had not been captured.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:8**ULT**

⁸ The word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people in Jerusalem, to proclaim freedom to them,

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⁸ King Zedekiah had decreed that the people must free their slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:9**ULT**

⁹ that each man must free his Hebrew slaves, both male and female, so one was to make a slave of a Jew, who was his brother.

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⁹ He decreed that the people must free their Hebrew slaves, both the men slaves and the women slaves. No one would be allowed to force a fellow Jew to continue to be his slave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So all the leaders and people entered into the covenant that each person would free his male and female slaves so that they would not be enslaved any longer. They obeyed and set them free.

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¹⁰ The officials and the rest of the people had obeyed what the king decreed,

What happened after the leaders and the people in Jerusalem set the Israelite servants free? (vv10-11)

The people freed all of their servants but later changed their minds and made their servants slaves once again.

Jeremiah 34:11**ULT**

¹¹ But after this they changed their minds. They brought back the slaves whom they had freed. They forced them to become slaves again.

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¹¹ but later they changed their minds. They forced the men and women whom they had freed to become their slaves again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:12**ULT**

¹² So the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

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¹² So Yahweh gave me this message to tell to them:

What did Yahweh command the ancestors of the Israelites to do every seven years? (vv12-14)

He commanded them to free their slaves every seven years.

Jeremiah 34:13**ULT**

¹³ "Yahweh, God of Israel, says this, 'I myself made a covenant with your ancestors on the day that I brought them out from the land of Egypt, out from the house of slavery. That was when I said,

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¹³ "I, Yahweh, the God of Israel, made an agreement with your ancestors long ago, when I rescued them from being slaves in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:14**ULT**

¹⁴ "At the end of every seven years, each man must send away his brother, his fellow Hebrew who had sold himself to you and served you for six years. Send him away in freedom." But your ancestors did not listen to me or incline their ears to me.

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¹⁴ I told them that they must free all their Hebrew slaves after the slaves had worked for them for six years. But your ancestors did not pay any attention to what I said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now you yourselves repented and began to do what is right in my eyes. You proclaimed freedom, each man to his neighbor, and you made a covenant before me in the house that is called by my name.

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¹⁵ Recently, you obeyed my command and stopped doing what was wrong and did what was right. You made a solemn agreement at my temple that you would free your slaves, and then you freed them.

What evil did the people of Judah do? (vv15-16)

They set their slaves free, but then they forced them to become slaves again.

Jeremiah 34:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But then you turned and polluted my name; you caused each man to bring back his male and female slaves, the ones whom you had sent out to go where they wished. You forced them to become your slaves again.'

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¹⁶ But now you have disregarded what you solemnly promised, and you have shown contempt for what I said by taking back the women and men whom you had freed and said they could live wherever they wanted to. Now you have forced them to be your slaves again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Therefore Yahweh says this, 'You yourselves have not listened to me. You should have proclaimed freedom, every one of you, to your brothers and fellow Israelites. So look! I am about to proclaim freedom to you—this is Yahweh's declaration—freedom from the sword, the plague, and famine, for I am going to make you a horrible thing in the sight of every kingdom on earth.

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¹⁷ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh, say: 'Because you have not obeyed me by freeing your fellow Israelites, I will free you to be destroyed by the swords of your enemies and by famines and diseases. All the nations of the earth will be horrified because of what happens to you.

How will Yahweh punish them?

They will die by the sword, plague, and famine.

Jeremiah 34:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then I will deal with the people who have broken my covenant, who did not keep the words of the covenant that they established before me when they cut a bull in two and walked between its parts,

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¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Because you have disregarded what I said in my agreement with you, I will do to you just what you did to the calves that you cut in half to show that you would surely do what you solemnly promised that you would do. I will enable your enemies to cut you into pieces, you officials of Judah and you officials of Jerusalem, and you officials in the palace, and you priests and all you common people. I will do that because you have ignored the fact that you had solemnly promised to free your slaves.

How did the people show that they agreed to the covenant? (vv18-19)

They cut a bull in half and walked between the pieces.

Jeremiah 34:19**ULT**

¹⁹ and then the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the eunuchs and the priests, and all the people of the land walked between the parts of the bull.

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¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Because you have disregarded what I said in my agreement with you, I will do to you just what you did to the calves that you cut in half to show that you would surely do what you solemnly promised that you would do. I will enable your enemies to cut you into pieces, you officials of Judah and you officials of Jerusalem, and you officials in the palace, and you priests and all you common people. I will do that because you have ignored the fact that you had solemnly promised to free your slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:20**ULT**

²⁰ I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who are seeking their lives. Their bodies will be food for the birds of the skies and the beasts on the earth.

UST

²⁰ I will enable your enemies to capture you, and they will kill you. And your bodies will be food for vultures and wild animals.

How will Yahweh show he is angry with the people of Judah?

He will hand them over to their enemies, who will kill them.

Jeremiah 34:21**ULT**

²¹ So I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his leaders into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who are seeking their life, and into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon that has risen up against you.

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²¹ I will enable the army of the king of Babylon to capture King Zedekiah and his officials. Although the king of Babylon and his army have left Jerusalem for a short time,

What will happen to the city of Jerusalem? (vv21-22)

Yahweh will bring the army of the king of Babylon back to wage war against Jerusalem and burn it so that there will be no inhabitants.

Jeremiah 34:22**ULT**

²² Look, I am about to give a command—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and will bring them back to this city to wage war against it and take it, and to burn it. For I will turn the cities of Judah into ruined places in which there will be no inhabitants.”

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²² I will summon them back again. This time, they will fight against this city and capture it and burn it down. I will make sure that all the towns in Judah are destroyed, with the result that no one will live there anymore.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35

Jeremiah 35:1

ULT

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh in the days of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

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¹ Several years earlier, when Jehoiakim son of Josiah was the king of Judah, Yahweh gave me this message:

What did Yahweh ask Jeremiah to do? (vv1-2)

Yahweh asked Jeremiah to bring Rechabites to the temple and give them wine to drink.

Jeremiah 35:2

ULT

² "Go to the family of the Rekabites and speak with them. Then bring them to my house, into one of the rooms there, and give them wine to drink."

UST

² "Go to the place where families of the Rekab clan live. Invite them to my temple. When they arrive, take them into one of the inside rooms and offer them some wine."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:3

ULT

³ So I took Jaazaniah son of Jeremiah son of Habazziniah and his brothers, all his sons, and all the family of the Rekabites.

UST

³ So I went to see Jaazaniah and all his brothers and sons who represented the Rekab clan. Jaazaniah was a son of another man named Jeremiah and grandson of Habazziniah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:4**ULT**

⁴ I took them to the house of Yahweh, into the rooms of the sons of Hanan son of Igdaliah, the man of God. These rooms were beside the room of the leaders, which was above the room of Maaseiah son of Shallum, the gatekeeper.

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⁴ I took them to the temple, and we went into the room where the sons of Igdaliah's son Hanan, who was a prophet, stayed. That room was next to the room that was used by the men who were in charge of the entrances to the temple. It was above the room that belonged to Maaseiah, who was the temple gatekeeper and the son of Shallum.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:5**ULT**

⁵ Then I placed bowls and cups full of wine in front of the Rechabites and said to them, "Drink some wine."

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⁵ I set jugs of wine and some cups in front of them and urged them to drink some,

How did the clan of the Rechabites respond when they were offered wine to drink? (vv5-6)

When offered wine to drink the Rechabites refused to drink it.

Jeremiah 35:6**ULT**

⁶ But they said, "We will not drink any wine, for our ancestor, Jonadab son of Rekeb, commanded us, 'Do not drink any wine, neither you nor your descendants, forever.'

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⁶ but they refused. They said, "We do not drink wine, because our ancestor Jonadab son of Rekeb, commanded us, saying 'You and your descendants must never drink wine.'

Why did the Rechabites refuse to drink wine?

The Rechabites refused to drink any wine, for their ancestor, Jonadab son of Rekeb, commanded them, "Do not drink any wine, neither you nor your descendants, forever."

Jeremiah 35:7**ULT**

⁷ Also, do not build any houses, sow any seeds, or plant any vineyards; this is not for you. For you must live in tents all your days, so that you might live many days in the land where you are staying as foreigners.'

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⁷ And you must not build houses or plant vineyards or other crops. Instead, you must always live in tents. If you obey those commands, you all will live for many years in this land.'

Why did Jonadab command the Rechabites to not build houses, sow seeds, or plant vineyards?

Jonadab gave them this command because they were to live in tents.

Jeremiah 35:8**ULT**

⁸ We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab son of Rekab, our ancestor, in all that he commanded us, to never drink wine all of our days, we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters.

UST

⁸ So we have obeyed him in all those matters. We have never drunk wine. Our wives and our sons and our daughters have also never drunk wine.

How did the Rechabites respond to Jonadab's command? (vv8-11)

The Rechabites had never drunk wine or built houses.

Jeremiah 35:9**ULT**

⁹ We will never build houses to live in, and there will be no vineyard, field, or seed in our possession.

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⁹ We have not built houses or planted vineyards or other crops or worked in fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:10**ULT**

¹⁰ We have lived in tents and we have obeyed and done all that Jonadab our ancestor commanded us.

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¹⁰ We have lived in tents. We have obeyed all the commands that Jonadab, our ancestor, gave us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:11**ULT**

¹¹ But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon attacked the land, we said, 'Come, we must go to Jerusalem to escape from the Chaldean and Aramean armies.' So we are living in Jerusalem."

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¹¹ But when the army of King Nebuchadnezzar attacked this country, we said, 'We must go to Jerusalem to escape from the armies of Babylonia and Aram.' So, we came to Jerusalem and we are living here."

Why were the Rechabites living in Jerusalem

They were escaping the Chaldean and Aramean armies.

Jeremiah 35:12**ULT**

¹² Then the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

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¹² Then Yahweh gave this message to me:

How did Yahweh use the Rechabites as a positive example for the men of Judah? (vv12-14)

Yahweh wanted the men of Judah to obey him the same way the Rechabites obeyed Jonadab.

Jeremiah 35:13**ULT**

¹³ “Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, ‘Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, “Will you not receive correction and listen to my words? —this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

¹³ “This is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: ‘Go and tell this to the people in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah: “Why do you not listen to me or learn something about how to obey me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The words of Jonadab son of Rekab that he gave to his sons as a command, not to drink any wine, have been observed to this very day. They have obeyed their ancestor’s command. But as for me, I myself have been making persistent proclamations to you, but you do not listen to me.

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¹⁴ The Rekab clan still do not drink wine, because their ancestor Jonadab told them to not do that. In contrast, I have spoken to you many times, but you ignored me and refused to obey me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:15**ULT**

¹⁵ I sent out to you all my servants, the prophets. I was persistent in sending them to say, ‘Let each person turn from his wicked way and do good deeds; let no one walk any longer after other gods and worship them. Instead, come back to the land that I gave to you and your ancestors.’ Yet you will not listen to me or pay attention to me.

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¹⁵ Many times I sent prophets to you. They told you, ‘Turn away from your wicked behavior, and do things that you should do. Stop worshiping other gods, in order that you will be able to live peacefully in this land that I gave to you and your ancestors.’ But you would not pay attention to what I said or obey me.

What did the prophets tell the men of Judah?

The prophets told them to stop doing evil, start doing good, stop worshiping other gods, and come back to the land.

Jeremiah 35:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For the descendants of Jonadab son of Rekab have observed the commands of their ancestor that he gave them, but this people refuses to listen to me.”

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¹⁶ The descendants of Jonadab have obeyed their ancestor, but you have refused to pay attention to what I told you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So Yahweh, God of hosts and God of Israel, says this, ‘Look, I am bringing upon Judah and on everyone living in Jerusalem, all the disasters I pronounced against them because I spoke to them, but they did not listen; I called to them, but they did not answer.’”

UST

¹⁷ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: ‘You have refused to listen to me and you did not answer when I called you. Therefore, I will cause the people in Jerusalem and other places in Judah to experience all the disasters that I said that I would cause to happen.’”

What will Yahweh do because the men of Judah have not obeyed him?

Yahweh will bring on them all the disasters he has proclaimed against them.

Jeremiah 35:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Jeremiah said to the family of the Rekabites, “Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: You have listened to the commands of Jonadab your ancestor and have kept them all—you have obeyed all that he commanded you to do—

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¹⁸ Then Jeremiah turned to the Rekab clan and said, “This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: ‘You have obeyed what your ancestor Jonadab told you. You have obeyed all his instructions.’”

What promise does Yahweh give to the family of the Rechabites through Jeremiah? (vv18-19)

Yahweh promises that there will always be someone from their family to serve him.

Jeremiah 35:19

ULT

¹⁹ so Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, 'There will always be someone descended from Jonadab son of Rekab to serve me.'

UST

¹⁹ Therefore, this is what Yahweh says: "There will always be descendants of Jonadab who will do work for me.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36

Jeremiah 36:1

ULT

¹ It came about in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, and he said,

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¹ When Jehoiakim son of Josiah had been the king of Judah for almost four years, Yahweh gave this message to me:

Why did Yahweh want Jeremiah to write his words on a scroll? (vv1-3)

Yahweh wanted Jeremiah to write his words on a scroll so that the people of Judah would listen to Yahweh and Yahweh could forgive their sin.

Jeremiah 36:2

ULT

² "Take a scroll for yourself and write on it all the words that I have told you concerning Israel and Judah, and every nation. Do this for everything I have told from the days of Josiah until this very day.

UST

² "Get a scroll, and write on it the messages that I have given to you regarding Israel, Judah, and the other nations. Write all of the messages, starting from the time that I gave you the first message, when Josiah was the king, up until now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:3

ULT

³ Perhaps the people of Judah will listen to all the disasters that I intend to bring on them. Perhaps everyone will turn away from his wicked way, so I can forgive their iniquity and their sin."

UST

³ When the people of Judah hear again about all the disasters that I plan to cause them to experience, perhaps each one of them will repent. If they do that, I will be able to forgive them for the wrong things that they have done."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:4**ULT**

⁴ Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote in a scroll, at Jeremiah's dictation, all the words of Yahweh spoken to him.

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⁴ So Jeremiah summoned Baruch son of Neraiah. Then, as Jeremiah dictated to him all the messages that Yahweh had spoken to him, he wrote them on a scroll.

What did Jeremiah command Baruch to do? (vv4-6)

Jeremiah commanded Baruch to take the scroll with Jeremiah's words and read it to Baruch's family and to the people of Judah.

Jeremiah 36:5**ULT**

⁵ Next Jeremiah gave a command to Baruch. He said, "I am in prison and cannot go to Yahweh's house.

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⁵ Then Jeremiah said to him, "I am not allowed to leave here and go to the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:6**ULT**

⁶ So you must go and read from the scroll that you wrote at my dictation. On the day of the fast, you must read Yahweh's words in the hearing of the people in his house, and also in the hearing of all of Judah who have come from their cities. Proclaim these words to them.

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⁶ So, you go to the temple on the next day when the people are fasting, and read to them the messages from Yahweh that you wrote while I dictated them to you. Read them aloud to all the people who are there, including the people of Judah who come there from their towns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:7**ULT**

⁷ Perhaps their pleas for mercy will come before Yahweh. Perhaps each person will turn from his wicked way, since the wrath and fury that Yahweh has proclaimed against this people are severe.”

UST

⁷ Perhaps they will turn from their evil behavior and request Yahweh to act mercifully toward them. They must do that, because Yahweh is very angry with them and has threatened to punish them severely.”

Why did Jeremiah want Baruch to read the scroll? (vv7-8)

Jeremiah hoped that the people would listen and turn from their wicked ways.

Jeremiah 36:8**ULT**

⁸ So Baruch son of Neriah did everything that Jeremiah the prophet had commanded him to do. He read aloud the words of Yahweh in the house of Yahweh.

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⁸ Baruch did what Jeremiah told him to do. He went to the temple and read to the people all those messages from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:9**ULT**

⁹ It came about in the fifth year and ninth month of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, that all the people in Jerusalem and the people who came to Jerusalem from the cities of Judah proclaimed a fast before Yahweh.

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⁹ He did it on the ninth month, on a day when their leaders had proclaimed that all the people in Jerusalem, and the people who had come there from other towns in Judah, should fast to please Yahweh. This happened when Jehoiakim had been king for almost five years.

What happened during the fast that was proclaimed in honor of Yahweh? (vv9-10)

Baruch read Jeremiah's words in the temple so all the people could hear them.

Jeremiah 36:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Baruch read aloud Jeremiah's words in the house of Yahweh, from the room of Gemariah son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper courtyard, by the gate of the entrance to the house of Yahweh. He did this in the hearing of all the people.

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¹⁰ Baruch read to all the people the messages that he had written on the scroll. He read them while he was in the temple, in the room where Gemariah stayed. He was the son of Shaphan, who had previously been the king's secretary. That room was close to the upper courtyard of the temple, near the entrance to the temple that is called the New Gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:11**ULT**

¹¹ Now Micaiah son of Gemariah son of Shaphan heard all of Yahweh's words in the scroll.

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¹¹ When Micaiah son of Gemariah, and grandson of Shaphan, heard these messages from Yahweh,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:12**ULT**

¹² He went down to the house of the king, to the secretary's room. Look, all the officials were sitting there: Elishama the secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Akbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the officials.

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¹² he went down to the secretary's room in the palace, where all the king's officials were meeting. Elishama the king's secretary was there. Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Acbor, Gemariah, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the other officials of the king were also there.

What did Micaiah do when he heard Baruch read from the scroll?

He went to the secretary's office in the palace.

Jeremiah 36:13**ULT**

¹³ Then Micaiah reported to them all the words that he had heard that Baruch read aloud in the hearing of the people.

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¹³ When Micaiah told them about the messages that Baruch had been reading to the people,

What did the officials do when they heard Micaiah's report? (vv13-14)

They sent Jehudi to bring Baruch to them, and they had Baruch read the scroll to them.

Jeremiah 36:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So all the officials sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah son of Shelemiah son of Cushi, to Baruch. Jehudi said to Baruch, "Take the scroll in your hand, the scroll from which you were reading in the hearing of the people, and come." So Baruch son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and went to the officials.

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¹⁴ the officials sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah, and grandson of Shelemiah and great-grandson of Cushi, to tell Baruch to come and read the messages to them, also. So Baruch took the scroll and went to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then they said to him, "Sit down and read this in our hearing." So Baruch read the scroll.

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¹⁵ They said to him, "Please sit down and read it to us." So Baruch did what they requested.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:16**ULT**

¹⁶ It happened that when they heard all these words, each man turned in fear to the one next to him and said to Baruch, "We must certainly report all of these words to the king."

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¹⁶ After they had heard all the messages, they were afraid. They looked at each other and then they said, "We must tell these messages to the king!"

What happened after Baruch read from the scroll?

The men who had heard Baruch read were afraid and decided they must report his words to the king.

Jeremiah 36:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then they asked Baruch, "Tell us, how did you come to write all these words at Jeremiah's dictation?"

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¹⁷ Then they asked Baruch, "How did you get this scroll? Did Jeremiah dictate to you all the messages on this scroll?"

What advice did the officials give to Baruch after he told them that he had written Jeremiah's words on the scroll? (vv17-19)

They told him that he and Jeremiah needed to hide and not let anyone know where they were.

Jeremiah 36:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Baruch said to them, "He dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them in ink on this scroll."

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¹⁸ Baruch replied, "Yes, Jeremiah dictated them to me, and I wrote them with ink on this scroll."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then the officials said to Baruch, "Go, hide yourself, and Jeremiah, too. Do not let anyone know where you are."

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¹⁹ Then the officials told Baruch, "You and Jeremiah must both hide. Do not tell anyone where you are!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:20**ULT**

²⁰ So they put the scroll in the room of Elishama the secretary, and they went to the king in the courtyard and they reported everything in the hearing of the king.

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²⁰ They put the scroll in the room of Elishama, the king's secretary. Then they went to the king, who was in the courtyard, and reported to him everything that Baruch had read to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:21**ULT**

²¹ Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll. Jehudi took it from the room of Elishama the secretary. Then he read it in the hearing of the king and all the officials who were standing beside him.

UST

²¹ Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll. Jehudi brought it from Elishama's room and read it to the king, while all the king's officials were standing there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:22**ULT**

²² Now the king was staying in the winter house in the ninth month, and a brazier was burning in front of him.

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²² It was in the cold season, and the king was in a part of the palace where he stayed when it was cold. He was sitting in front of a fire to keep warm.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:23**ULT**

²³ It happened that as Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut it off with a knife and throw it into the fire in the brazier until all of the scroll was destroyed.

UST

²³ Each time Jehudi finished reading three or four columns, the king cut off that section of the scroll with a knife and threw it into the fire. He did that, section by section, until the entire scroll was burned up.

How did the king respond to the reading of the scroll by Jehudi?

The king cut off the parts Jehudi had read and threw them in the fire until all the scroll was destroyed.

Jeremiah 36:24**ULT**

²⁴ But neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words were frightened, nor did they tear their clothes.

UST

²⁴ Neither the king nor his officials showed that they were afraid that God would punish them. They did not tear their clothes to show that they were sorry for what they had done.

How did the king and his servants show that they would not obey the words in the scroll?

They were not frightened, nor did they tear their clothes.

Jeremiah 36:25**ULT**

²⁵ Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah had even urged the king not to burn the scroll, but he did not listen to them.

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²⁵ Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah pleaded with the king not to burn the scroll, but he did not pay any attention.

What did the king do when several men urged him not to burn the scroll?

He did not listen to them.

Jeremiah 36:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then the king commanded Jerahmeel, a relative, Seraiah son of Azriel, and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but Yahweh had hidden them.

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²⁶ Then the king commanded his son Jerahmeel, Seraiah son of Azriel, and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest Baruch and me. But they were unable to do that because Yahweh had hidden us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:27**ULT**

²⁷ Then the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll and the words that Baruch had written at Jeremiah's dictation, saying,

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²⁷ After the king had burned the scroll on which were written the messages that I had dictated to Baruch, Yahweh said this to me:

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to do after the king had burned the scroll? (vv27-29)

He told Jeremiah to have Baruch write on a new scroll all the words that were on the original scroll.

Jeremiah 36:28**ULT**

²⁸ "Go back, take another scroll for yourself, and write in it all the words that were on the original scroll, the one that Jehoiakim king of Judah burned.

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²⁸ "Get another scroll, and tell Baruch to write everything again, the same messages that he had written on the scroll that King Jehoiakim burned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:29**ULT**

²⁹ Then you must say this to Jehoiakim king of Judah: 'You burned that scroll, saying, "Why have you written on it, 'The king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, for he will destroy both man and beast in it'?"'

UST

²⁹ Then go to the king and say to him, 'Yahweh says this: You burned the scroll because you did not like what was written on it, that the king of Babylon would surely come with his army and destroy this land and get rid of all the people and the animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:30**ULT**

³⁰ Therefore Yahweh says this concerning you, Jehoiakim king of Judah: "No descendant of yours will ever sit on the throne of David. As for you, your corpse will be thrown out into the heat of day and the frost of night.

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³⁰ Now this is what I, Yahweh, say about you, Jehoiakim: None of your descendants will rule this kingdom. Your corpse will be thrown out on the ground and not buried; it will be under the hot sun during the days and struck by frost during the nights.

What did Yahweh say he would do to Jehoiakim? (vv30-31)

He said he would not let any of Jehoiakim's descendants be king, and he would make sure no one buried Jehoiakim's corpse.

Jeremiah 36:31**ULT**

³¹ For I will punish you, your descendants, and your servants for the iniquity of you all. I will bring on you, on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on every person in Judah all the disasters with which I have threatened you with, but to which you paid no attention."

UST

³¹ I will punish you and your family and your officials for their sins. And I will cause the people of Jerusalem and the people of the other towns in Judah to experience all the disasters that I promised, because you all would not pay attention to what I said!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:32**ULT**

³² So Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch son of Neriah the scribe. Baruch wrote on it at Jeremiah's dictation all the words that had been in the scroll burned by Jehoiakim king of Judah. Furthermore, many other similar words were added to this scroll.

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³² So Jeremiah took another scroll, and again he dictated the messages to Baruch. He wrote everything that had been written on the other scroll, the one that King Jehoiakim had burned in the fire. But this time, Jeremiah added more messages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37

Jeremiah 37:1

ULT

¹ Now Zedekiah son of Josiah reigned as king instead of Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had made Zedekiah king over the land of Judah.

UST

¹ After Jehoiakim died, his son Jehoiachin became king for only three months, after which King Josiah's son Zedekiah became the king of Judah. Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, appointed him to be the new king.

Who made Zedekiah king?

Nebuchadnezzar made him king.

How did King Zedekiah respond to Jeremiah when he proclaimed the words of Yahweh? (vv1-2)

Zedekiah did not listen to the words of Yahweh.

Jeremiah 37:2

ULT

² But Zedekiah, his servants, and the people of the land did not listen to the words of Yahweh that he proclaimed by the hand of Jeremiah the prophet.

UST

² But King Zedekiah and his palace officials and the other people in the land paid no attention to the messages that Yahweh gave me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:3

ULT

³ So King Zedekiah, Jehukal son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah son of Maaseiah the priest sent a message to Jeremiah the prophet. They said, "Pray on our behalf to Yahweh our God."

UST

³ However, one day King Zedekiah sent Jehukal son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the priest, son of Maaseiah, to me. They requested me to pray to Yahweh our God for our nation.

What did King Zedekiah and Zephaniah ask Jeremiah to do?

They asked him to pray to Yahweh for them.

Jeremiah 37:4**ULT**

⁴ Now Jeremiah was coming and going among the people, for he had not yet been put in prison.

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⁴ At that time Jeremiah had not yet been put in prison, so he could go and come wherever and whenever he wanted to, without being hindered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:5**ULT**

⁵ Pharaoh's army came out from Egypt, and the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard the news about them and left Jerusalem.

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⁵ At that time, the army of Hophra, the king of Egypt, came to the southern border of Judah. When the army of Babylonia heard about that, they stopped surrounding Jerusalem and left there to fight against the army from Egypt.

Why did the Chaldeans (Babylonians) leave Jerusalem?

They wanted to get away from Pharaoh's army, which was coming out of Egypt.

Jeremiah 37:6**ULT**

⁶ Then the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

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⁶ Then Yahweh gave this message to me:

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah would happen after Pharaoh's army returned to Egypt? (vv6-8)

He said that the Chaldeans would return, fight against the city, capture it, and burn it.

Jeremiah 37:7**ULT**

⁷ “Yahweh, God of Israel, says this: This is what you will say to the king of Judah, because he has sent you to seek advice from me, ‘See, Pharaoh’s army, which came to help you, is about to go back to Egypt, its own land.

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⁷ “I, Yahweh, the God of Israel, say this: The king of Judah has sent messengers to you to ask me what is going to happen. Tell the king that even though the army of the king of Egypt came to help him, they are about to return to Egypt.

Why was Pharaoh’s army coming out of Egypt?

They were going to help the people of Judah by fighting the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 37:8**ULT**

⁸ The Chaldeans will return. They will fight against this city, capture it, and burn it.’

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⁸ Then the army of Babylonia will return here, capture this city, and burn everything in it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh says this: Do not deceive yourselves by saying, ‘Surely the Chaldeans are leaving us,’ for they will not leave.

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⁹ So, this is what Jeremiah said to you Israelites: ‘You should not deceive yourselves, thinking that the army from Babylonia has gone and will not return. That is not true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Even if you had defeated the entire Chaldean army that is fighting you so that only wounded men were left in their tents, they would get up and burn this city."

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¹⁰ And even if your soldiers could destroy almost all of the soldiers from Babylonia who are attacking you, and allow only those who were wounded to remain alive in their tents, those men would come out of their tents and completely burn this city."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:11**ULT**

¹¹ So it was when the Chaldean army had left Jerusalem as Pharaoh's army was coming,

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¹¹ When the army from Babylonia left Jerusalem because the army from Egypt was approaching,

Why did Jeremiah leave Jerusalem? (vv11-12)

He left to take possession of some land.

Jeremiah 37:12**ULT**

¹² then Jeremiah went out from Jerusalem to go to the land of Benjamin. He wanted to take possession of a tract of land there among his people.

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¹² Jeremiah started to leave the city. He intended to go to the area where the descendants of Benjamin live, in order to take possession of my share of the property from my family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:13**ULT**

¹³ As he was in the Benjamin Gate, a chief guard was there. His name was Irijah son of Shelemiah son of Hananiah. He grabbed hold of Jeremiah the prophet and said, "You are deserting to the Chaldeans."

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¹³ But as he was walking out the Benjamin Gate, the head guard seized Jeremiah and said, "You are deserting us and going to the soldiers from Babylonia!" The man who seized him was Irijah son of Shelemiah, and grandson of Hananiah.

What did Jeriah think that Jeremiah was going to do?

Jeriah thought that Jeremiah was deserting to the Chaldeans(Babylonians).

Jeremiah 37:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But Jeremiah said, "That is not true. I am not deserting to the Chaldeans." But Irijah did not listen to him. He took Jeremiah and brought him to the officials.

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¹⁴ But Jeremiah protested and said, "That is not true! I was not intending to do that!" But Irijah would not pay attention to what Jeremiah said. He took Jeremiah to the king's officials.

**What did Jeriah do when Jeremiah told him that he was not deserting to the Chaldeans?
(vv14-15)**

Jeriah took Jeremiah to the officials, who beat him and put him in prison.

Jeremiah 37:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The officials were angry with Jeremiah. They beat him and put him in prison, which had been the house of Jonathan the scribe, for they had turned it into a prison.

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¹⁵ They were very angry with him. They commanded the guards to beat Jeremiah and then to put him in the house where Jonathan the king's secretary stayed. They had changed Jonathan's house to make it become a prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So Jeremiah was put into an underground cell, where he stayed for many days.

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¹⁶ They put Jeremiah in a dungeon in that prison, and he remained there for several days.

How did Jeremiah answer King Zedekiah when Zedekiah asked if Jeremiah has a word from Yahweh? (vv16-17)

Jeremiah told Zedekiah that Yahweh would give Zedekiah to the king of Babylon.

Jeremiah 37:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then King Zedekiah sent someone who brought him to the palace. In his house, the king asked him privately, "Is there any word from Yahweh?" Jeremiah answered, "There is a word: You will be given into the hand of the king of Babylon."

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¹⁷ Then King Zedekiah secretly sent a servant to him, who took Jeremiah to the palace. There the king asked him, "Do you have any messages from Yahweh?" Jeremiah replied, "Yes, the message is that you will be put into the hands of the king of Babylon."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, "How have I sinned against you, your servants, or this people so that you have placed me in prison?"

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¹⁸ Then Jeremiah asked the king, "What crime have I committed against you or against your officials or against the Israelite people, with the result that you have commanded that I be put in a prison?"

Why did Jeremiah not want to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe? (vv18-20)

He was afraid that he would die there.

Jeremiah 37:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Where are your prophets, the ones who prophesied for you and said the king of Babylon will not come against you or against this land?

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¹⁹ Your prophets predicted that the army of the king of Babylon would not attack you or this land. Why were their messages not fulfilled?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:20**ULT**

²⁰ But now listen, my master the king! Let my pleas come before you. Do not return me to the house of Jonathan the scribe, or I will die there."

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²⁰ Your majesty, I plead with you to listen to me. Do not send me back to the dungeon in the house of Jonathan your secretary, because if you do that, I will die there."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:21**ULT**

²¹ So King Zedekiah gave an order. His servants confined Jeremiah in the courtyard of the guard. A loaf of bread was given him every day from the street of the bakers, until all the bread in the city was gone. So Jeremiah stayed in the courtyard of the guard.

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²¹ So King Zedekiah commanded that Jeremiah not be sent back to the prison cell. Instead, he was allowed to be watched by the guards in the courtyard of the palace. The king also commanded that they should bring him a loaf of fresh bread every day, until there was no bread left in the city. So they put Jeremiah in that courtyard and he remained there.

How did King Zedekiah respond to Jeremiah's request?

He had his servants put Jeremiah in the courtyard of the guard.

Jeremiah 38

Jeremiah 38:1

ULT

¹ Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehukal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard the words that Jeremiah was declaring to all the people. He was saying,

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¹ Four officials, Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehukal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah, heard what Jeremiah had been telling all the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:2

ULT

² “Yahweh says this: Anyone staying in this city will be killed by sword, famine, and plague. But anyone who goes out to the Chaldeans will survive. He will escape with his own life, and live.

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² He had been telling them that Yahweh was saying, “Everyone who stays in Jerusalem will die. They will be killed by their enemies’ swords or from famines or from diseases. But those who surrender to the Babylonian army will remain alive. They will escape; they will not be killed.

What will happen to the people who stay in the city?

They will die from the sword, famine, and plague.

How can people stay alive?

They can stay alive by going out to the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 38:3

ULT

³ Yahweh says this: This city will be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.”

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³ Yahweh also says that the army of the king of Babylon will certainly capture this city.”

What will happen to the city?

The Chaldeans (Babylonians) will capture it.

Jeremiah 38:4**ULT**

⁴ So the officials said to the king, "Let this man die, for in this way he is weakening the hands of the fighting men who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people. He is proclaiming these words, for this man is not working for safety for this people, but disaster."

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⁴ So those officials went to the king and said, "This man Jeremiah should be executed! Because of what he is saying, he is discouraging our soldiers who remain in the city. He is also discouraging the people. He is not saying things that will help us; he is saying things that will defeat us."

Why did the officials want Jeremiah to die?

They wanted him to die because he was telling the soldiers to desert to the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 38:5**ULT**

⁵ So King Zedekiah said, "Look, he is in your hand since there is no king able to resist you."

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⁵ King Zedekiah said, "All right, do to him what you want to; I do not have the power to stop you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:6**ULT**

⁶ Then they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malkijah, son of the king. The cistern was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah down on ropes. There was no water in the cistern, but it was muddy, and he sank down into the mud.

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⁶ So those officials took Jeremiah from his cell and lowered him by ropes into a cistern in the courtyard. The cistern belonged to Malkijah, who was a son of the king. There was no water in the cistern, but there was a lot of mud, so he sank down deep into the mud.

What did the officials do to Jeremiah?

They put him in a cistern.

Jeremiah 38:7**ULT**

⁷ Now Ebed-Melek the Cushite was one of the eunuchs in the king's house. He heard that they had placed Jeremiah in the cistern. Now the king was sitting at the Benjamin Gate.

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⁷ But Ebed-Melek, a palace official from Ethiopia, heard someone say that Jeremiah was in the well. At that time the king was deciding people's cases at the Benjamin Gate.

What did Ebed Melech tell the king concerning Jeremiah? (vv7-8)

He told the king, the officials had done evil with the way they treated Jeremiah the prophet. They threw him into a cistern for him to die in it from hunger.

Jeremiah 38:8**ULT**

⁸ So Ebed-Melek went from the king's house and spoke with the king. He said,

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⁸ Ebed-Melek went out of the palace and said to the king,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:9**ULT**

⁹ "My master the king, these men have done evil with the way they have treated Jeremiah the prophet. They threw him into a cistern for him to die in it from hunger, since there is no more food in the city."

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⁹ "Your majesty, those men have done a very evil thing. They have put the prophet Jeremiah in a well. Almost all the food in the city is gone, so no one will be able to bring him any food, and as a result he will die from hunger!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then the king gave a command to Ebed-Melek the Cushite. He said, "Take command of thirty men from here and take Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies."

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¹⁰ So the king told Ebed-Melek, "Take thirty of my men with you, and pull Jeremiah out of the well, in order that he does not die!"

What did king Zedekiah command Ebed Melech concerning Jeremiah?

King Zedekiah commanded Ebed Melech to take thirty men and get Jeremiah out of the cistern before Jeremiah died.

Jeremiah 38:11**ULT**

¹¹ So Ebed-Melek took command of those men and went to the king's house, to a storeroom for clothing under the house. From there he took rags and worn-out clothing and then let them down by ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern.

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¹¹ So Ebed-Melek took charge of those thirty men; they went into a room in the palace below the room where people had stored things. There they found some old rags and discarded clothing. They took those things and went to the well. They fastened them to a rope and lowered the rope to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:12**ULT**

¹² Ebed-Melek the Cushite said to Jeremiah, "Put the rags and worn-out clothing under your arms and on top of the ropes." So Jeremiah did so.

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¹² Then Ebed-Melek called down to me, "Put these rags underneath your armpits, to protect you from being injured by the ropes!" So Jeremiah did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:13**ULT**

¹³ Then they pulled Jeremiah by the ropes. In this way they brought him up from the cistern. So Jeremiah stayed in the courtyard of the guard.

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¹³ Then they pulled him out of the well. So he stayed in the courtyard where the palace guards were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then King Zedekiah sent word and brought Jeremiah the prophet to himself, to the third entrance in Yahweh's house. The king said to Jeremiah, "I want to ask you something. Do not keep the answer from me."

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¹⁴ One day King Zedekiah summoned Jeremiah, and he was brought to the king, who was waiting for him at the entrance of the temple. He said to Jeremiah, "I want to ask you something. I want you to answer me truthfully, and to not conceal anything."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I answer you, will you not certainly kill me? But if I give you advice, you will not listen to me."

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¹⁵ Jeremiah replied, "If I tell you the truth, you will command that I be executed. And if I give you good advice, you will not pay attention to what I say."

What did Jeremiah think Zedekiah would do if Jeremiah tells him the truth?

He thought Zedekiah would kill him.

Jeremiah 38:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But King Zedekiah swore to Jeremiah in private and said, "As Yahweh lives, the one who made us, I will not kill you or give you into the hand of those men who are seeking your life."

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¹⁶ But King Zedekiah secretly promised him, "Tell me the truth! And as surely as Yahweh lives, I will not cause you to be executed, and I will not put you into the hands of those who are wanting to kill you."

How did Zedekiah persuade Jeremiah to give him an answer?

Zedekiah swore by Yahweh that he would not kill him.

Jeremiah 38:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Yahweh, God of hosts, God of Israel, says this: If you indeed go out to the officials of the king of Babylon then you will live, and this city will not be burned. You and your family will live.

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¹⁷ So then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: 'If you surrender to the officers of the king of Babylon, you and your family will be spared, and this city will not be burned.'

What did Jeremiah say to Zedekiah? (vv17-18)

Jeremiah told Zedekiah that if he went out to the Chaldeans he would live, but if he did not, he and the city would be destroyed.

Jeremiah 38:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But if you do not go out to the officials of the king of Babylon, then this city will be given into the hand of the Chaldeans. They will burn it, and you will not escape from their hand."

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¹⁸ But if you refuse to surrender to them, you will not escape. And the army from Babylonia will capture this city and completely burn it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:19**ULT**

¹⁹ King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "But I am afraid of the people of Judah who have deserted to the Chaldeans, because I might be given over into their hand, for them to treat me badly."

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¹⁹ The king replied, "But I am afraid to surrender to the soldiers from Babylon, because their officers may put me into the hands of the people of Judah who have already joined the soldiers from Babylonia, and those people from Judah will mistreat me."

Why was King Zedekiah afraid of the people of Judah who had deserted to the Chaldeans?

He was afraid that Nebuchadnezzar would allow them to treat him badly.

Jeremiah 38:20**ULT**

²⁰ Jeremiah said, "They will not give you over to them. Obey the message from Yahweh that I am telling you, so that things will go well for you, and so that you will live.

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²⁰ Jeremiah replied, "If you obey Yahweh by doing what I tell you to do, they will not put you into the hands of our people. Things will go well for you, and you will remain alive.

What assurance did Jeremiah give to King Zedekiah?

He told King Zedekiah that if Zedekiah obeyed the message from Yahweh, Nebuchadnezzar would not allow the people to treat Zedekiah badly.

Jeremiah 38:21**ULT**

²¹ But if you refuse to go out, this is what Yahweh has shown me.

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²¹ But if you refuse to surrender, I will tell you what Yahweh has revealed to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:22**ULT**

²² Look! All the women who are left in your house, king of Judah, will be brought out to the officials of the king of Babylon. These women will say to you, 'You have been deceived by your friends; they have ruined you. Your feet are now sunk into the mud, and your friends will run away.'

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²² All the women who remain in your palace will be brought out and given to the officers of the king of Babylon. Then those women will say to you: 'You had friends whom you thought you could trust, but they have deceived you and caused you to make a wrong decision. Now it is as though you are stuck in mud, and your friends have abandoned you.'

What would the women do if Zedekiah refused to go out? (vv22-23)

They would rebuke and taunt him.

Jeremiah 38:23**ULT**

²³ For all of your wives and children will be brought out to the Chaldeans, and you yourself will not escape from their hand. You will be captured by the hand of the king of Babylon, and this city will be burned."

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²³ All of your wives and children in the city will be led out to the soldiers from Babylonia, and you also will not escape. The soldiers of the king of Babylon will seize you, and they will burn down this city."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Do not inform anyone about these words, so that you do not die.

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²⁴ Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Do not tell anyone what you told me; if you tell anyone, the king's officials may kill you.

What did Zedekiah tell Jeremiah to say to anyone who asked him what he and Zedekiah talked about? (vv24-26)

He told Jeremiah to tell them that Jeremiah went to plead with him not to return Jeremiah to Jonathan's house to die.

Jeremiah 38:25**ULT**

²⁵ If the officials hear that I have talked with you, and if they come and say to you, 'Tell us what you said to the king and do not hide it from us, or we will kill you,'

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²⁵ If my officials find out that I talked to you, perhaps they will come to you and say, 'Tell us what you and the king were talking about. If you do not tell us, we will kill you.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:26**ULT**

²⁶ then you must say to them, 'I made a humble plea before the king that he would not return me to the house of Jonathan to die there.'"

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²⁶ If that happens, just tell them that you pleaded with me not to send you back to the dungeon in Jonathan's house, because you were afraid that you would die if you were put there again."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:27**ULT**

²⁷ Then all the officials came to Jeremiah and questioned him, so he answered them as the king had instructed him. So they stopped talking with him, because they had not heard the conversation between Jeremiah and the king.

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²⁷ And that is what happened. The king's officials came to Jeremiah and asked why the king had summoned him. But he told them what the king told him to tell them. So they did not ask Jeremiah any more questions, because no one had heard what the king and Jeremiah had said to each other.

What happened when the officials from the house of Judah questioned Jeremiah?

(vv27-28)

Jeremiah told them what Zedekiah told him to say.

Jeremiah 38:28

ULT

²⁸ So Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard until the day Jerusalem was captured.

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²⁸ So Jeremiah remained being guarded in the courtyard of the palace, until the day that the army of Babylonia captured Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 39

Jeremiah 39:1

ULT

¹ In the ninth year and tenth month of Zedekiah king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem and besieged it.

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¹ After King Zedekiah had been ruling Judah for almost nine years, King Nebuchadnezzar came in the tenth month of the year with his army, and they surrounded Jerusalem.

Who came with his army against Jerusalem and attacked it?

Nebuchadnezzar did.

Jeremiah 39:2

ULT

² In the eleventh year and fourth month of Zedekiah, on the ninth day of the month, the city was broken into.

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² One and a half years later, after Zedekiah had been ruling for almost eleven years, in the eleventh year and fourth month, soldiers from Babylonia broke through the city wall. Then they rushed in and captured the city.

What city was broken into?

The city of Jerusalem was broken into.

Jeremiah 39:3

ULT

³ Then all the officials of the king of Babylon came and sat in the middle gate: Nebo-Sarsekim, Samgar Nebo, and Sarsechim, an important official. Nebo-Sarsekim was a high official and all the rest were the officials of the king of Babylon.

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³ Then all the officers of the king of Babylon came in and sat down at the Middle Gate to decide what they would do to the city. They included Nergal-Sharezer, Samgar Nebo, Sarsekim who was one of the chief administrative officers, Nergal-Sharezer, the king's advisor, and many other officials.

Who came and sat in the middle gate?

All the officials of the king of Babylon came and sat in the middle gate.

Jeremiah 39:4**ULT**

⁴ It happened that when Zedekiah, king of Judah, and all his fighting men saw them, they fled. They went out at night from the city by the king's garden path, through the gate between the two walls. The king went out in the direction of the Arabah.

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⁴ When King Zedekiah and all his soldiers realized that the army of Babylonia had broken into the city, they fled. They waited until it was dark. Then they went out of the city through the king's garden, through the gate that was between the two walls. Then they started running toward the plain along the Jordan.

What did Zedekiah and all his fighting men do when they saw the officials of the king of Babylon in the middle gate?

They fled at night from the city.

Jeremiah 39:5**ULT**

⁵ But the army of Chaldeans pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of the Jordan River valley near Jericho. Then they captured him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, at Riblah in the land of Hamath, where Nebuchadnezzar passed sentence on him.

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⁵ But the soldiers from Babylonia pursued the king, and they caught him on the plains near Jericho. They took him to the king of Babylon, who was at Riblah in the Hamath. There Nebuchadnezzar told his soldiers what they should do to punish Zedekiah.

What did the army of the Chaldeans (Babylonians) do when they caught up with Zedekiah?

They captured him and brought him to Nebuchadnezzar.

Jeremiah 39:6**ULT**

⁶ The king of Babylon slaughtered Zedekiah's sons before his own eyes at Riblah. He also slaughtered all the noblemen of Judah.

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⁶ They forced Zedekiah to watch while they killed his sons and all the officials from Judah.

What did Nebuchadnezzar do when Zedekiah was brought to him?

He slaughtered Zedekiah's sons and also slaughtered all the noblemen of Judah.

Jeremiah 39:7**ULT**

⁷ Then he put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in bronze chains in order to take him to Babylon.

UST

⁷ Then they gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They fastened him with bronze chains and took him to Babylon.

What did the king of Babylon do to Zedekiah?

He put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him so he could take Zedekiah to Babylon.

Jeremiah 39:8**ULT**

⁸ Then the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the people's houses. They also tore down the walls of Jerusalem.

UST

⁸ Meanwhile, the Babylonian army burned the palace and all the other buildings in Jerusalem. And they tore down the city walls.

What did the Chaldeans (Babylonians) do to the houses and walls of Jerusalem?

They burned them.

Jeremiah 39:9**ULT**

⁹ Nebuzaradan, the commander of the king's bodyguards, took into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city. This included the people who had deserted to the Chaldeans and the rest of the people who were left in the city.

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⁹ Then Nebuzaradan, the captain of the king's bodyguards, forced to go to Babylon most of the other people who remained in the city and the Jews who had joined the soldiers of Babylonia.

Whom did Nebuzaradan take into exile?

He took into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the people who had deserted to the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 39:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But Nebuzaradan the commander of the king's bodyguards allowed the poorest people who had nothing for themselves to remain in the land of Judah. He gave them vineyards and fields on that same day.

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¹⁰ But he allowed some of the very poor people to remain in Judah, and he gave them vineyards and fields to take care of.

What people did Nebuzaradan allow to stay in the land of Judah?

He allowed the poorest people to remain.

What did Nebuzaradan give to the people who remained?

Nebuzaradan gave vineyards and fields to the people who remained.

Jeremiah 39:11**ULT**

¹¹ Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had given an order about Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the commander of the king's bodyguards. He had said,

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¹¹ King Nebuchadnezzar had previously told the captain of the guard, Nebuzaradan to find Jeremiah. He said,

What did Nebuchadnezzar command Nebuzaradan to do about Jeremiah? (vv11-12)

Nebuchadnezzar told Nebuzaradan to take care of Jeremiah and to do anything Jeremiah told him to do.

Jeremiah 39:12**ULT**

¹² "Take him and care for him. Do not harm him. Do for him anything he tells you."

UST

¹² "Make sure that no one harms him. Take care of him, and do for him whatever he requests you to do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 39:13**ULT**

¹³ So Nebuzaradan the commander of the king's bodyguards, Nebushazban the high eunuch, Nergal-Sharezer the high official, and all the most important officials of the king of Babylon sent men out.

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¹³ So he and Nebushazban, who was one of their chief officers, and Nergal-Sharezer the king's advisor, and other officers of the king of Babylon

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 39:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Their men took Jeremiah from the courtyard of the guard and entrusted him to Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, to take him home, so Jeremiah stayed among the people.

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¹⁴ sent some men to bring Jeremiah out of the courtyard outside of the palace. They took him to Gedaliah who was the son of Ahikam and grandson of Shaphan. Then Gedaliah took Jeremiah to his home, and he stayed in Judah among his own people who had been allowed to remain there.

What did Nebuzaradan, Nergal Sharezer, and the most important officials of the king of Babylon do to Jeremiah?

They took Jeremiah from the courtyard of the guard and entrusted him to Gedaliah to take Jeremiah home.

Jeremiah 39:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah while he was under arrest in the courtyard of the guard, saying,

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¹⁵ But while Jeremiah was still being guarded in the palace courtyard, Yahweh gave him this message:

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to say to Ebed Melech the Cushite? (vv15-16)

Yahweh told Jeremiah to say to Ebed Melech the Cushite that Yahweh was about to bring disaster on the city.

Jeremiah 39:16**ULT**

¹⁶ “Speak to Ebed-Melek the Cushite and say, ‘Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: See, I am about to carry out my words against this city for disaster and not for good. For they will all come true before you on that day.

UST

¹⁶ “Say this to Ebed-Melek, the official from Ethiopia: ‘This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: I will do to this city everything that I said that I would do. Everything I told you would be done, and you will see it with your own eyes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 39:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But I will rescue you on that day—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and you will not be given into the hand of the men whom you fear.

UST

¹⁷ But I promise to rescue you from the people you are afraid of. This is what I, Yahweh, have promised to you!

What did Yahweh say would happen to Ebed Melech on the day that Yahweh carried out his words against the city?

He said that he would rescue Ebed Melech.

Jeremiah 39:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For I will certainly rescue you. You will not fall by the sword. You will escape with your life, since you trust in me—this was Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

¹⁸ You trusted me, so I will save you. You will not be killed by our enemies’ swords. You will live. That will surely happen, because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

For what reason would Yahweh rescue Ebed Melech from the sword?

He would rescue Ebed Melech because he trusted in Yahweh.

Jeremiah 40

Jeremiah 40:1

ULT

¹ The word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh after Nebuzaradan the commander of the king's bodyguards had released him at Ramah. He had found Jeremiah bound with chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah who were being carried into exile to Babylon.

UST

¹ The soldiers from Babylonia captured Jeremiah and many other people from Jerusalem and other places in Judah. They planned to take them to Babylon. So they fastened chains around their wrists and took them to Ramah, a town north of Jerusalem. While they were there, Jeremiah was released. This is how it happened:

What came to Jeremiah after Nebuzaradan had sent him away from Ramah?

The word from Yahweh came to Jeremiah after Nebuzaradan had sent him away from Ramah.

Jeremiah 40:2

ULT

² The chief guard took Jeremiah and said to him, "Yahweh your God decreed this disaster for this place.

UST

² Nebuzaradan, the captain of the king's guards, found that Jeremiah was there. He summoned Jeremiah and said to him, "Yahweh your God said that he would cause this land to experience a disaster.

What was Nebuzaradan going to do with the people of Jerusalem and Judah?

He was going to send them to Babylon.

Why did the chief guard tell Jeremiah concerning Yahweh and Jerusalem?

The chief guard said that Yahweh had decreed the disaster against that place.

Jeremiah 40:3

ULT

³ So Yahweh brought it about. He did just as he had decreed, since you people sinned against him and did not obey his voice. That is why this thing has happened to you people.

UST

³ And now he has caused it to happen. He has done just what he said that he would do, because you people sinned against Yahweh and refused to obey him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 40:4**ULT**

⁴ But now look! I have released you today from the chains that were on your hands. If it is good in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, come, and I will take care of you. But if it is not good in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, then do not do so. Look at all the land before you. Go where it is good and right in your eyes to go."

UST

⁴ But today I am going to take the chains off your wrists and release you. If you want to come with me to Babylon, that will be fine. I will take care of you. But if you do not want to come with me, do not come. Stay here. Look, the entire country is available; you can choose whatever part you want to go to. You can go wherever you think it is best." Then he took the chains off Jeremiah's wrists.

Where did the chief guard say that Jeremiah could go?

He said that Jeremiah could go with him to Babylon or go wherever he wanted to in the land.

Jeremiah 40:5**ULT**

⁵ When Jeremiah did not reply, Nebuzaradan said, "Go to Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has put in charge of the cities of Judah. Stay with him among the people or go wherever it is good in your eyes to go." The commander of the king's bodyguards gave him food and a gift, and then sent him away.

UST

⁵ He said, "If you decide to stay here, go to Gedaliah. The king of Babylon appointed him to be the governor of Judah. You will be allowed to stay here with the people that he is governing. But you can do whatever you want to." Then Nebuzaradan gave Jeremiah some food and some money, and he allowed him to go.

To whom did the chief guard say that Jeremiah should go?

He said that Jeremiah should go to Gedaliah, who was in charge of the cities of Judah.

Jeremiah 40:6**ULT**

⁶ So Jeremiah went to Gedaliah son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. He stayed with him among the people who were left behind in the land.

UST

⁶ He returned to Gedaliah at Mizpah, and he stayed in Judah with the people who still remained in the land.

Where did Jeremiah go and live?

Jeremiah went to Gedaliah and lived among the people who were left behind in the land.

Jeremiah 40:7**ULT**

⁷ Now some commanders of Judean soldiers who were still in the countryside—they and their men—heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah son of Ahikam governor over the land. They also heard that he had put him in charge of the men, women, and children who were the poorest people in the land, those who had not been exiled to Babylon.

UST

⁷ The Israelite soldiers who had not surrendered to the army of Babylonia were roaming around in the countryside. Then their leaders heard someone say that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah to be the governor of the very poor people who were still in Judah, who had not been taken to Babylon.

What did the commanders of the Judean soldiers and their men do when they heard that Gedaliah had been put in charge of those who had not been exiled to Babylon? (vv7-8)

They went to Gedaliah at Mizpah.

Jeremiah 40:8**ULT**

⁸ So they went to Gedaliah at Mizpah. These men were Ishmael son of Nethaniah; Johanan and Jonathan, sons of Kareah; Seraiah son of Tanhumeth; the sons of Ephai the Netophathite; and Jaazaniah son of the Maakathite—they and their men.

UST

⁸ So they went to talk to Gedaliah at Mizpah. Those who went included Ishmael son of Nethaniah, Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, Seraiah son of Tanhumeth, the sons of Ephai from Netophath, and Jezaniah from Maacah, and the soldiers who were with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 40:9**ULT**

⁹ Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan took an oath to them and to their men and said to them, "Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldean officials. Live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will go well with you.

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⁹ Gedaliah solemnly promised that the soldiers from Babylonia would not harm them. He said, "Do not be afraid to do things for them. Stay here in this land and do things for the king of Babylon. If you do that, things will go well for you.

What did Gedaliah tell the commanders of the Judean soldiers and their men to do?

He said that if they would serve the Chaldean officials and the king of Babylon and live in the land it would go well with them.

Jeremiah 40:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Look, I am living in Mizpah to meet with the Chaldeans who came to us. So harvest wine, summer fruit, and oil and store them in your containers. Live in the cities that you have occupied."

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¹⁰ As for me, I will stay here at Mizpah to be your representative to the officials from Babylonia who come to talk with us. But you should return to your towns, and eat the things that are produced on your land. Harvest the grapes and the fruit that ripens in the summer and the olives, make wine and olive oil, and store it."

What did Gedaliah tell the commanders of the Judean soldiers and their men to do so they could harvest wine, summer fruit, and oil?

He told them that they should live in the cities that they had occupied.

Jeremiah 40:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then all the Judeans in Moab, among the people of Ammon, and in Edom, and in every land heard that the king of Babylon had allowed a remnant of Judah to stay, that he had appointed Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan over them.

UST

¹¹ Then the Jews who had fled to Moab, Ammon, Edom, and other nearby countries heard people say that the king of Babylon had allowed a few people to remain in Judah, and that he had appointed Gedaliah to be their governor.

What did the Judeans do when they heard that the king of Babylon had allowed a remnant of Judah to stay? (vv11-12)

The Judeans returned to Judah from every place where they had been scattered, and they harvested wine and summer fruit in great abundance.

Jeremiah 40:12**ULT**

¹² So all the Judeans returned from every place where they had been scattered. They came back to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah. They harvested wine and summer fruit in great abundance.

UST

¹² So they began to return to Judah. They stopped at Mizpah to talk with Gedaliah. Then they went to various places in Judea, and they harvested a great amount of grapes and summer fruit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 40:13**ULT**

¹³ Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders in the countryside came to Gedaliah at Mizpah.

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¹³ Some time later, Johanan and all the other leaders of the Israelite soldiers who had not surrendered to the army of Babylonia came to Gedaliah at Mizpah.

What did Johanan and all the army commanders ask Gedaliah at Mizpah? (vv13-14)

They asked him if he realized that Baalis king of Ammon had sent Ishmael to murder him.

Jeremiah 40:14**ULT**

¹⁴ They said to him, "Do you realize that Baalis king of the people of Ammon sent Ishmael son of Nethaniah to murder you?" But Gedaliah son of Ahikim did not believe them.

UST

¹⁴ They said to him, "Do you know that Baalis, the king of the people of Ammon, has sent Ishmael son of Nethaniah to assassinate you?" But Gedaliah did not believe what they said.

What did Gedaliah think about what Jonathan and the army commanders told him?

He did not believe them.

Jeremiah 40:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So Johanan son of Kareah spoke privately to Gedaliah in Mizpah and said, "Allow me to go kill Ishmael son of Nethaniah. No one will suspect me. Why should he kill you? Why allow all of Judah that has been gathered to you to be scattered and the remnant of Judah destroyed?"

UST

¹⁵ Later Johanan talked with Gedaliah privately. He said, "Allow me to go and murder Ishmael secretly. It would not be good to allow him to come and murder you! If you are killed, what will happen to all the Jews who have returned to this area? They will be scattered, and the other people who remain in Judah will all be killed!"

What did Johanan tell Gedaliah he wanted to do?

He wanted kill Ishmael.

Jeremiah 40:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But Gedaliah son of Ahikam said to Johanan son of Kareah, "Do not do this thing, for you are telling lies about Ishmael."

UST

¹⁶ But Gedaliah said to Johanan, "No, I will not allow you to do that. I think that you are lying about Ishmael."

What did Gedaliah think of Jonathan's words about Ishmael?

Gedaliah thought that Jonathan was telling lies about Ishmael.

Jeremiah 41

Jeremiah 41:1

ULT

¹ But it happened that in the seventh month Ishmael son of Nethaniah son of Elishama, from the royal family, and some officers of the king, came—ten men were with him—to Gedaliah son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. They ate food together there in Mizpah.

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¹ Ishmael son of Nethaniah was a member of the king's family. He had been one of King Zedekiah's important officials. In the seventh month of that year, he went to Mizpah with ten other men to talk with Gedaliah. While they were eating together,

Why did Ishmael and the ten men with him come to eat with Gedaliah? (vv1-3)

They wanted to kill Gedaliah.

Jeremiah 41:2

ULT

² But Ishmael son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him rose up and attacked Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, with the sword. Ishmael killed Gedaliah, whom the king of Babylon had put in charge of the land.

UST

² Ishmael and the other ten men jumped up, and with their swords they killed Gedaliah—the man whom the king of Babylon had appointed to be their governor!

Whom did Ishmael and his men kill? (vv2-3)

They killed Gedaliah, all the Judeans who were with him, and the Chaldean soldiers who were there.

Jeremiah 41:3

ULT

³ Then Ishmael killed all the Judeans who were with Gedaliah in Mizpah and the Chaldean fighting men found there.

UST

³ Ishmael and the other men also killed all the Jews and the Babylonians who his soldiers found with Gedaliah at Mizpah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 41:4**ULT**

⁴ Then it was the second day after the killing of Gedaliah, but no one knew.

UST

⁴ The next day, before anyone had found out that Gedaliah had been murdered,

Who came on the second day after Ishmael had killed Gedaliah? (vv4-5)

Eighty men came from Shechem, Shiloh, and Samaria.

Jeremiah 41:5**ULT**

⁵ Some men came from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria—eighty men who had shaved their beard, torn their clothes, and cut themselves—with food offerings and frankincense in their hands to go to Yahweh's house.

UST

⁵ eighty men from Shechem, Shiloh, and Samaria came to worship at the temple of Yahweh in Mizpah. They had shaved off their beards and torn their clothes and cut themselves to show that they were mourning. And they had brought grain offerings and incense to burn on the altar.

Where were they going?

They were going to the temple.

Jeremiah 41:6**ULT**

⁶ So Ishmael son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them as they went, walking and weeping. Then it happened that as he encountered them, he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah son of Ahikam!"

UST

⁶ Ishmael son of Nethaniah went out of the city to meet them, weeping as he went. When he reached them, he said, "Come and see what has happened to Gedaliah!"

What did Ishmael say to the eighty men?

He invited them to visit Gedaliah.

Jeremiah 41:7**ULT**

⁷ It came about that when they came into the city, Ishmael son of Nethaniah slaughtered them and threw them into a pit, he and the men who were with him.

UST

⁷ But as soon as they had all entered the town, Ishmael and his men killed most of them and threw their corpses into a well.

What did Ishmael and his men do to the eighty men when they came into the city?

They slaughtered the men and threw them into a pit.

Jeremiah 41:8**ULT**

⁸ But there were ten men among them who said to Ishmael, "Do not kill us, for there are provisions of ours in a field: Wheat and barley, oil and honey." So he did not kill them with their other companions.

UST

⁸ There were only ten of them whom they spared. They were not killed because they promised to Ishmael that if he allowed them to remain alive, they would bring him lots of wheat and barley and olive oil and honey that they had hidden.

Why did they not kill ten of the eighty men?

The ten men told them that they had provisions.

Jeremiah 41:9**ULT**

⁹ The cistern where Ishmael threw all the dead bodies that he had killed, was a large cistern that King Asa dug to make a defense against King Baasha of Israel. Ishmael son of Nethaniah filled it in with the dead.

UST

⁹ The well where Ishmael's men had thrown the corpses of the men whom they had murdered was the deep well that King Asa's men had dug in order that they would have water in the city if the army of King Baasha of Israel would surround the city. Ishmael's men filled that well with corpses.

Where did Ishmael throw the corpses of all the people he had killed??

He threw them in the pit that King Asa had dug.

Jeremiah 41:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Next Ishmael captured all the other people who were in Mizpah, the king's daughters and all the people who were left in Mizpah whom Nebuzaradan the chief guard had assigned to Gedaliah son of Ahikam. So Ishmael son of Nethaniah captured them and went to cross over to the people of Ammon.

UST

¹⁰ Then Ishmael and his men captured the king's daughters and some of the other people who had been left in Mizpah by the chief Babylonian guard Nebuzaradan so that Gedaliah would take care of them. Ishmael and his men took those people and started back toward the Ammon area.

What did Ishmael do with all the other people who were in Mizpah?

Ishmael captured all the other people who were in Mizpah and started to take them to Ammon.

Jeremiah 41:11**ULT**

¹¹ But Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders with him heard of all the harm that Ishmael son of Nethaniah had done.

UST

¹¹ But Johanan son of Kareah and all the other leaders of the Israelite soldiers who had not surrendered to the army of Babylonia heard about what Ishmael son of Nethaniah and his men had done.

What did Johanan and all the army commanders with him do when they heard of what Ishmael had done? (vv11-12)

They took all their men and went to fight against Ishmael.

Jeremiah 41:12**ULT**

¹² So they took all their men and went to fight against Ishmael son of Nethaniah. They found him at the great pool of Gibeon.

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¹² So they immediately went with all their men to stop them. They caught up with them at the large pool near the city of Gibeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 41:13**ULT**

¹³ Then it happened that when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders who were with him, they were very happy.

UST

¹³ When all the people whom Ishmael and his men had captured saw Johanan and the soldiers who were with him, they shouted joyfully.

What did all the people who were with Ishmael do when they saw Johanan and all the army commanders who were with him? (vv13-14)

They were very happy and went to Johanan.

Jeremiah 41:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So all the people whom Ishmael had captured at Mizpah turned around and went to Johanan son of Kareah.

UST

¹⁴ So all those who had been captured in Mizpah escaped, and they started to help Johanan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 41:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But Ishmael son of Nethaniah fled with eight men from Johanan. He went to the people of Ammon.

UST

¹⁵ But Ishmael son of Nethaniah and eight of his men escaped and fled to the Ammon area.

Where did Ishmael and his men go to get away from Johanan?

They went to the people of Ammon.

Jeremiah 41:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders with him took from Mizpah all the people who had been rescued from Ishmael son of Nethaniah. This was after Ishmael had killed Gedaliah son of Ahikam. Johanan and his companions took the strong men, the fighting men, the women and children, and the eunuchs who had been rescued at Gibeon.

UST

¹⁶ Then Johanan son of Kareah and the men who were with him gathered together all the people whom they had rescued at Gibeon. They included soldiers and women and children and some of the king's palace officials. They were all people whom Ishmael and his men had captured after they had killed Gedaliah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 41:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then they went and stayed for a while in Geruth Kimham, which is near Bethlehem. They were going to go to Egypt

UST

¹⁷ They took them all to Geruth Kimham village near Bethlehem. And they all prepared to go to Egypt.

Where did Johanan and the people go after they left Mizpah?

They went to Geruth Chimham, which is near Bethlehem.

Where did Johanan and the people want to go?

They wanted to go to Egypt.

Why did they want to go to Egypt?

They were afraid of the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 41:18**ULT**

¹⁸ because of the Chaldeans. They were afraid of them since Ishmael son of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had put in charge of the land.

UST

¹⁸ They were worried about what the soldiers of Babylonia would do to them when they found out that Ishmael had killed Gedaliah, who had been appointed by the king of Babylonia to be their governor.

Why were Johanan and the people afraid of the Chaldeans?

They were afraid because Ishmael had killed Gedaliah.

Jeremiah 42

Jeremiah 42:1

ULT

¹ Then all the army commanders and Johanan son of Kareah, Jezaniah son of Hoshaiiah, and all the people from the least to the greatest approached Jeremiah the prophet.

UST

¹ Then Johanan son of Kereah and Jezaniah son of Hoshaiiah, and all the other leaders of the Israelite soldiers who had not surrendered to the army of Babylonia, and many other people, including those who were important and those who were not important, came to me.

What did all the army commanders and all the people say to Jeremiah? (vv1-3)

They asked him to pray for them and to tell them the way they should go and what they should do.

Jeremiah 42:2

ULT

² They said to him, "Let our pleas come before you. Pray for us to Yahweh your God for these people who remain since we are so few in number, as you see.

UST

² They said, "Please listen to our request and pray to Yahweh our God for all of us. Although we were previously a huge number of people, you can see that now we are only a small number of people who have survived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:3

ULT

³ Ask Yahweh your God to tell us the way we should go and what we should do."

UST

³ Pray that Yahweh our God will show us what we should do and where we should go."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:4**ULT**

⁴ So Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard you. Look, I will pray to Yahweh your God as you have requested. Whatever Yahweh answers, I will tell you. I will keep nothing back from you."

UST

⁴ I replied, "Okay, I will pray to Yahweh our God, like you have requested, and I will tell you what he says. I will tell you everything."

How did Jeremiah answer them?

He said he would pray for them and tell them whatever Yahweh answers.

Jeremiah 42:5**ULT**

⁵ They said to Jeremiah, "May Yahweh be a true and faithful witness against us, if we do not do everything that Yahweh your God tells us to do."

UST

⁵ They replied to me, "We know that Yahweh our God will be a faithful witness against us if we refuse to do everything that he tells us to do."

Then what did the people say to Jeremiah? (vv5-6)

They said they would do everything Yahweh told them to do.

Jeremiah 42:6**ULT**

⁶ Whether it is good or if it is bad, we will obey the voice of Yahweh our God, to whom we are sending you, so that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of Yahweh our God."

UST

⁶ We are requesting you to ask Yahweh our God what we should do. When he replies, we will obey him, whether we like what he says or not. We will do that because we know that things will go well for us if we obey him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:7**ULT**

⁷ At the end of ten days, the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah.

UST

⁷ So I prayed to Yahweh, and ten days later he gave me his reply.

What happened after ten days?

After ten days, the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 42:8**ULT**

⁸ So Jeremiah called to Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders with him, and to all the people from the least to the greatest.

UST

⁸ So I summoned Johanan son of Kareah and all the other leaders of the and all the other people, including those who were important and those who were not important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:9**ULT**

⁹ Then he said to them, "This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel—to whom you sent me so I might lay your pleas before him—says,

UST

⁹ I said to them, "You told me to tell Yahweh, the God of Israel what you were requesting. This is what he replied:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:10**ULT**

¹⁰ If you go back and live in this land, then I will build you and not tear you down; I will plant you and not pull you up, for I will turn back the disaster that I have brought on you.

UST

¹⁰ You should stay here in this land. If you do that, I will cause your nation to be strong and not be weak. I will cause you to prosper and not be exiled again. I will stop the disasters that I made you experience.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:11**ULT**

¹¹ Do not fear the king of Babylon, whom you are fearing. Do not fear him—this is Yahweh's declaration—since I am with you to save you and rescue you from his hand.

UST

¹¹ But do not be afraid of the king of Babylon anymore, because I will be with you. I will rescue you from his power.

What did Yahweh say he would do because he was with them? (vv11-12)

He said that he would save them, give them mercy and compassion, and bring them back to their land.

Jeremiah 42:12**ULT**

¹² For I will give you mercy. I will have compassion on you, and I will bring you back to your land.

UST

¹² I will be merciful to you by causing him to act kindly toward you. So as a result, he will allow you to stay here in your land.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:13**ULT**

¹³ But suppose that you say, “We will not stay in this land”—if you do not listen to my voice, the voice of Yahweh your God.

UST

¹³ But if you refuse to obey Yahweh our God, and if you say ‘We will not stay here;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Suppose that you say, “No! We will go to the land of Egypt, where we will not see any war, where we will not hear the sound of the trumpet, and we will not go hungry for food. We will live there.”

UST

¹⁴ instead, we will go to Egypt. There we will not experience any wars, we will not hear trumpets signaling our soldiers to prepare for battles, and we will not be hungry.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now listen to this word of Yahweh, you remnant of Judah. Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, ‘If you actually set out to go to Egypt, to go and live there,

UST

¹⁵ Listen now! you people who are left in Judah! Listen to what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says to you: ‘If you are determined to go to Egypt, and if you go and live there,

**What did Yahweh say would happen if the people actually went to Egypt to live there?
(vv15-17)**

If they went to live in Egypt, Yahweh said they would all die there by sword, famine, and plague.

Jeremiah 42:16**ULT**

¹⁶ then the sword that you fear will overtake you there in the land of Egypt. The famine that you are worrying about will pursue you to Egypt, and you will die there.

UST

¹⁶ you will experience those wars and famines that you are afraid of, and you will all die there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So it will happen that all the men who set out to go to Egypt to live there will die by sword, famine, or plague. There will be no survivor of them, no one to escape the disaster that I will bring on them.

UST

¹⁷ That is what will happen to all you who are determined to go to Egypt and live there. Some of you will be killed by the swords of your enemies, and others of you will die from famines and from diseases. None of you will escape the disasters that I will bring on you.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Just as my wrath and my fury were poured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, in the same way my fury will be poured out on you if you go to Egypt. You will become an object of cursing and a horror, an object for speaking curses, and something dishonorable, and you will not see this place again.'"

UST

¹⁸ And Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, also says this: 'Because I was very angry, I severely punished all the people of Jerusalem. I will do the same things to you when you go to Egypt. The result will be that people will curse you. They will be horrified about what has happened to you. They will make fun of you, and you will never see this land again.'

What will become of them if they go to Egypt?

They will become an object of cursing and they will never return.

Jeremiah 42:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Jeremiah said, “Yahweh has spoken concerning you—the remnant of Judah. Do not go to Egypt! You certainly know that I have been a witness against you today.

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¹⁹ You little group of people of Judah who are still alive, listen to me: Yahweh has told you, ‘Do not go to Egypt.’ So do not forget what I have warned you today.

Why will the people never see the land again?

Yahweh has told them not to go to Egypt, and he will be angry with them if they go.

Jeremiah 42:20**ULT**

²⁰ For you fatally deceived yourselves when you sent me to Yahweh your God and said, ‘Pray to Yahweh our God for us. Everything that Yahweh our God says, tell us, and we will carry it out.’

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²⁰ You made a life-and-death mistake when you requested me to pray to Yahweh our God and claimed to be willing to obey everything he said.

Why will the people pay for their lives for going to Egypt? (vv20-22)

They will pay with their lives because they asked Jeremiah to give them Yahweh’s message, but they will not do what Yahweh tells them to do.

Jeremiah 42:21**ULT**

²¹ For I have reported to you today, but you have not listened to the voice of Yahweh your God or to anything about which he sent me to you.

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²¹ So today I have told you exactly what he said, but I know that you will not obey Yahweh our God now, just as you have not obeyed him previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:22

ULT

²² So now, you should certainly know that you will die by sword, famine, and plague in the place where you desired to go to live.”

UST

²² You want to go to Egypt and live there. So now, you can be sure of this: All of you will die there. Some of you will be killed by the swords of your enemies and others will die from famines or from diseases.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43

Jeremiah 43:1

ULT

¹ It happened that Jeremiah finished proclaiming to all the people all the words of Yahweh their God that Yahweh their God had told him to say.

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¹ So I finished telling to the people that message from Yahweh our God.

What did Jeremiah finish proclaiming to all the people?

He finished proclaiming all the words that Yahweh had told him to say.

Jeremiah 43:2

ULT

² Azariah son of Hoshaiiah, Johanan son of Kareah, and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, "You are telling lies. Yahweh our God has not sent you to say, 'Do not go to Egypt to live there.'

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² But then Johanan son of Kareah and Azariah son of Hoshaiiah and some other insolent men said to me, "You are lying! Yahweh our God has not told us that we should not go to Egypt!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:3

ULT

³ For Baruch son of Neriah is inciting you against us to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, for you to cause our death and to make us captives in Babylon."

UST

³ We think that Baruch son of Neriah has urged you to say this, in order that if we stay here, the soldiers from Babylonia will seize us and kill us or take us to Babylonia."

Of what did Azariah, Johanan, and all the arrogant men accuse Jeremiah?

They accused him of telling them lies so that Jeremiah could have the Chaldeans kill them and make them captives in Babylon.

Jeremiah 43:4**ULT**

⁴ So Johanan son of Kareah, all the princes of the army, and all the people refused to listen to Yahweh's voice to live in the land of Judah.

UST

⁴ So Johanan and the other leaders of the Judean soldiers and many of the other people who were there refused to obey Yahweh's command to stay in Judah.

What did Johanan and the others do instead of what Yahweh had told them to do? (vv4-7)

They all went to Egypt.

Jeremiah 43:5**ULT**

⁵ Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders took away all the remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations where they had been scattered to live in the land of Judah.

UST

⁵ Johanan and all the other leaders gathered together all the people who had returned from the other countries to which they had been scattered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:6**ULT**

⁶ They took the men and women, the children and the king's daughters, and every person whom Nebuzaradan, the commander of the king's bodyguards, had let remain with Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan. They also took Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch son of Neriah.

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⁶ They included men, women, children, the king's daughters, and all those whom Nebuzaradan had left with Gedaliah, and they also took Baruch and me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:7**ULT**

⁷ They went to the land of Egypt, to Tahpanhes, because they did not listen to Yahweh's voice.

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⁷ They refused to obey Yahweh, and they took us all to Egypt, as far as the city of Tahpanhes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:8**ULT**

⁸ So the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

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⁸ While we were at Tachpanches, Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to do with the stones? (vv8-10)

He told him to bury them near Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes to show that Nebuchadnezzar would sit on a throne there.

Jeremiah 43:9**ULT**

⁹ "Take some large stones in your hand, and, in the sight of the people of Judah, hide them in the mortar in the pavement at the entrance to Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes."

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⁹ "While the people of Judah are watching you, take some large rocks and bury them under the brick pavement at the entrance to the king's palace there at Tachpanches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then say to them, "Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, 'See, I am about to send messengers to take Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon as my servant. I will place his throne over these stones that you, Jeremiah, have buried. Nebuchadnezzar will place his pavilion over them.

UST

¹⁰ Then say to the people of Judah, 'This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: "I will summon Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, who does my work, to come with his army to Egypt. I will set up his throne over these stones that I told Jeremiah to bury. And Nebuchadnezzar will set up his tent there to show that he has become the king of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:11**ULT**

¹¹ For he will come and attack the land of Egypt. Anyone who is assigned to death will be given to death. Anyone who is assigned to captivity will be taken captive. Anyone who is assigned to the sword will be given to the sword.

UST

¹¹ When his army comes, they will attack Egypt. Then those will die who I have determined must die, those who I have determined must be captured will be captured, and those who I have determined must be killed by swords will be killed by swords.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the people when Nebuchadnezzar comes and attacks the land of Egypt?

Yahweh says that Nebuchadnezzar will kill some people and take others into captivity.

Jeremiah 43:12**ULT**

¹² Then I will light a fire in the temples of Egypt's gods. Nebuchadnezzar will burn them or capture them. He will clean out the land of Egypt just as shepherds clean vermin off their clothes. He will go out from that place in victory. ^[1]

UST

¹² Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers will burn down the temples of the gods of Egypt and take away their idols as souvenirs. His troops will clean Egypt like a shepherd cleans lice from his cloak and leave without having been harmed.

What does Yahweh say Nebuchadnezzar will do to the temples of Egypt's gods? (vv12-13)

Yahweh says he will burn them or capture them.

Jeremiah 43:13**ULT**

¹³ He will break the stone pillars at Heliopolis in the land of Egypt. He will burn the temples of Egypt's gods." 43:12 ^[1], some ancient and modern versions have .

UST

¹³ But before they leave, they will have torn down the pillars that are in the temple of their sun god and burned all of the temple of the false Egyptian gods.""

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44

Jeremiah 44:1

ULT

¹ The word came to Jeremiah concerning all the Judeans who lived in the land of Egypt, the ones staying in Migdol, Tahpanhes, Memphis, and in Upper Egypt:

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¹ This is the message that Yahweh gave me concerning the Judeans who were living in northern Egypt—in Migdol, Tachpanches, and Memphis—and in the region of Pathros in southern Egypt:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:2

ULT

² “Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says, ‘You yourselves have seen all the disasters that I brought on Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah. See, they are ruins today. There is no one to live in them.

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² “This is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: You saw the disaster that I caused the people in Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah to experience. Those towns are now ruined and deserted.

Why does Jeremiah say Yahweh brought disaster on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah? (vv2-3)

Jeremiah says did it because the people worshiped other gods.

Jeremiah 44:3

ULT

³ This is because of the wicked things they did to offend me by going to burn incense and to worship other gods. These were gods that neither they themselves, nor you, nor your ancestors knew.’

UST

³ That happened because I was extremely angry with them on account of their being very wicked. They burned incense to other gods and worshiped them. They were gods that you previously did not know about, and your ancestors also did not know about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:4**ULT**

⁴ So I repeatedly sent all of my servants the prophets to them. I sent them to say, 'Stop doing these abominable things that I hate.'

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⁴ Many times I sent my prophets who served me, to say to them, 'Do not do those abominable things that I hate!'

What had Yahweh's prophets said to the people?

The prophets had told the people to stop doing things that Yahweh hates.

Jeremiah 44:5**ULT**

⁵ But they did not listen. They refused to pay attention or turn from their wickedness in burning incense to other gods.

UST

⁵ But my people would not pay any attention to what I said to them. They would not turn away from their wicked behavior, or stop burning incense to worship other gods.

What did the people do after the prophets spoke to them?

They did not listen.

Jeremiah 44:6**ULT**

⁶ So my fury and my wrath were poured out and kindled a fire in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem. So they became ruins and devastations, as at this present day.'

UST

⁶ So I poured out the consequences of my great anger on them. My punishment fell on the streets of Jerusalem and on the other towns in Judah like a fire. It caused those towns to be ruined and deserted, and they are still like that.

What did Yahweh do when the Judeans did not listen to the prophets?

Yahweh poured out his fury and his wrath, and he destroyed Judah and Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 44:7**ULT**

⁷ So now Yahweh, the God of hosts and the God of Israel, says this, 'Why are you doing great wickedness against yourselves? Why are you causing yourselves to be cut off from among Judah—men and women, children and babies? No remnant of you will be left.'

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⁷ So now I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, ask you: Why are you causing yourselves to experience these disasters? Do you not realize that because of what you are doing, soon there will be no more men or women or children or infants left among you who have come here to Egypt from Judah?

How many of the people who went to Egypt will Yahweh allow to live?

He will not allow any of them to live.

Jeremiah 44:8**ULT**

⁸ By your wickedness you have offended me with the deeds of your hands, by burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to live. You have gone there so that you will be destroyed, so that you will be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth.

UST

⁸ Why are you provoking me and causing me to be very angry by burning incense to the idols that you have made here in Egypt? If you continue doing this, you will destroy yourselves, and you will cause yourselves to be people whom all the nations on the earth will curse and despise.

How did they offend Yahweh?

They offended Yahweh with the deeds of their hands, by burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt.

What does Yahweh say is going to happen to them in Egypt?

He says he will destroy them.

Jeremiah 44:9**ULT**

⁹ Have you forgotten the wickedness committed by your ancestors and the wickedness committed by the kings of Judah and their wives? Have you forgotten the evil committed by yourselves and your wives in the land of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem?

UST

⁹ Have you forgotten how I punished your ancestors for the wicked things that they did, and how I punished the kings and queens of Judah for what they did, and you and your wives for the sins that you committed in the streets of Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:10**ULT**

¹⁰ To this day, they still are not humbled. They do not honor my law or decrees that I placed before them and their ancestors, nor do they walk in them.'

UST

¹⁰ Up until this day you have not humbled yourselves or revered me. You have not obeyed the laws and decrees that I gave to you and your ancestors.

Who does Yahweh say has committed wickedness?

He says that the people and their ancestors have committed wickedness.

Jeremiah 44:11**ULT**

¹¹ Therefore Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, 'See, I am about to set my face against you to bring disaster to you and to destroy all of Judah.

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¹¹ Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: I am determined to cause all of you to experience disasters and to get rid of everyone in Judah.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the people who went to Egypt? (vv11-12)

Yahweh says that he will set his face against them and bring disaster to them and destroy all of them just as he punished Jerusalem: with sword and famine and plague.

Jeremiah 44:12**ULT**

¹² For I will take the remnant of Judah that has set out to go to the land of Egypt to live there. I will do this so that they will all perish in the land of Egypt. They will fall by sword and famine. From the least to the greatest they will perish by sword and famine. They will die and will become an object of swearing, cursing, reproaching, and a horrible thing.

UST

¹² You people from Judah who have survived were determined to come and live here in Egypt. So I will get rid of all of you here in Egypt. Every one of you will die, including those who are important and those who are not important. Some of you will be killed by your enemies' swords, some will die from famines. You will become people whom others curse, be horrified about, and make fun of.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:13**ULT**

¹³ For I will punish the people inhabiting the land of Egypt just as I punished Jerusalem with the sword, with famine, and with the plague,

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¹³ I will punish you here in Egypt like I punished others in Jerusalem, some of whom were killed by their enemies' swords and some of whom died from famines or diseases.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:14**ULT**

¹⁴ so that none of the remnant of Judah who have gone to live in the land of Egypt will escape or survive or return to the land of Judah, to which they desire to return and live; and none of them will return except a few who escaped from there.”

UST

¹⁴ None of you people who came from Judah and now live in Egypt, none of you will be successful in any attempt to escape from Egypt, you will not grow in numbers while you live in Egypt, and you will not be able to return to Judah, even though you desire to return to Judah, you will not be able to go back there to live and make your homes. None of you will be able to return to Judah, except only a very small number of you who will be able able to escape from Egypt and to return Judah and live there.”

What does Yahweh say about the remnant of Judah?

He says that none of them who want to return to Judah will return, though a few will escape from Egypt.

Jeremiah 44:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then all the men who knew that their wives were burning incense to other gods, and all the women who were in the great assembly, and all the people who were living in Lower and Upper Egypt, answered Jeremiah.

UST

¹⁵ Then a large group of the people who had started to live in northern Egypt and southern Egypt, including all the men who knew that their wives had been burning incense to other gods, and all the women who were standing there, said this to me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:16**ULT**

¹⁶ They said, "About the word that you have told us in Yahweh's name—we will not listen to you.

UST

¹⁶ "You are saying that Yahweh gave messages to you, but we will not pay any attention to your messages!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For we will certainly do all the things that we said we would do—burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her just as we, our ancestors, our kings, and our leaders did in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem. Then we will be filled with food and will prosper, without experiencing any disaster.

UST

¹⁷ We will certainly do everything that we said that we would do. We will burn incense to worship our goddess Asherah, the Queen of Heaven, and we will pour out offerings of wine to her, just like we and our ancestors and our kings and their officials have always done in the streets of Jerusalem and in the other towns in Judah. At that time, we had plenty of food, and we were prosperous and we did not have any troubles.

What did the people think would happen if they continued to burned incense and pour out drink offerings to the Queen of Heaven?

The people thought they would be filled with food and would prosper, without experiencing any disaster if they burned incense and poured out drink offerings to the Queen of Heaven.

Jeremiah 44:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When we refrained from doing these things, not offering incense to the queen of heaven and not pouring out drink offerings to her, we were all suffering poverty and were dying by sword and famine.”

UST

¹⁸ But ever since we stopped burning incense to the Queen of Heaven and giving her offerings of wine, we have had many troubles, and some of our people have been killed by our enemies or died from hunger.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The women said, “When we were making incense offerings before the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, was it against our husbands that we did these things, making cakes in her image and pouring out drink offerings to her?”

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¹⁹ And the women said, “Furthermore, we burned incense and poured out wine offerings to the Queen of Heaven, and we also made small cakes that resembled her idol, to offer to her, and we poured drinks to honor her. But our husbands certainly knew about and approved of what we were doing!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Jeremiah said to all the people—to the men and women, and all the people who answered him—he proclaimed and said,

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²⁰ Then I said to all the men and women who had answered me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:21**ULT**

²¹ “Did not Yahweh remember the incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem —you and your ancestors, your kings and leaders, and the people of the land? For Yahweh calls this to mind; it comes to his thoughts.

UST

²¹ “Do not think that Yahweh did not know that you and your ancestors and your kings and their officials and all the other people in Judah were burning incense to worship idols in the streets of Jerusalem and in the other towns in Judah! He knew about it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:22**ULT**

²² Then he was no longer able to bear it because of your wicked practices, because of the abominations that you did. Then your land became a desolation, a horror, and a curse so there was no longer an inhabitant as at this present day.

UST

²² It was because Yahweh could no longer endure your wicked actions and the detestable things that you were doing that he caused your land to be a place whose name people say when they curse someone, a land that is ruined and which has no one living in it. And your land is still like that.

What was it that Yahweh could no longer bear?

He could no longer bear what the people did.

What happened to their land after Yahweh could no longer bear what the people did?

Their land became a desolation, a horror, and a curse.

Jeremiah 44:23**ULT**

²³ Because you burned incense and sinned against Yahweh, and because you would not listen to his voice, his law, his statutes, or his covenant decrees, this disaster against you has happened as at this present day.”

UST

²³ It is because you burned incense to worship idols and committed other sins against Yahweh that you experienced all those disasters. It is because you have not obeyed him or obeyed his laws and decrees and commandments.”

Why did this disaster happen to them?

Because they burned incense to worship idols and sinned against Yahweh, and because they would not listen to him.

Jeremiah 44:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then Jeremiah said to all the people and all the women, “Hear the word of Yahweh, all of Judah who are in the land of Egypt.

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²⁴ Then Jeremiah said to all of them, including the women, “All you people of Judah who are here in Egypt, listen to this message from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:25**ULT**

²⁵ Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, ‘You and your wives both have said with your mouths and carried out with your hands what you said, “We will certainly carry out the vows that we made to worship the queen of heaven, to pour out drink offerings to her.” Now fulfill your vows; carry them out.’

UST

²⁵ This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says to you men: ‘You and your wives have said that you would continue to do what you promised, to burn incense and pour out wine to the goddess whom you call the Queen of Heaven. And you have proved by your actions that you intend to continue to do that. So go ahead and continue doing what you have promised to do for her.’

What did Jeremiah tell those who wanted to fulfill their vows to the Queen of Heaven?

He told them to fulfill their vows.

Jeremiah 44:26**ULT**

²⁶ So then, hear the word of Yahweh, all of Judah who are staying in the land of Egypt, 'See, I have sworn by my great name—says Yahweh. My name will no longer be called upon by the mouths of any of the men of Judah in all the land of Egypt, you who now say, "As the Lord Yahweh lives."

UST

²⁶ But now, all you people from Judah who are now living here in Egypt, listen to this message from Yahweh. He says, 'I have solemnly declared, using my great name, that soon none of you people from Judah who are here in Egypt will ever again use my name. There will be none of you who, when you solemnly promise to do something, will ever again say, "I will do it as surely as Yahweh lives."

What did Jeremiah say the people would do after they fulfilled their vows? (vv26-27)

He told them that they would never again worship Yahweh, but they would all perish by sword and famine.

Jeremiah 44:27**ULT**

²⁷ See, I am watching over them for disaster and not for good. Every person of Judah in the land of Egypt will perish by sword and famine until they are all finished.

UST

²⁷ Because I will be watching over you, not to cause good things to happen to you but to cause things to happen that will harm you. Almost everyone from Judah who is now here in Egypt will be killed by their enemies' swords or die from famine until almost all of you have come to an end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then the survivors of the sword will return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah, only a small number of them. So all the remnant of Judah who went to the land of Egypt to live there will know whose word will stand—mine or theirs.

UST

²⁸ Only a very few of you will not die by the sword and will return to Judah. When that happens, all those who came to Egypt will find out whose words were true, theirs or mine.'

What will happen to those who do not die by the sword?

They will return from Egypt to Judah.

Jeremiah 44:29**ULT**

²⁹ This will be the sign for you—this is Yahweh's declaration—that I am setting against you in this place, so that you will know that my words will certainly attack you with disaster.'

UST

²⁹ And Yahweh also says, 'I will do something that will prove to you that everything that I have said will happen, and that I will punish you here in this place.'

What will the people understand when Hophra dies?

They will understand that Yahweh will do to them everything he said he would do.

Jeremiah 44:30**ULT**

³⁰ Yahweh says this, 'Look, I am about to give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those who seek to kill him. It will be the same as when I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his enemy who sought his life.'"

UST

³⁰ I will cause Hophra, the king of Egypt, to be captured by his enemies who want to kill him, just like I caused King Zedekiah of Judah to be captured by the soldiers of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.'"

What does Yahweh say he will do with Pharaoh Hophra?

He says he will give Pharaoh Hophra to his enemies.

Jeremiah 45

Jeremiah 45:1

ULT

¹ This is the word that Jeremiah the prophet told Baruch son of Neriah. This happened when he wrote in a scroll these words at Jeremiah's dictation—this was in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, and he said,

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¹ After Jehoiakim son of King Josiah had been ruling Judah for almost four years, Baruch son of Neriah wrote down all the messages that the prophet Jeremiah had dictated. Jeremiah gave a message and he said,

Why did Yahweh give Jeremiah a message for Baruch? (vv1-3)

He did it because Baruch was saying that Yahweh was making him sad.

Jeremiah 45:2

ULT

² "Yahweh, God of Israel, says this to you, Baruch:

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² "Baruch, Yahweh, the God of Israel, has a message for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 45:3

ULT

³ You have said, 'Woe is me, for Yahweh has added agony to my pain. My groaning has wearied me; I find no rest.'

UST

³ You have said, 'Terrible things are happening to me! I have endured much pain already. And now Yahweh is causing me to be very sad, in addition to my having pain. I am exhausted from my groaning, and I am unable to rest!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 45:4**ULT**

⁴ This is what you must say to him: ‘Yahweh says this: See, what I built, I am now tearing down. What I planted, I am now pulling up—I will do this throughout all the earth.

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⁴ But Baruch, this is what Yahweh says: ‘I will destroy this nation that I established. This nation is like a tree that I planted and that I will now pull up with its roots. I will do this everywhere in the world.

What does Yahweh plan to do to Baruch’s nation?

He plans to destroy it.

Jeremiah 45:5**ULT**

⁵ But are you hoping for great things for yourself? Do not hope for that. For see, disaster is coming on all humanity—this is Yahweh’s declaration—but I am giving you your life as your plunder everywhere you will go.”

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⁵ So, should you desire that people do things to honor you in a special way? Do not desire that. It is true that I will cause all these people to experience a great disaster, but wherever you go, I will protect you, and you will not be killed.”

What should Baruch not desire?

He should not desire people to honor him in a special way.

What does Yahweh promise to do for Baruch?

Yahweh promises to protect Baruch wherever he goes.

Jeremiah 46

Jeremiah 46:1

ULT

¹ This is the word of Yahweh that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

UST

¹ These are messages that Yahweh gave to the prophet Jeremiah about other nations.

What does Yahweh tell the army of Egypt to do? (vv1-4)

He tells them to get their shields, horses, spears, and armor ready and go forward to fight.

Jeremiah 46:2

ULT

² For Egypt: "This is about the army of Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt that was at Carchemish by the Euphrates river. This was the army that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah:

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² After Jehoiakim son of King Josiah, had been ruling Judah for almost four years, this message about Egypt was given to me by Yahweh. It was when the army of King Necho of Egypt was defeated by the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon at Carchemish by the Euphrates River. This is what Yahweh said: "The officers of the army of Egypt are saying to their troops,

Who are the two kings who are going to have a war?

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and Neco king of Egypt were going to war.

Jeremiah 46:3

ULT

³ Get the small shields and the large shields ready, and go forward to fight.

UST

³ 'Prepare your small and large shields and march out to fight the battle!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:4**ULT**

⁴ Put the harness on the horses; mount up on the horses and take your stand with your helmets on; polish the spears and put on your armor.

UST

⁴ Put harnesses on your horses, and get on their backs. Get into your positions for the battle; put on your helmets. Sharpen your spears, and put on your armor!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:5**ULT**

⁵ What am I seeing here? They are filled with terror and are running away, for their soldiers are defeated. They are running for safety and are not looking back. Terror is all around—this is Yahweh's declaration—

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⁵ But what do I see? I see that the soldiers of Egypt will be terrified and will be fleeing. Even the bravest of their soldiers will be running away, without even looking backward! I, Yahweh, say that their soldiers will be terrified on all sides!

What does Yahweh see the Egyptian army doing? (vv5-6)

He sees the Egyptian soldiers running for safety but defeated at the Euphrates River.

Jeremiah 46:6**ULT**

⁶ the swift cannot run away, and the soldiers cannot escape. They stumble in the north and fall beside the Euphrates River.

UST

⁶ Even the fastest runners will try to run away, but even the greatest of their warriors will not escape. In the north, by the Euphrates River, they will stumble and fall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:7**ULT**

⁷ Who is this who rises like the Nile, whose waters toss up and down like the rivers?

UST

⁷ What group is this that will be covering the land like the water of the Nile River covers the land when it floods and its waves surge?

What does Yahweh compare the Egyptian army to? (vv7-8)

The army is like the Nile River when it floods and destroys cities and inhabitants.

Jeremiah 46:8**ULT**

⁸ Egypt rises like the Nile, like rivers of water that rise and fall. Egypt says, 'I will go up and I will cover the earth. I will destroy cities and their inhabitants.'

UST

⁸ The kingdom of Egypt rises and falls like the Nile that surging with a flood of water, and Egypt will boast that they will cover the earth and will destroy cities and the people who live in them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:9**ULT**

⁹ Go up, horses. Be angry, you chariots. Let the soldiers go out, Cush and Put, men skillful with a shield, and Ludim, men skillful at bending their bows.'

UST

⁹ You riders of horses, charge into the battle! You drivers of chariots, drive furiously like a crazy person! All you warriors from Ethiopia and Libya who carry your shields, you warriors from Lydia who shoot arrows, you come!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:10**ULT**

¹⁰ That day will be the day of vengeance for the Lord Yahweh of hosts, and he will avenge himself on his foes. The sword will devour and be satisfied. It will drink its fill of their blood. For there will be a sacrifice to the Yahweh Lord of hosts in the northern land by the Euphrates River.

UST

¹⁰ But, you need to know that this is the day when I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will get revenge on my enemies. With my sword I will kill my enemies until I am satisfied; my sword will be like a monster that drinks the blood of the animals it kills until it is no longer thirsty. The enemy soldiers who will be killed in the north beside the Euphrates River will be like a sacrifice to me, the Lord Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

How will Yahweh get his vengeance?

He will get his vengeance when the sword devours and is satisfied. That will be like a sacrifice to Yahweh.

Jeremiah 46:11**ULT**

¹¹ Go up to Gilead and obtain medicine, virgin daughter of Egypt. It is useless that you put much medicine on yourself. There is no cure for you.

UST

¹¹ You innocent people of Egypt, go up to the region of Gilead to obtain medicine; but it will be useless to take all those medicines; you will not be healed.

What does Yahweh tell Egypt to do? (vv11-12)

They are to go to Gilead for medicine, but it will not cure them.

Jeremiah 46:12**ULT**

¹² The nations have heard of your disgrace. The earth is filled with your laments, for soldier stumbles against soldier; both of them fall together."

UST

¹² People in the other nations hear how you were humiliated. People all over the earth hear you wailing. Your mighty warriors stumble over each other and they all fall down together."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:13**ULT**

¹³ This is the word that Yahweh told Jeremiah the prophet when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came and attacked the land of Egypt:

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¹³ Then Yahweh gave to the prophet Jeremiah this message about King Nebuchadnezzar when he planned to attack Egypt with his army:

What did Yahweh tell the people of Migdol and Memphis to do? (vv13-14)

He told them to go to Tahpanhes and fight there.

Jeremiah 46:14**ULT**

¹⁴ "Announce in Egypt, and proclaim it in Migdol, Memphis, and Tahpanhes. 'Take your station and prepare yourself, for the sword will devour those around you.'

UST

¹⁴ "Shout this message throughout Egypt! Proclaim it in the cities of Migdol, Memphis, and Tahpanhes! 'Get into your positions for the battle; Prepare to defend yourselves, because everyone around you will be killed.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Why are your mighty ones face-down on the ground? They will not stand, because I, Yahweh, have pushed them to the ground.

UST

¹⁵ Why do those whose strength you trust fall down? They cannot stand up, because Yahweh will knock them down.

What has happened to Egypt's gods?

Apis the bull-god has run away and Yahweh has thrown him down.

Jeremiah 46:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He increases the numbers of those who stumble. Each soldier falls against the next one. They are saying, 'Get up. Let us go home. Let us go back to our own people, to our native land. Let us leave this sword that is beating us down.'

UST

¹⁶ The soldiers from other countries will stumble and fall over each other, and then they will say to each other, "Let us get up and go back to our own people, to our own land. Let us get away from the swords of our enemies!"

What do the soldiers want to do? (vv16-17)

They want to go to their homes.

Jeremiah 46:17**ULT**

¹⁷ They proclaimed there, 'Pharaoh the king of Egypt is only a noise, one who has let his opportunity slip away.'

UST

¹⁷ There in Egypt they will say, "The king of Egypt talks loudly, but when our army had an opportunity to defeat our enemies, they failed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:18**ULT**

¹⁸ As I live—declares the King, whose name is Yahweh of hosts— someone will come like Mount Tabor and Mount Carmel by the sea.

UST

¹⁸ I, the King, who is called Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say this: 'As surely as I live, an army is coming to fight against the army of Egypt. They will be extremely powerful, as though they were as tall as Tabor Hill, or as high as Mount Carmel, close to the Mediterranean Sea.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Pack for yourselves baggage to carry into exile, you who live in Egypt. For Memphis will become a waste, it will lie in ruins and no one will live there.

UST

¹⁹ All you people who live in Egypt, pack your possessions and prepare to be exiled. Memphis will be destroyed; it will become a ruin, and no people will be living there.

What does Yahweh say Egypt needs to prepare for?

He says Egypt needs to prepare for captivity.

Jeremiah 46:20**ULT**

²⁰ Egypt is a very beautiful young cow, but a stinging insect is coming from the north. It is coming.

UST

²⁰ Egypt is like a beautiful young cow, but a powerful king from the northeast is surely coming to attack it like a horsefly bites a cow.

What animals does the writer say Egypt is like before the battle? (vv20-21)

Egypt is a beautiful young cow, and the hired soldiers are like a fattened bull.

Jeremiah 46:21**ULT**

²¹ The hired soldiers in her midst are like a fattened bull, but they will also turn away and run away. They will not stand together, for the day of their disaster is coming against them, the time of their punishment.

UST

²¹ The mercenaries that Egypt has hired are like fat calves because of the Egyptians' money; but they also will turn around and run away; they will not stand there and fight, because it will be a day when there will be a great disaster for Egypt, a day when their people will be greatly punished.

What animal does the writer say Egypt is like after the battle?

He says Egypt is like a snake.

Jeremiah 46:22**ULT**

²² Egypt hisses like a snake and crawls away, for her enemies are marching against her. They are going toward her like woodcutters with axes.

UST

²² The soldiers of Egypt will run away, as silently as a snake slithers away. The army of the enemy will advance; they will march along carrying their axes like men who cut down trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:23**ULT**

²³ They will cut down the forests—this is Yahweh's declaration—although it is very dense. For the enemies will be more numerous than locusts, unable to be counted.

UST

²³ I, Yahweh, say that they will kill the soldiers of Egypt as though they were cutting down a forest of trees, because the enemy soldiers will be as numerous as a swarm of locusts.

Who will kill the soldiers of Egypt? (vv23-24)

People from the north will cut them down.

Jeremiah 46:24**ULT**

²⁴ The daughter of Egypt will be made ashamed. She will be given into the hand of people from the north."

UST

²⁴ The people of Egypt will be humiliated; they will be conquered by people from the northeast.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:25**ULT**

²⁵ Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, says, “See, I am about to punish Amon of Thebes, Pharaoh, Egypt and her gods, her kings the Pharaohs, and those who trust in them.

UST

²⁵ I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say, ‘I will punish Amon, the god whom the people of the city of Thebes worship, and all the other gods in Egypt. I will punish the king of Egypt and all those who trust in him.

To whom will Yahweh give Egypt? (vv25-26)

He will give Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar.

Jeremiah 46:26**ULT**

²⁶ I am giving them into the hand of the ones seeking their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his servants. Then after this Egypt will be inhabited as in previous days—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

²⁶ I will cause them to be captured by those who want to kill them—Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and his army officers. But many years later, people will live in Egypt again. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:27**ULT**

²⁷ But you, my servant Jacob, do not fear. Do not be dismayed, Israel, for see, I am about to bring you back from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Then Jacob will return, find peace, and be secure, and there will be no one to terrify him.

UST

²⁷ But you people of Israel who serve me, do not be at all dismayed now, because some day I will bring you back from distant places; I will bring your descendants from the land to which they were exiled. Then you Israelite people will again live peacefully and safely, and there will not be any nation to cause you to be terrified.

What does Yahweh say he will do for his people Israel? (vv27-28)

He will bring them out of captivity, return them to their land where they will find peace and be secure, bring destruction to the nations where they were scattered, discipline them justly, but not destroy them completely.

Jeremiah 46:28**ULT**

²⁸ You, my servant Jacob, do not fear—this is Yahweh's declaration—for I am with you, so I will bring complete destruction against all the nations where I scattered you. But I will not destroy you completely. Yet I will discipline you justly and will certainly not leave you unpunished.”

UST

²⁸ I, Yahweh, say to you people of Israel who serve me, ‘Do not be afraid, because I will be with you. I will completely destroy the nations among whom I have scattered you, but I will not completely get rid of you. I will punish you, but I will punish you only as severely as you deserve: it would be wrong if I did not punish you at all.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 47

Jeremiah 47:1

ULT

¹ This is the word of Yahweh that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines. This word came to him before Pharaoh attacked Gaza.

UST

¹ Yahweh gave to the prophet Jeremiah a message about the people of Philistia. The message was given to him before the city of Gaza in Philistia was captured by the army of Egypt.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the people of Philistia? (vv1-2)

They will be attacked from the north and they will all lament(weep).

Jeremiah 47:2

ULT

² "Yahweh says this: See, floods of water are rising in the north. They will be like an overflowing river! Then they will overflow the land and everything in it, its cities and its inhabitants! So everyone will shout for help, and all the inhabitants of the land will lament.

UST

² This is what Yahweh said: "An army will be coming from the northeast that will cover the land like a flood. They will destroy the land and everything in it; they will destroy people and cities. People will scream out for help; and everyone in the land will wail in mourning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 47:3

ULT

³ At the sound of the stamping of their strong horses' hooves, at the roar of their chariots and the noise of their wheels, fathers will not help their children because of their own weakness.

UST

³ They will hear the sound of the hooves of the enemy horses, and they will hear the rumble of the wheels of their enemies' chariots. Men will run away; they will not stop to help their own children but will be completely weak and helpless.

How will the people of Philistia know the enemy is coming to destroy them? (vv3-4)

They will hear the sound of horses' hooves and the rumble of the chariots. Men will run away, they will not stop to help their children, and they will be weak and helpless.

Jeremiah 47:4**ULT**

⁴ For the day is coming that will devastate all of the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every survivor who wants to help them. For Yahweh is devastating the Philistines, those who remain from the island of Caphtor.

UST

⁴ It will be the time for all the people of Philistia to be destroyed, and the time to stop the remaining soldiers from being able to help the people living in the cities of Tyre and Sidon. I, Yahweh, will destroy the people of Philistia, those whose ancestors long ago came from Island of Crete.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 47:5**ULT**

⁵ Baldness will come upon Gaza. As for Ashkelon, the people who are left in their valley will be made silent. How long will you cut yourself in mourning?

UST

⁵ The people of Gaza will be humiliated; they will shave off all the hair on their heads to indicate that they are ashamed. The people of the city of Ashkelon will all be silent because they will be mourning. All you people who live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea who are still alive, how long will you gash yourselves because you are mourning?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 47:6**ULT**

⁶ Woe, sword of Yahweh! How long will it be until you become silent? Go back to your scabbard! Stop and be silent.

UST

⁶ The people of Philistia say, "Yahweh, when will you tell our enemies to stop killing us with their swords? Tell them to put them back into their sheaths and allow them to stay there!"

What are the people of Philistia asking Yahweh to do? (vv6-7)

They are asking him to stop killing them.

Jeremiah 47:7

ULT

⁷ How can it rest when Yahweh has commanded it, when he has ordered it to attack Ashkelon and the coastlands along the sea?"

UST

⁷ But it would not be right for their swords to stay there, because Yahweh has commanded their enemies to do something more; Yahweh intends to tell them to attack all the people living in Ashkelon and in other cities along the coast.

Why will Yahweh not stop the killing?

Because he intends to attack all people living in Ashkelon and the cities along the coast.

Jeremiah 48

Jeremiah 48:1

ULT

¹ To Moab, Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, "Woe to Nebo, for it has been devastated. Kiriathaim has been humiliated and captured. Her fortress has been disgraced and crushed.

UST

¹ This is a message about Moab. Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says, "Terrible things will happen to the city of Nebo; it will soon be ruined. the city of Kiriathaim will be put to shame. It is taken! The defended fortress will be ruined, and its people will become ashamed.

What does Yahweh say about Moab? (vv1-2)

Devastation will happen to the cities, no one will honor Moab, and their enemies will try to destroy her as a nation.

Jeremiah 48:2

ULT

² The honor of Moab is no more. Their enemies in Heshbon plotted disaster against her. They said, 'Come and let us destroy her as a nation. Madmen will also perish—a sword will go after you.'

UST

² No one will boast about Moab again; the enemies of Moab will plan to destroy the capital city, Heshbon. They will say, 'Come, let us cause Moab to no longer be a nation.' You also, You Madmen! you also will be silenced; enemy armies will pursue you to kill you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:3

ULT

³ Listen! A sound of screaming is coming from Horonaim, where there is ruin and great destruction.

UST

³ Listen to the people of Horonaim screaming; they will be wailing because their town was completely destroyed.

Why are people screaming, weeping, and crying? (vv3-5)

They are doing these things because Moab has been destroyed.

Jeremiah 48:4**ULT**

⁴ Moab has been destroyed. Her children have made their cries heard.

UST

⁴ All of Moab will be ruined; even the little children will cry loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:5**ULT**

⁵ They go up the hill of Luhith weeping, for on the way down to Horonaim, screams are heard because of the destruction.

UST

⁵ They will cry bitterly as they climb up Luhith hill. Others will wail on the road down to Horonaim. They were so very sad because their town was completely destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:6**ULT**

⁶ Flee! Save your lives and become like a juniper bush in the wilderness.

UST

⁶ Someone will say to them, 'Flee! Hide in the desert!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:7**ULT**

⁷ For because of your trust in your practices and your wealth, you also will be captured. Then Chemosh will go away into captivity, together with his priests and leaders.

UST

⁷ But you trusted that because you were rich and powerful, you would be safe; so you will be captured. Your god Chemosh and all his priests and officials will be taken away to distant lands.

Why will Chemosh and his priests and leaders go away into captivity?

They were putting their trust in their practices and their wealth.

Jeremiah 48:8**ULT**

⁸ For the destroyer will come to every city; no city will escape. So the valley will perish and the plain will be devastated, as Yahweh has said.

UST

⁸ All the towns in Moab will be destroyed; none of them will escape. Towns in the valleys and on the plateau will all be destroyed, because Yahweh has said that is what will happen.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the towns in Moab?

They will all be destroyed, none of them will escape.

Jeremiah 48:9**ULT**

⁹ Give wings to Moab, for she must certainly fly away. Her cities will become a wasteland, where there is no one to live in them.

UST

⁹ Someone should help all the people in Moab to run away, so that their land will be empty, so that no one will live in it any longer."

What is to happen to their cities?

They will become a wasteland where no one lives.

Jeremiah 48:10**ULT**

¹⁰ May anyone who is lazy in doing Yahweh's work be cursed! May anyone who keeps his sword back from shedding blood be cursed!

UST

¹⁰ May Yahweh punish anyone who will not eagerly do what he desires; may he curse anyone who refrains from using his sword to kill the people in Moab.

What will Yahweh do to anyone who will not kill Moabites for him?

Yahweh will curse him.

Jeremiah 48:11**ULT**

¹¹ Moab has felt secure since he was young. He is like his wine that has never been poured from pot to pot. He has never gone into captivity. Therefore he tastes as good as ever; his flavor remains unchanged.

UST

¹¹ The people of Moab have always felt secure; they have never been exiled. They are like wine that has been left undisturbed in a container for many days to give it good flavor, so now it smells good, and it tastes good.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the Moabites? (vv11-12)

He says he will send enemies to attack them and get rid of them.

Jeremiah 48:12**ULT**

¹² So see, the days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when I will send him those who will tip him over and pour out all his pots and shatter his jars.

UST

¹² But Yahweh says that there will be a time when he will send enemies to attack them; they will get rid of the people of Moab like people pour out wine on the ground and then smash the wine jar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:13**ULT**

¹³ Then Moab will be ashamed of Chemosh just as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel, their object of trust.

UST

¹³ Then the people of Moab will be ashamed of their god Chemosh that they had trusted in, because it did not help them, like the Israelite people were ashamed because their gold statue of a calf was smashed at Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:14**ULT**

¹⁴ How can you say, 'We are soldiers, powerful fighting men?'

UST

¹⁴ The soldiers of Moab previously said, "We are warriors; we have fought bravely in battles!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Moab will be devastated and its cities attacked. For its finest young men have gone down to the place of slaughter. This is the king's declaration! Yahweh of hosts is his name.

UST

¹⁵ But now our king, who is called Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says that the country of Moab and all the towns in it will be destroyed. Their fine young men will all be slaughtered.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the country of Moab? (vv15-16)

It will very soon be destroyed.

Jeremiah 48:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Moab's disaster is soon to happen; calamity is hurrying quickly.

UST

¹⁶ Moab will very soon be destroyed. They will soon experience disaster.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:17**ULT**

¹⁷ All you who are around Moab, wail; and all you who know its fame, shout this, 'Woe, the strong staff, the honored rod, has been broken.'

UST

¹⁷ You people who live in nations near Moab, who know that it is very famous, should mourn for Moab, and say, "Its glorious power is completely ended."

What should the people who live near Moab do after Moab is destroyed?

They should wail for Moab because their power has been broken.

Jeremiah 48:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Come down from your honored place and sit on the dry ground, you daughter living in Dibon. For the one who will destroy Moab is attacking you, the one who will destroy your strongholds.

UST

¹⁸ You people of the city of Dibon, stop being proud because of being honored, and sit in the dust where you will thirst for water, because those who will destroy other places in Moab will attack your city and destroy your fortifications.

What should the people in the city of Dibon and Aroer do instead of being proud? (vv18-20)

They should notice they are being attacked and take notice of people who are escaping. They should howl, lament, and shout for help because Moab has been devastated.

Jeremiah 48:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Stand on the road and watch, you people who live in Aroer. Ask the ones who are fleeing and escaping. Say, 'What has happened?'

UST

¹⁹ You people of the city of Aroer, stand along the road and watch. Shout to the men and women who will be fleeing from Moab, "What has happened there?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:20**ULT**

²⁰ Moab has been shamed, for it has been shattered. Howl and lament; shout for help. Tell it to people by the Arnon River that Moab has been devastated.

UST

²⁰ They will reply, "Moab is ruined and we are disgraced!" So weep and wail. Proclaim to Amon that Moab has been destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:21**ULT**

²¹ Now punishment has come to the hill country, to Holon, Jahzah, and Mephaath,

UST

²¹ Yahweh is punishing the towns of Moab that are on the plateau: Holon and Jahaz and Mephaath,

What punishment has come to all the cities in the land of Moab? (vv21-25)

Yahweh has punished many cities. The horn of Moab has been hacked off; its arm has been broken.

Jeremiah 48:22**ULT**

²² to Dibon, Nebo, and Beth Diblathaim,

UST

²² Dibon and Nebo and Beth Diblathaim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:23**ULT**

²³ to Kiriathaim, Beth Gamul, and Beth Meon,

UST

²³ Kiriathaim and Beth Gamul and Beth Meon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:24**ULT**

²⁴ To Kerioth and Bozrah, and to all the cities in the land of Moab— the farthest and the closest cities.

UST

²⁴ Kerioth and Bozrah. He is punishing cities that are near each other and towns that are far away from each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:25**ULT**

²⁵ The horn of Moab has been hacked off; its arm has been broken—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

²⁵ Yahweh says, "The power of Moab will be finished; it is as though it will have a broken arm.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:26**ULT**

²⁶ Make him drunk, because he acted proudly against Yahweh. Let Moab wallow in his vomit, and let him be an object of ridicule.

UST

²⁶ You people of Moab thought you were powerful enough to rebel against me, Yahweh; so now I will cause you all to stagger like drunken people. You people of Moab will wallow in your own vomit and be ridiculed.

The Moabites thought they were powerful against Yahweh, but what will Yahweh do to them? (vv26-27)

Yahweh will judge Moab and their enemies will laugh at them.

Jeremiah 48:27**ULT**

²⁷ For did not Israel become an object for laughter to you? Was he found among thieves, so that you shook your head at him as often as you spoke about him?

UST

²⁷ Did you not ridicule the people of Israel? Did you think they were nothing but thieves, so that you shook your head at them with scorn, and despised them every time you spoke about them?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:28**ULT**

²⁸ Abandon the cities and camp on the cliffs, inhabitants of Moab. Become like a dove that is nesting over the mouth of a hole in the rocks.

UST

²⁸ You people who live in Moab, you should abandon your towns and go and live in caves. Be like pigeons that make their nests in the entrances of caves."

What should the inhabitants do because of their pride? (vv28-29)

They should abandon the cities and camp on the cliffs in the rocks.

Jeremiah 48:29**ULT**

²⁹ We have heard of Moab's pride—his arrogance, his haughtiness, his pride, his self-glory and the conceit in his heart.

UST

²⁹ We have all heard that the people of Moab are very proud; they are extremely proud and conceited.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:30**ULT**

³⁰ This is Yahweh's declaration—I myself know his defiant speech, which amounts to nothing, like his deeds.

UST

³⁰ But Yahweh says, "I know about that, but it is useless for them to boast because it will accomplish nothing.

Why does Yahweh lament, shout in sorrow, and weep for the people in Moab? (vv30-32)

Yahweh laments because he knows Moab's defiant speech amounts to nothing.

Jeremiah 48:31**ULT**

³¹ So I will howl a lament for Moab, and I will shout in sorrow for all of Moab. I will lament for the people of Kir Hareseth.

UST

³¹ So now I will wail for Moab; I will cry about all its people. I will moan for the men of the city of Kir Hareseth, the old capital of Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:32**ULT**

³² I will weep for you more than I did for Jazer, vine of Sibmah! Your branches passed across the Salt Sea and reached as far as Jazer. The destroyers have attacked your summer fruit and your wine.

UST

³² You people of the city of Sibmah, you have many vineyards, and I will be sad when they are destroyed. It is as though the branches of your vines extend across the Dead Sea to the city of Jazer, but the enemies of Moab will take your grapes and wine from you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:33**ULT**

³³ So celebration and rejoicing have been taken away from the fruit trees and the land of Moab. I have put an end to the wine from their winepresses. They will not tread with joyful shouts. Any shouts will not be shouts of joy.

UST

³³ But no one will be joyful or happy in Moab now; your fruit and grapes that ripen in the summer will soon be destroyed. There will be no grape juice coming from the winepresses, so there will be no wine. People will not shout joyfully as they tread on the grapes; people will shout, but they will not be shouting joyfully.

What has Yahweh done to Moab?

He has taken away their celebration and rejoicing.

Jeremiah 48:34**ULT**

³⁴ From the shouts at Heshbon as far as Elealeh, their sound is heard at Jahaz, from Zoar to Horonaim and Eglath Shelishiyah, since even the waters of Nimrim have dried up.

UST

³⁴ Instead, the sound of their wailing will rise from the city of Heshbon to the town of Elealeh and the village of Jahaz, from the city of Zoar as far as the town of Horonaim Eglath Shelishiyah. Even the water in the stream of Nimrim will be dried up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:35**ULT**

³⁵ For I will put an end to anyone in Moab who makes sacrifices on the high places and burns incense to his gods—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

³⁵ I, Yahweh, say that I will get rid of the people who offer sacrifices on the hilltops, those who burn incense to their gods.

What does Yahweh say he will do to the people of Moab who offer sacrifices and burn incense to their gods?

He will get rid of those people.

Jeremiah 48:36**ULT**

³⁶ So my heart is lamenting for Moab like a flute. My heart is lamenting like flutes for the people of Kir Hareseth. The riches they gained are gone.

UST

³⁶ I moan for the people of Moab and Kir Hareseth like someone playing a funeral song on a flute, because all their wealth will disappear.

How do the people of Kir Heres express their sorrow because their riches are gone? (vv36-37)

They shave their heads and beards, cut their hands, and wear sackcloth around their waists.

Jeremiah 48:37**ULT**

³⁷ For every head is bald and every beard shaved. Incisions are on every hand, and sackcloth is around their waists.

UST

³⁷ The men will shave their heads and their beards to show that they are mourning. They all will slash their hands and wear rough cloth around their waists.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:38**ULT**

³⁸ There is mourning everywhere, on every flat roof of Moab and in Moab's plazas. For I have destroyed Moab like pots that no one wants—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

³⁸ In every home and in the town plazas in Moab there will be people who are mourning, because I will have destroyed Moab like someone smashes an old jar that no one wants anymore.

Why is there mourning everywhere on the roofs and in the plazas? (vv38-39)

Because Yahweh has destroyed Moab as people destroy pots that no one wants.

Jeremiah 48:39**ULT**

³⁹ How it has been shattered! How they howl in their lamenting! Moab turns its back in shame! So Moab will become an object of derision and a terror to all those who are around him."

UST

³⁹ Moab will be completely shattered with terror! And you will hear the people wailing loudly! They will be disgraced. Moab will become a nation that people ridicule. The people in nearby countries will be horrified about what has happened there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ For Yahweh says this, "See, the enemy will come flying like an eagle, spreading out his wings over Moab.

UST

⁴⁰ This is what I, Yahweh, say: 'Look! Their enemies will be swooping down over Moab like an eagle swoops down to seize an animal.

What does Yahweh say the capture of Kerioth will be like? (vv40-41)

It will happen quickly, like when an eagle gets its prey. The enemy will seize the strongholds, and the soldiers will be afraid.

Jeremiah 48:41**ULT**

⁴¹ Kerioth has been captured, and its strongholds have been seized. For in that day the hearts of Moab's soldiers will be like the hearts of women in birth labor.

UST

⁴¹ Its cities will be captured, its fortresses will be seized. Even their warriors will be afraid, like a woman who is about to give birth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:42**ULT**

⁴² So Moab will be destroyed and be no longer a people, because he made himself to be great against Yahweh.

UST

⁴² Moab boasted against me, Yahweh, so it will be destroyed.

How will Yahweh destroy Moab? (vv42-44)

Yahweh will cause the people to be terrified and fall into pits and traps.

Jeremiah 48:43**ULT**

⁴³ Terror and the pit, and a trap are coming on you, inhabitant of Moab—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

⁴³ I, Yahweh, say that you people of Moab will be terrified, and fall into pits and traps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ Anyone who flees because of terror will fall into the pit, and anyone who climbs out of the pit will be caught in the trap, for I will bring this on them in the year of my vengeance against them—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

⁴⁴ Those who are terrified and try to run away will fall into deep pits. Whoever climbs out of a pit will be caught in a trap, because I will punish them at the time that I have appointed.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ The ones who flee will stand in the shadow of Heshbon without any strength, for fire will go out from Heshbon, flame from the middle of Sihon. It will devour the forehead of Moab and the top of the heads of the boastful people.

UST

⁴⁵ The people will flee as far as the city of Heshbon, but they will not be able to go any further, because a fire will burn in Heshbon, which is the city where King Sihon lived long ago, and it will burn up all the people in Moab who noisily boasted very much.

Why will the people flee only as far as the city of Heshbon?

Because a fire will be burning in Heshbon, and it will burn up all the people in Moab who boasted.

Jeremiah 48:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ Woe to you, Moab! Chemosh's people are destroyed, For your sons are taken as captives and your daughters into captivity.

UST

⁴⁶ You people of Moab, terrible things will happen to you! You people who worship your god Chemosh, you will be destroyed. Your sons and your daughters will be captured and taken away to other countries.

What does Jeremiah say will happen to the Moabites? (vv46-47)

The Moabites will be destroyed and their sons and daughters will be captured and taken to other countries, but someday Yahweh will allow them to return to their land.

Jeremiah 48:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ But I will restore the fortunes of Moab in later days—this is Yahweh's declaration." The judgment on Moab ends here.

UST

⁴⁷ But some day, I will enable the people of Moab to return to their land again. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it." That is the end of what Jeremiah prophesied about Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49

Jeremiah 49:1

ULT

¹ About the people of Ammon, Yahweh says this, “Does Israel have no children? Is there no one to inherit anything in Israel? Why does Molech occupy Gad, and his people live in its cities? ^[1]”

UST

¹ This message is about the people who descended from Ammon. This is what Yahweh says: “There are plenty of Israelite people left to occupy the land of the tribe of Gad. So, why are the people who worship the god Molech living in those towns?”

Why should Molech not occupy the land of Gad?

Molech should not occupy Gad because it belongs to the children of Israel.

Jeremiah 49:2

ULT

² So look, the days are coming—this is Yahweh’s declaration—when I will sound the signal for battle against Rabbah among the people of Ammon, so it will become a deserted heap and its villages will be set on fire. For Israel will possess those who possessed him,” says Yahweh.

UST

² There will be a time when I will sound the battle cry for their enemies to attack their capital city, Rabbah. Then it will become a heap of ruins, and all the nearby towns will be burned. Then the people of Israel will again possess the land that the people of Ammon took away from them.

What will happen to Rabbah?

It will become a deserted heap.

Jeremiah 49:3**ULT**

³ “Howl in lament, Heshbon, for Ai will be devastated! Shout out, daughters of Rabbah! Put on sackcloth. Lament and run about in futility, for Molech is going into captivity, together with his priests and leaders.

UST

³ You people of the city of Heshbon, wail, because the city of Ai will be destroyed. You women in the city of Rabbah, weep; put on rough clothing to show you are mourning; run back and forth in confusion inside the city walls, because your god Molech, along with its priests and officials, will be taken away in exile.

What will happen to Molech?

The cities will be destroyed and the people will go into captivity.

Jeremiah 49:4**ULT**

⁴ Why do you brag about your valleys, your valleys that are so fruitful, faithless daughter? you who trust in your wealth and say, ‘Who will come against me?’

UST

⁴ Why do you brag about your valleys, your valleys that are so fruitful, you faithless daughter? You think that your wealth will bring you protection against your enemies and so you dare to ask, “Who is there who can come against me?”

What does the faithless daughter trust in?

She trusts in her wealth.

Jeremiah 49:5**ULT**

⁵ See, I am about to bring terror on you—this is the declaration of Lord Yahweh of hosts— this terror will come from all those who surround you. Each one of you will be scattered before it. There will be no one to gather those running away.

UST

⁵ But listen to this: I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will cause you to become terrified. You will all be forced to flee to other countries from the enemies all around you, and no one will be able to bring you together again.

Why will the people be terrified?

They will be terrified because they will all be forced by the enemy who surround them to scatter to other countries.

Jeremiah 49:6**ULT**

⁶ But after this I will restore the fortunes of the people of Ammon—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

⁶ But some day I will enable the Ammonite people to return to their land. That will surely happen, because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What will Yahweh do for the Ammon people-group in the future?

Yahweh will restore their fortunes.

Jeremiah 49:7**ULT**

⁷ About Edom, Yahweh of hosts says this, "Is there no longer any wisdom to be found in Teman? Has good advice disappeared from those who have understanding? Has their wisdom become corrupted?"

UST

⁷ This message is about the people of Edom. This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: "It seems that there are no longer any wise people in Teman district in Edom! There are no people left who can give others good advice. The people who were wise have disappeared."

What has happened to the wise people of Edom?

The wise people of Edom have gone away.

Jeremiah 49:8**ULT**

⁸ Flee! Turn back! Stay in holes in the ground, inhabitants of Dedan. For I am bringing the disaster of Esau on him at the time that I punish him.

UST

⁸ You people of the city of Dedan, in the south of Edom, turn and flee and hide in deep caves, because I am causing disaster to happen to all the people of Edom, I will punish you!

What should the people of Edom do now that their wise people are gone?

They should flee and live in holes in the ground.

What is Yahweh going to do to Esau?

He is going to bring disaster on Esau.

Jeremiah 49:9**ULT**

⁹ If grape harvesters came to you, would they not leave a little bit behind? If thieves came in the night, would they not steal only as much as they wanted?

UST

⁹ Those who harvest grapes always leave some on the vines. When thieves come at night, they surely steal only as much as they want.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But I have stripped Esau bare. I have revealed his hiding places. So he will not be able to hide himself. His children, his brothers, and his neighbors are destroyed, and he is gone.

UST

¹⁰ But I will cause everything in Edom to be destroyed, and there will be nothing left, and there will be no place for people to hide. Many of the children, their relatives and their neighbors, will die, and Edom will not exist anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:11**ULT**

¹¹ Leave your orphans behind. I will take care of their lives, and your widows can trust in me."

UST

¹¹ Leave behind the orphans because I will take care of them, and the widows also will be able to depend on me to help them."

What does Yahweh say about the orphans and widows in Edom?

He says that he will take care of the orphans and widows.

Jeremiah 49:12**ULT**

¹² For Yahweh says this, "See, those who did not deserve it must certainly drink some of the cup. Do you yourself think you will go without punishment? You will not, for you will certainly drink."

UST

¹² And this is also what Yahweh says: "If those who do not deserve to suffer must suffer, you people of Edom must suffer much more! You will not escape being punished."

Why should the Edomites already know that Yahweh will punish them?

They have seen that even those whom Yahweh is not punishing have suffered.

Jeremiah 49:13**ULT**

¹³ For I have sworn by myself—this is Yahweh's declaration—that Bozrah will become a horror, a disgrace, a devastation, and an object for cursing. All of its cities will become devastations forever.

UST

¹³ I, Yahweh, have solemnly promised, using my own name, that your chief city Bozrah will become a place that people will be horrified about. It will be a heap of ruins. People will make fun of it and use its name when they curse people. All the nearby towns and villages will be ruined forever."

What Yahweh said he will do to Bozrah?

He will destroy it.

Jeremiah 49:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I have heard news from Yahweh, and a messenger has been sent out to the nations, 'Gather together and attack her. Get ready for battle.'

UST

¹⁴ I heard this message from Yahweh: "I have sent an ambassador to many nations, to tell them to gather together to attack Edom. They must prepare for battle!"

What was Yahweh's messenger going to tell the nations to do?

The messenger went out to the nations telling them to get ready for battle and attack Edom.

Jeremiah 49:15**ULT**

¹⁵ “For see, I have made you small compared to the other nations, despised by people.

UST

¹⁵ And Yahweh says to the people of Edom, “I will cause your nation to become very unimportant among the other nations. They will all despise your country.

What does Yahweh say to the people of Edom?

He says that he has made their nation of Edom small compared to other nations and that people will despise them.

Jeremiah 49:16**ULT**

¹⁶ As for your fearsomeness, your heart’s pride has deceived you, inhabitants of places on the cliff, you who have occupied the highest hills so that you may make your nest high like an eagle. I will bring you down from there—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

¹⁶ You have caused people of other nations to be terrified, and you have been very proud, but you have deceived yourselves. You live in caves in the rock cliffs; you think that you are safe there because you live high up there. But even if you make your homes as high up as the eagles’ nests, I will cause you to come crashing down.

Because the Edomites have deceived themselves and think they have safety in the cliff, what will Yahweh do to them?

He will bring them down.

Jeremiah 49:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Edom will become a horror to everyone passing by it. Every such person will tremble and hiss because all of its disasters.

UST

¹⁷ Edom will become a place about which people are horrified; people who pass by will be horrified and will gasp when they see the destruction.

What does Yahweh compare the horror of Edom to? (vv17-18)

He compares it to Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors, where no one lives.

Jeremiah 49:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors," says Yahweh, "no one will live there; no person will stay there.

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¹⁸ Edom will be destroyed as completely as Sodom and Gomorrah and the nearby towns were destroyed long ago. As a result, no one—not a single person—will live there anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:19**ULT**

¹⁹ See, he will go up like a lion from the forests of the Jordan to the green pasturelands. For I will quickly make Edom run from it, and I will put someone who will be chosen in charge of it. For who is like me, and who will summon me? What shepherd is able to resist me?"

UST

¹⁹ I will come to Edom suddenly as a lion comes out of the jungle and leaps on sheep that are eating in good pastures. I will quickly chase the people of Edom from their land. And then I will appoint for them a leader whom I will choose; I can do that because there is no one like me who can object to what I do. No ruler can oppose me.

What will Yahweh do to the Edomites after he takes them from their land?

He will choose someone to be in charge of them.

Jeremiah 49:20**ULT**

²⁰ "So listen to the plans that Yahweh has decided against Edom, the plans that he has formed against the inhabitants of Teman. They will certainly be dragged away, even the smallest flock. Their pasturelands will be turned into ruined places.

UST

²⁰ Listen to what I have planned to do to the people of Teman and the rest of Edom: even the little children will be dragged away, and I will completely get rid of the people who live there.

What are the plans that Yahweh has against Edom?

He has plans to drag away the inhabitants of Teman and to turn their pasturelands into ruined places.

Jeremiah 49:21**ULT**

²¹ At the sound of their falling the earth shakes. The sound of distressed shouts is heard at the Sea of Reeds.

UST

²¹ When Edom is destroyed, the noise will be extremely great, with the result that the earth will shake, and the wailing of the people will be heard as far away as the Sea of Reeds.

What will it be like when Edom is destroyed? (vv21-22)

The earth will shake, and people as far away as the Red Sea will hear the shouts of distress. Even the strongest warriors will be afraid.

Jeremiah 49:22**ULT**

²² See, someone will attack like an eagle, and swoop down and spread his wings over Bozrah. Then on that day, the hearts of Edom's soldiers will become like the heart of a woman in birth labor."

UST

²² Look! The enemy troops will swoop down over Bozrah like an eagle spreads its wings when it swoops down to seize an animal. On that day, even the strongest warriors of Edom will be afraid like a woman who is about to give birth."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:23**ULT**

²³ About Damascus: "Hamath and Arpad will be ashamed, for they have heard news of disaster. They melt away! They become as troubled as the sea, which cannot stay calm.

UST

²³ This message is about Damascus. This is what Yahweh says: "The people in the nearby cities of Hamath and Arpad will be ashamed, because they have heard bad news about Damascus. They are very anxious and restless, like a sea in a big storm.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the people of Damascus? (vv23-24)

They will be ashamed and weak. They will turn away and flee in distress.

Jeremiah 49:24**ULT**

²⁴ Damascus has become very weak. It turns away to flee; terror seizes it. Distress and pain seize it, like the pain of a woman giving birth.

UST

²⁴ The people of Damascus have become very weak, and they all have panicked and run away in terror. The people are anguished and in pain like a woman experiences who is about to give birth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:25**ULT**

²⁵ How has the city of praise not been forsaken, the town of my joy?

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²⁵ But even now the people of that famous city have not yet abandoned it. That was the city that gave me joy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:26**ULT**

²⁶ Therefore its young men will fall in its plazas, and all the fighting men will perish on that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.”

UST

²⁶ Its young men will fall in the streets. Its soldiers will all be killed in one day.

What will happen when Yahweh lights a fire on the wall of Damascus? (vv26-27)

The fire will devour Benhadad's strongholds, and the young men and all the fighting men will die.

Jeremiah 49:27**ULT**

²⁷ “For I will light a fire on the wall of Damascus, and it will devour the strongholds of Ben Hadad.”

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²⁷ And I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will start a fire to burn the walls that surround Damascus, and the palaces of King Ben Hadad will be burned down.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:28**ULT**

²⁸ About Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, Yahweh says this to Nebuchadnezzar (now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon was going to attack these places): "Arise and attack Kedar and destroy those people of the east.

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²⁸ This is a message about the Kedar people and the kingdom of Hazor that Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon is attacking. This is what Yahweh said: "I will cause an army to advance to attack Kedar and destroy those people who live east of Judah.

What does Yahweh tell Nebuchadnezzar to do to Kedar? (vv28-29)

He tells Nebuchadnezzar to attack the people, destroy them, and take their possessions.

Jeremiah 49:29**ULT**

²⁹ Their tents and their flocks will be taken, along with their tent curtains and all of their equipment; their camels will be led away from them, and men will shout to them, "Terror is on every side!"

UST

²⁹ Enemies will capture their tents and their flocks of sheep. They will take away the curtains of their tents, their camels, and all of their other possessions. Everywhere men will shout, 'We are terrified because terrible things are happening all around us!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:30**ULT**

³⁰ Flee! Wander far away! Stay in holes in the ground, inhabitants of Hazor—this is Yahweh's declaration— for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devised a plan against you. Flee! Turn back!

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³⁰ So I, Yahweh, say, 'Run away quickly! You people who live in Hazor, go and hide in deep caves, because King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon wants to attack you with his army; he is planning to destroy you!'

Where will the people of Kedar live after Nebuchadnezzar attacks them?

They will live in holes in the ground.

Why will this be an easy attack for Nebuchadnezzar? (vv30-31)

It will be easy for him because the people have no gates or bars, and they live by themselves.

Jeremiah 49:31**ULT**

³¹ Arise! Attack the nation at ease, that lives in safety," says Yahweh. "They have no gates or bars in them, and its people live by themselves.

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³¹ But I say to Nebuchadnezzar, 'Go up and attack that nation whose people feel secure; they do not have allies who will help them and do not have walls with gates that have bars in them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:32**ULT**

³² For their camels will become plunder, and the abundance of their property will become war plunder. Then I will scatter to every wind those who cut the corners of their hair, and I will bring disaster on them from every side—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

³² Your troops will seize their camels and other livestock. I will scatter in every direction those people who will be in great mourning. I will bring disasters to them from every direction.

What will Yahweh do to the people of Hazor when Nebuchadnezzar takes their camels and property as war plunder?

He will scatter them and disaster will come on them.

Jeremiah 49:33**ULT**

³³ Hazor will become a lair of jackals, a permanent wasteland. No one will live there; no human being will stay there."

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³³ Hazor will become a place where jackals live, and it will be deserted forever. No one will live there again; no people will settle there. ""

Who will live in the city after Nebuchadnezzar attacks it?

Only jackals will live in it.

Jeremiah 49:34**ULT**

³⁴ This is the word of Yahweh that came to Jeremiah the prophet about Elam. This happened at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, and he said,

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³⁴ The prophet Jeremiah received this message from Yahweh when King Zedekiah was starting to rule Judah.

When did Jeremiah receive the prophecy about Elam?

He got it when King Zedekiah ruled Judah.

When Yahweh breaks the bowmen of Elam, where will the people go? (vv34-36)

The people will go to all parts of the earth.

Jeremiah 49:35**ULT**

³⁵ "Yahweh of hosts says this: See, I am about to break the bowmen of Elam, the main part of their power.

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³⁵ This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: "The men of Elam are famous archers; that is how they have made their country very powerful. But I will get rid of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:36**ULT**

³⁶ For I will bring the four winds from the four corners of the heavens, and I will scatter the people of Elam to all of those winds. There is no nation to which those scattered from Elam will not go.

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³⁶ I will bring their enemies from every direction and they will scatter the people of Elam in all of those directions. The people of Elam will be exiled to every nation on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:37**ULT**

³⁷ So I will shatter Elam before their enemies and before those who seek their lives. for I will bring disaster against them, the fury of my wrath—this is Yahweh's declaration— and I will send the sword after them until I have annihilated them.

UST

³⁷ Because I am very angry with the people of Elam, I will enable their enemies to smash Elam; I will cause the people of Elam to experience great disasters. I will enable their enemies, who want to kill them, to pursue them and kill them with swords until I completely get rid of all of them.

What is Yahweh going to do because he is angry with the people of Elam? (vv37-38)

Yahweh is going to enable their enemies to smash them and bring disaster to them, kill them, and completely get rid of all of them.

Jeremiah 49:38**ULT**

³⁸ Then I will put my throne in Elam and will destroy its king and leaders from there—this is Yahweh's declaration—

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³⁸ I, Yahweh, will judge them there, and then I will get rid of their king and his officials.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:39**ULT**

³⁹ and it will happen in later days that I will bring back the fortunes of Elam—this is Yahweh's declaration." 49:1 ^[1], some modern versions have .

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³⁹ But some day, I will enable the people of Elam to return to their land. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What will Yahweh do for the people of Elam some day?

He will allow them to return to their land.

Jeremiah 50

Jeremiah 50:1

ULT

¹ This is the word that Yahweh declared about Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, by the hand of Jeremiah the prophet,

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¹ Yahweh gave to Jeremiah the prophet a message about Babylon and the country of Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:2

ULT

² "Report to the nations and cause them to listen. Lift up a signal and cause them to listen. Do not conceal it. Say, 'Babylon is taken. Bel is made ashamed. Marduk is dismayed. Its idols are put to shame; its images are dismayed.'

UST

² This is what Yahweh says: "Proclaim a message among the nations; do not withhold any of it; raise up a signal flag to announce that Babylon will be captured. Its chief god Marduk, whose other name is Bel, will be completely disgraced, and all the other statues and idols will be shattered.

What will happen to Babylon?

Babylon is taken. Bel and the idols are put to shame.

Jeremiah 50:3

ULT

³ A nation from the north will arise against it, and make her land a desolation. No one will live in it; both man and beast will flee away.

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³ The army of a nation will come from the north to attack Babylon and destroy the city very thoroughly, with the result that no one will live there again. Both people and animals will run away."

Who will arise against Babylon?

A nation from the north.

Jeremiah 50:4**ULT**

⁴ In those days and at that time—this is Yahweh’s declaration—the people of Israel and the people of Judah will come together to go with weeping and seek Yahweh their God.

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⁴ “But I, Yahweh, say that in the future, when that is about to happen, the people of Israel and the people of Judah will join together. They will be weeping and wanting to worship me, their God.

What will the people of Israel do when Babylon is attacked? (vv4-5)

The people will come together with weeping and seek Yahweh. They will set off toward Zion to renew their eternal covenant with Yahweh.

Jeremiah 50:5**ULT**

⁵ They will ask the way to Zion and will set off toward it, saying, We will go and join ourselves to Yahweh in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.”

UST

⁵ They will inquire about the road to Jerusalem, and then they will start traveling toward it. They will say to each other, ‘We must return to Yahweh again!’ They will make an everlasting agreement with me that they will never forget.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:6**ULT**

⁶ My people have been a lost flock. Their shepherds have led them astray in the mountains; they have turned them around from hill to hill. They went, they forgot the place where they had lived.

UST

⁶ My people have been like lost sheep. Their leaders have caused them to abandon me like shepherds who have allowed their sheep to wander in the hills and mountains. My people are like sheep that do not know the path to return to the sheepfold.

Why does Yahweh describe his people as a lost flock?

He describes them as a lost flock because their shepherds led them astray and they forgot their homeland.

Jeremiah 50:7**ULT**

⁷ Everyone who went out to them devoured them. Their adversaries said, 'We are not guilty, because they sinned against Yahweh, their true home—Yahweh, the hope of their ancestors.'

UST

⁷ All their enemies who found them attacked them. They said, 'We did not sin by attacking them, because they sinned against Yahweh; he is the one who provides what they need; he is the one to whom they should have remained faithful; he is the one whom their ancestors confidently expected to help them.'

What did their adversaries say about why they were able to devour Yahweh's people?

The adversaries said it was because Yahweh's people sinned against Yahweh.

Jeremiah 50:8**ULT**

⁸ Leave from the midst of Babylon; go out from the land of the Chaldeans; be like male goats that leave before the rest of the flock does.

UST

⁸ But now, I say to the leaders of my people, 'Depart from Babylon! Leave the land of Babylonia! Act like male goats that go in front of the rest of the flock; lead my people back to their own land.'

Why are the Israelites to leave Babylon before Babylon is captured? (vv8-10)

They are to leave because great nations from the north are coming to capture Babylon.

Jeremiah 50:9**ULT**

⁹ For see, I am about to set in motion and raise up a group of great nations from the north against Babylon. They will arrange themselves against her. Babylon will be captured from there. Their arrows are like a skilled warrior who does not return empty-handed.

UST

⁹ Do that because I am going to gather an army of great nations to the north of Babylon. They will join together to attack Babylon and will capture it. Their arrows will be like skilled warriors that always hit what they are aiming at.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Chaldea will become plunder. All those who plunder it will be satisfied—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

¹⁰ Babylonia will be conquered, and those who conquer it will take away everything they want. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:11**ULT**

¹¹ You rejoice, you celebrate the plundering of my inheritance; you jump around like a calf stamping in its pasture; you neigh like a powerful horse.

UST

¹¹ “You people of Babylon who plundered my chosen people, now you are very happy. You run around joyfully like a calf in a meadow, and are happy like stallions are happy when they are neighing.

**What will happen to Babylon because they took Yahweh's inheritance as plunder?
(vv11-13)**

Babylon will be the least of nations, an uninhabited wilderness.

Jeremiah 50:12**ULT**

¹² So your mother will be greatly ashamed; the one who bore you will be embarrassed. See, she will be the least of nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

UST

¹² But soon your people will be very disgraced as a result of being conquered. Your country will be the most insignificant nation; it will be a wilderness, a dry land and a desert plain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:13**ULT**

¹³ Because of Yahweh's anger, Babylon will not be inhabited, but will be a complete devastation. Everyone who passes by will shudder because of Babylon and will hiss because all of its wounds.

UST

¹³ Because I, Yahweh, am angry with you people of Babylon, I will cause your city to become completely deserted. All who pass by will be horrified and will gasp because of the destruction there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Arrange yourselves against Babylon all around her. Everyone who bends a bow must shoot at her. Do not keep back any of your arrows, for she has sinned against Yahweh.

UST

¹⁴ All you nations that surround Babylon, prepare to attack it! Tell your archers to shoot at their enemies; shoot all of your arrows at them and do not hold back, because the people of Babylon have sinned against me, Yahweh.

Because Babylon has sinned against Yahweh what will happen to her? (vv14-15)

Everyone will shoot at Babylon, Babylon will surrender her power, her towers will fall, her walls will be torn down, and others will do to her just as she had done to other nations.

Jeremiah 50:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Raise a shout against her all around! She has surrendered; her towers have fallen; her walls are torn down, for this is Yahweh's vengeance. Take vengeance on her! Do to her just as she has done!

UST

¹⁵ Shout victorious war cries against Babylon from all sides of the city. The soldiers of Babylon will surrender; the towers and walls will be torn down. It is I, Yahweh, who will be getting revenge on the people of Babylon, and I will use you to get revenge. Do to the people of Babylon what they have done to others!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Destroy both the farmer who sows seed and the one who uses a sickle at the time of harvest in Babylon. Let each person turn back to his own people from the oppressor's sword; let them flee to their own land.

UST

¹⁶ Take away from Babylon those who plant crops and those who reap the harvests! Because of the swords carried by those who will attack Babylon, the people in Babylon who have come from other countries should all run away; they should go back to their own countries."

What should people who came from other countries do when Babylon is attacked?

They should all run away back to their own countries.

Jeremiah 50:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Israel is a sheep scattered and driven away by lions. First the king of Assyria devoured him; then after this, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon broke his bones.

UST

¹⁷ "The Israelite people are like sheep that have been scattered by lions. First the army of the king of Assyria defeated them. Then the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon smashed them.

What does Yahweh say he will do to the nations of Assyria and Babylon? (vv17-18)

He says he will punish the king of Babylon and his people the same way he punished the king of Assyria.

Jeremiah 50:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Therefore Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, says this: See, I am about to punish the king of Babylon and his land, just as I punished the king of Assyria.

UST

¹⁸ So this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: 'Now I will punish the king of Babylon and the people of his land, like I punished the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:19**ULT**

¹⁹ I will restore Israel to his homeland; he will graze on Carmel and Bashan. Then he will be satisfied in the hill country of Ephraim and Gilead.

UST

¹⁹ And I will bring the people of Israel back to their own land where they will eat the food that grows in the fields of the regions of Carmel and Bashan, and the people in the hill areas of Ephraim and Gilead will have all they want to eat.

What will Yahweh do for this remnant of people that he spares? (vv19-20)

Yahweh will restore Israel to his homeland, and he will forgive the people's sins.

Jeremiah 50:20**ULT**

²⁰ In those days and at that time, says Yahweh, iniquity will be looked for in Israel, but none will be found. I will inquire about the sins of Judah, but none will be found, for I will forgive the remnant that I spare."

UST

²⁰ At that time, there will not be people in Israel and in Judah who are still guilty for having sinned, because I will forgive the small group of people whom I enable to still be alive."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:21**ULT**

²¹ "Arise against the land of Merathaim, against it and the ones inhabiting Pekod. Put them to the sword and set them apart for destruction—this is Yahweh's declaration—do everything that I am commanding you.

UST

²¹ "So, I, Yahweh, say to the enemies of Babylonia, 'Attack the people who live in the region of Merathaim and the people in the region of Pekod of Babylonia. Pursue them to kill them, and completely get rid of every single one of them, as I have commanded you to do.

What does Yahweh encourage the enemies of Babylon to do? (vv21-22)

Yahweh wants them to sound the battle cry and bring enormous destruction on Babylon.

Jeremiah 50:22**ULT**

²² The sounds of battle and enormous destruction are in the land.

UST

²² Shout your battle cries throughout the land; shout when you are causing great destruction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:23**ULT**

²³ How the hammer of all the lands has been cut apart and destroyed. How Babylon has become a destroyed place among the nations.

UST

²³ The army of Babylon is like the most powerful hammer on the earth, but it will be completely shattered. Babylon, one of the nations, will be a complete ruin.'

Why will the Babylonian army be seized? (vv23-24)

It will be seized because it challenged Yahweh.

Jeremiah 50:24**ULT**

²⁴ I have set a trap for you and you were taken, Babylon, and you did not know it! You were found and captured, because you opposed Yahweh.

UST

²⁴ You people of Babylon, listen, because I have set a trap for you without your awareness; you will be caught in that trap, because you fought against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:25**ULT**

²⁵ Yahweh has opened his armory and is bringing out the weapons for carrying out his anger. There is work for the Lord Yahweh of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

UST

²⁵ It is as though I have opened the place where I store my weapons, and I have brought out all the weapons to use against the people with whom I am angry. I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, have a lot of work to do to punish the people of Babylonia.

What is the work that Yahweh has to do? (vv25-26)

Yahweh opens his armory, brings out the weapons, and encourages the enemies to attack Babylon, open her granaries, and bring her to destruction. They are to leave no remnant of her.

Jeremiah 50:26**ULT**

²⁶ Attack her from far away. Open her granaries and pile her up like heaps of grain. Set her apart for destruction. Leave no remnant of her.

UST

²⁶ So, you enemies of Babylonia, come from distant lands and attack it. Break open the places where they store the grain, and pile up the rubble like heaps of grain. Destroy everything completely; do not leave anything that is not destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:27**ULT**

²⁷ Kill all her bulls. Send them down to the place of slaughter. Woe to them, for their day has come—the time for their punishment.

UST

²⁷ Destroy all the young warriors who are as strong as bulls; take them to where you will slaughter them. It will be terrible for them, because it will be time for them to be punished.

What will the Israelite survivors of Babylon talk about? (vv27-28)

They will talk about how Yahweh punished Babylon by having the warriors slaughtered for what was done to his temple in Zion.

Jeremiah 50:28**ULT**

²⁸ There is the sound of those fleeing, of those who are survivors, from the land of Babylon. These will report the vengeance of Yahweh our God for Zion, and vengeance for his temple.”

UST

²⁸ Listen to the people who have fled and escaped from Babylon while they tell in Jerusalem how I, Yahweh, have gotten revenge against those who destroyed my temple in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:29**ULT**

²⁹ “Summon the archers against Babylon—all those who bend their bows. Camp against her, and let no one escape. Repay her for what she has done. Do to her by the measure she has used. For she had defied Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel.

UST

²⁹ Summon archers to come to attack Babylon; surround the city in order that no one will escape. Do to the people of Babylon what they have done to others, because they have defied me, the Holy One of the Israelite people.

What will happen to because she defied Yahweh? (vv29-30)

No one will escape the destruction the enemies of Babylon will bring on her. The enemy is to destroy all of her fighting men because of what she has done to Yahweh.

Jeremiah 50:30**ULT**

³⁰ So her young men will fall in the city squares, and all her fighting men will be destroyed on that day— this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

³⁰ The young men of Babylon will fall in the streets; all their soldiers will be killed in one day. This will happen because I, Yahweh, have declared it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:31**ULT**

³¹ “See, I am against you, proud one—this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh of hosts— for your day has come, proud one, the time when I will punish you.

UST

³¹ I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say this: ‘You arrogant people, it is now the time; it is the day when I will punish you.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to the proud people? (vv31-32)

He declares that they will stumble and fall.

Jeremiah 50:32**ULT**

³² So the proud ones will stumble and fall. No one will raise them up. I will light a fire in their cities; it will devour everything around him.

UST

³² Your land is full of proud people, but you will stumble and fall, and no one will lift you up again. I will light a fire in the cities of Babylonia that will burn up everything that is nearby.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:33**ULT**

³³ Yahweh of hosts says this: The people of Israel are oppressed, together with the people of Judah. All the ones who captured them still hold them; they refuse to let them go.

UST

³³ I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, also say this: ‘The people of Israel and Judah were oppressed; those who captured them guarded them carefully and would not allow them to leave Babylon.

Who rescues the oppressed people of Israel? (vv33-34)

Yahweh of hosts rescues Israel.

Jeremiah 50:34**ULT**

³⁴ The one who rescues them is strong. Yahweh of hosts is his name. He will truly plead their case, in order to bring rest to the land, and to bring strife to the ones inhabiting Babylon.

UST

³⁴ But Yahweh is strong, and he will free them. Yahweh is the Commander of the angel armies; He will defend his people and enable them to return to their land where they will have peace, but the people of Babylonia will not have peace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:35**ULT**

³⁵ A sword is against the Chaldeans—this is Yahweh's declaration— and against the inhabitants of Babylon, her leaders, and her wise men.

UST

³⁵ He will send enemy soldiers carrying swords to strike the people of Babylonia; they will strike the officials and wise men and all the other people who live in Babylon.

What will enemy soldiers do to Babylonia? (vv35-37)

They will strike the inhabitants, the officials, the wise men, and all the people. They will strike their false prophets, their strongest warriors, and their horses and chariots.

Jeremiah 50:36**ULT**

³⁶ A sword against those who say empty words! They will become fools! A sword against her soldiers! They will be filled with terror.

UST

³⁶ They will strike their false prophets with swords and they will become foolish. They will strike the strongest warriors of Babylonia, and they will all be terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:37**ULT**

³⁷ A sword is coming against their horses, their chariots and all of the people who are in the midst of Babylon, so they will become like women. A sword is coming against her storerooms, and they will be plundered.

UST

³⁷ They will strike their horses and chariots and the foreign mercenaries who are in the army of Babylonia, and they will all become as weak as women. They will seize all the valuable things there in Babylon and take them away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:38**ULT**

³⁸ A drought is coming on her waters, so they will become dry. For she is a land of worthless idols, and they act like people made insane by their dreadful idols.

UST

³⁸ Yahweh will cause the streams to become dry. He will do all those things because the entire land of Babylonia is filled with idols, and those horrible idols have caused the people who worship them to become crazy.

What will Babylon become like? (vv38-40)

Babylon will become like Sodom and Gomorrah.

Jeremiah 50:39**ULT**

³⁹ So desert beasts with the jackals will inhabit there, and the young of ostriches will live in her. For all time, she will no longer be inhabited. From generation to generation, she will not be lived in.

UST

³⁹ Soon only jackals and other wild creatures will live there; and it will be a place where ostriches live. People will never live there again; it will be uninhabited forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ Just as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors—this is Yahweh's declaration— no one will live there; no person will stay in her."

UST

⁴⁰ Yahweh God will destroy Babylon like he destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah and the nearby towns; no one will ever live there again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:41**ULT**

⁴¹ "See, a people is coming from the north; a great nation and many kings are being stirred up from the farthest parts of the earth.

UST

⁴¹ Look! A great army will come from the north. A great nation far away with many kings is preparing to attack you people of Babylon.

What does the king of Babylon hear about the people from the north? (vv41-42)

The king hears that they are cruel and have no compassion.

Jeremiah 50:42**ULT**

⁴² They will pick up bows and spears. They are cruel and have no compassion. Their sound is like the sea roar, and they are riding on horses, set out in order as men for battle, against you, daughter of Babylon.

UST

⁴² Their army has bows and arrows and spears; they are very cruel, and do not act mercifully to anyone. As they ride along on their horses, the sound of the horses' hooves is like the roaring of the ocean waves; they are riding in battle formation to attack you, you people of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:43**ULT**

⁴³ The king of Babylon heard the reports about them and his hands fell limp in distress. Anguish seized him like a woman giving birth.

UST

⁴³ The king of Babylon heard their report, "The enemy is approaching." So he was frightened and became weak. Fear and anguish gripped him, like a woman who is about to give birth to a baby."

How does the king of Babylon feel after hearing this report from Jeremiah that an army from the north is coming to overtake Babylon?

After hearing the report the king feels like a woman in labor.

Jeremiah 50:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ Behold! He goes up like a lion from the heights of the Jordan to the enduring grazing place For I will quickly cause them to run from it, and I will put someone who will be chosen in charge of it. For who is like me, and who will summon me? What shepherd is able to resist me?

UST

⁴⁴ I, Yahweh, will come to Babylon suddenly like a lion comes out of the jungle and leaps on the sheep that are eating the good pastureland. I will quickly chase the people of Babylonia from their land. And then I will appoint for them a leader whom I will choose; I will do that because there is no one like me who can say that what I have done is not right. No ruler can oppose me.

What will Yahweh do to Babylon?

He will chase the people from Babylon and appoint someone to be in charge of it.

Jeremiah 50:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ So listen to the plans that Yahweh has decided against Babylon, the plans that he has planned against the land of the Chaldeans. They will certainly be dragged away, even the smallest flock. Their pasturelands will be turned into ruined places.

UST

⁴⁵ Listen to what I have planned to do to the people of Babylon city and the rest of Babylonia: even the little children will be dragged away, and I will completely destroy the people who live there.

What does Yahweh plan to do to the people of Babylon? (vv45-46)

Yahweh plans to completely destroy the people of Babylon.

Jeremiah 50:46

ULT

⁴⁶ At the sound of conquered Babylon the earth shakes, and their shout of distress is heard among the nations.”

UST

⁴⁶ When Babylon is destroyed, the noise will be extremely loud, with the result that the earth will shake, and the wailing of the people will be heard by the people of other nations.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51

Jeremiah 51:1

ULT

¹ "Yahweh says this: See, I am about to stir up a wind of destruction against Babylon and against those who live in Leb Kamai.

UST

¹ This is what Yahweh says: "I will inspire an army to destroy Babylon like a powerful wind, and also to destroy the people of Babylonia in Leb Kamai.

What will the foreigners do to Babylon? (vv1-2)

They will come and destroy Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:2

ULT

² I will send foreigners to Babylon. They will scatter her and devastate her land, for they will come against her from all around on the day of disaster.

UST

² I will send a foreign army to come to get rid of Babylonia like a strong wind that blows away chaff. They will attack from every direction on that day of disaster.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:3

ULT

³ Do not let the archers bend their bows; do not let them put on armor. Do not spare her young men; set her whole army apart for destruction.

UST

³ I will tell them, 'Do not allow the archers of Babylon to have time to put on their armor or draw their bows. Do not spare the young men of Babylon. Completely destroy their army.'

What type of attack will come on Babylon's army? (vv3-4)

A surprise attack will come so quickly that Babylon's soldiers will not have time to put on their armor. The attackers will destroy the army and the people.

Jeremiah 51:4**ULT**

⁴ For the wounded people will fall in the land of the Chaldeans; those who are killed will fall in her streets.

UST

⁴ Their soldiers will fall dead in Babylonia; they will die after being impaled by spears in the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:5**ULT**

⁵ For Israel and Judah are not forsaken by their God, by Yahweh of hosts, although their land is filled with offenses committed against the Holy One of Israel.

UST

⁵ I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom Israel worships, have not abandoned Israel and Judah. Even though their land was filled with people who sinned against me, the Holy God of Israel, I am still their God.

What does Yahweh remind his people of?

Yahweh reminds them that even though his people sinned he is still their God and he has not abandoned them.

Jeremiah 51:6**ULT**

⁶ Flee from the midst of Babylon; let each man save himself. Do not perish in her iniquity. For it is the time of Yahweh's vengeance. He will repay all of it to her.

UST

⁶ You people of Israel and Judah, flee from Babylon! Run to escape! Do not stay there and be killed when the people of Babylon are punished! It will be the time when Yahweh gets revenge; He will do to them what they deserve.

What does Yahweh tell the people of Israel to do?

Yahweh tells his people to run, so they will escape the punishment coming to Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:7**ULT**

⁷ Babylon was a golden cup in the hand of Yahweh that made all the world drunk; nations drank her wine and became insane.

UST

⁷ Babylon has been like a gold cup in Yahweh's hand, a cup that is full of wine that caused people all over the earth who drank some of it to become drunk. It is as though the rulers of the nations drank the wine from Babylon, and it caused them to become crazy.

What did Yahweh use Babylon to do to the nations?

He used it to make them drunk.

What will happen to Babylon? (vv7-8)

It will fall and be destroyed.

Jeremiah 51:8**ULT**

⁸ Babylon will fall suddenly and be destroyed. Wail for her! Give her medicine for her pain; perhaps she can be healed.

UST

⁸ But suddenly Babylon will be conquered. Weep for its people! Give them medicine for their wounds; perhaps they can be healed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:9**ULT**

⁹ 'We wished to heal Babylon, but she is not healed. Let us all leave her and go away, to our own land. For her guilt reaches up to the heavens; it is piled up to the clouds.

UST

⁹ We foreigners would have tried to heal them, but now they cannot be healed. So we will not try to help them; we will abandon them, and return to our own lands, because it is as though the punishment they are receiving reaches up to the clouds in the sky; it is very great, with the result that no one can measure it.

What will the Israelites do because Babylon will not be healed? (vv9-10)

The Israelites will leave and go to their land and tell others in Zion that Yahweh has forgiven them of their sins.

Jeremiah 51:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Yahweh has declared our innocence. Come, let us tell in Zion the deeds of Yahweh our God.'

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh has vindicated us; so let us proclaim in Jerusalem everything that Yahweh our God has done for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:11**ULT**

¹¹ Sharpen the arrows and take up the shields. Yahweh is stirring up the spirit of the king of the Medes in a plan to destroy Babylon. This is for Yahweh's vengeance, vengeance for the destruction of his temple.

UST

¹¹ You enemy soldiers, sharpen your arrows! Fill up your quivers for battle, because Yahweh has incited your kings of Media and Persia to march with their armies to Babylon and to destroy it. That is how Yahweh will get revenge on those foreigners who entered his temple in Jerusalem and defiled it.

Who is going to march into battle against Babylon because Babylon destroyed Yahweh's temple in Jerusalem?

The armies of Media and Persia are going to destroy Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:12**ULT**

¹² Lift up a banner over Babylon's walls; make the watch strong; set up watchmen; prepare the ambushes; for the LORD will do what he has said concerning the inhabitants of Babylon.

UST

¹² Lift up a battle flag close to the walls of Babylon! Reinforce the guards, and tell the watchmen to stand in their positions! Prepare an ambush, because Yahweh is about to accomplish all that he has planned to do to the people of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:13**ULT**

¹³ You people who live by many streams of water, you people who are rich with treasures, your end has come. The thread of your life is now cut short.

UST

¹³ Babylon is a city near the great Euphrates River, a city in which there are many rich people, but it is time for Babylon to be finished; the time for the city to exist is ended.

What has Yahweh sworn he will do to the rich people of Babylon? (vv13-14)

Yahweh will raise a battle cry against them. Their end has come.

Jeremiah 51:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Yahweh of hosts has sworn by his own life, 'I will fill you with men, like a swarm of locusts, and they will raise a battle cry against you.'

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies has solemnly promised, using his own name, "Your cities will be filled with your enemies; I will cause them to be like a swarm of locusts; and they will shout triumphantly when they conquer your city."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He has made the earth by his power; he set in place the world by his wisdom. By his understanding he stretched out the heavens.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh created the earth by his power; he established it by his wisdom, and he stretched out the sky by his understanding.

What has Yahweh done by his power, wisdom, and understanding?

He has made the earth, set it in place, and stretched out the heavens.

What happens when Yahweh speaks? (vv15-16)

He brings thunder, rain, lightning, and wind to come upon the earth.

Jeremiah 51:16**ULT**

¹⁶ When he thunders, there is the roar of waters in the heavens, for he brings up the mist from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for rain and sends out wind from his storehouses.

UST

¹⁶ When he speaks loudly, there is thunder in the sky; he causes clouds to form in every part of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and releases the winds from his storehouses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Every man has become ignorant, without knowledge. Every metalworker is put to shame by his idols. For his cast images are frauds, and there is no life in them.

UST

¹⁷ People are as senseless as a beast, and they know very little; those who make idols are always disappointed, because their idols do nothing for them. The images that they make are not real gods; they are lifeless.

Will making idols satisfy people? (vv17-18)

No, idols can do nothing for them. They are worthless.

Jeremiah 51:18**ULT**

¹⁸ They are useless, the work of mockers; they will perish at the time of their punishment.

UST

¹⁸ Idols are worthless; they deserve to be ridiculed; there will be a time when they will all be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But God, the portion of Jacob, is not like these, for he is the molder of all things. Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; Yahweh of hosts is his name.

UST

¹⁹ But the God of Israel is not like those idols; he is the one who created everything that exists; we, the tribe of Israel, belong to him; his name is Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

Who is the God of Israel?

He is the one who created everything. His name is Yahweh.

Jeremiah 51:20**ULT**

²⁰ You are my war hammer, my weapon for battle. With you I will smash nations and destroy kingdoms.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh says about the army of Babylonia, "You are like my weapons of war and my war club; with your power I shatter nations and destroy many kingdoms.

What did God say Israel was?

God said Israel was his war hammer, his weapon for battle.

Jeremiah 51:21**ULT**

²¹ With you I will smash horses and their riders; with you I will smash chariots and their drivers.

UST

²¹ With your power I shatter armies of other nations: I destroy their horses and their riders, their chariots and their chariot drivers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:22**ULT**

²² With you I will smash each man and woman; with you I will smash the old and the young. With you I will smash the young men and the virgin girls.

UST

²² With your power I shatter men and women, old people and children, young men and young women.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:23**ULT**

²³ With you I will smash the shepherds and their flocks; with you I will smash the plowmen and their teams. With you I will smash the governors and officials.

UST

²³ With your power I shatter shepherds and their flocks of sheep, farmers and their oxen, governors and their officials."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:24**ULT**

²⁴ For in your sight I will pay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all of the evil that they did in Zion —this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

²⁴ But, Yahweh also says, "Soon I will repay you people in Babylon and in the rest of Babylonia for all the evil things that you have done in Jerusalem.

What does Yahweh say to the people in Babylon?

Yahweh says he will repay the people for all the evil things they did in Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 51:25**ULT**

²⁵ See, I am against you, mountain of destruction—this is Yahweh's declaration—which destroys the whole earth. I will stretch out my hand against you, and roll you down from the cliffs, and make you a burned-out mountain.

UST

²⁵ Babylonia is like a great mountain from which bandits descend to plunder people all over the earth. But I, Yahweh, am the enemy of you people of Babylonia. I will raise my fist to strike you. I will knock you down from the cliffs and cause you to be only a huge pile of burned rubble.

What will Yahweh do to Babylon because of how they plundered people all over the earth? (vv25-26)

Yahweh will completely destroy Babylon, and no one will ever live there again.

Jeremiah 51:26**ULT**

²⁶ So they will not take from you any stone to construct a building's corner or foundation; for you will become an everlasting devastation—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

²⁶ Your city will be abandoned forever; even the stones in your city will never again be used for buildings. Your city will be completely destroyed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:27**ULT**

²⁷ Lift up a banner over the earth. Blow the trumpet over the nations. Call the nations to attack her: Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz. Appoint a commander to attack her; bring up horses like swarming locusts.

UST

²⁷ Tell the nations to lift up a battle flag! Tell them to blow their trumpets of war! Gather all their armies to fight against Babylon! Prepare the nations to attack Babylon. Summon the armies of the kingdoms north of Babylonia—from Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz. Appoint a commander for them, and bring a great number of horses; there must be a huge number of horses; that huge number will resemble a swarm of locusts.

What is Jeremiah to tell the nations of Media and Persia? (vv27-28)

These nations are to summon their armies and prepare to attack Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:28**ULT**

²⁸ Prepare the nations to attack her: The kings of the Medes and his governors, all of his officials and all the lands under his rule.

UST

²⁸ Prepare the armies of other nations, armies that will be led by the kings of Media and Persia, their governors and their officials.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:29**ULT**

²⁹ For the land will shake and be in anguish, since Yahweh's plans continue against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a wasteland where there is no inhabitant.

UST

²⁹ When they attack Babylon, it will be as though the earth will shake and writhe in pain, because those armies will accomplish everything that Yahweh has planned to do to Babylon. Then the nations will destroy it completely, with the result that no one will live there again.

What is Yahweh's plan against Babylon?

Yahweh's plan is to make the land of Babylon a wasteland with no inhabitants.

Jeremiah 51:30**ULT**

³⁰ The soldiers in Babylon have stopped fighting; they stay in their strongholds. Their strength has failed; they have become women—her homes are on fire, the bars of her gates are broken.

UST

³⁰ When their enemies attack, the strongest warriors in Babylon will not fight. They will remain in their barracks, without any strength. They will be as timid as women. The enemy soldiers will burn the buildings in the city and break the bars of the city gates into pieces.

How will the Babylonian warriors respond to the battle against them? (vv30-32)

The warriors will remain confused in their strongholds because places of escape will be blocked, and the city will be set on fire.

Jeremiah 51:31**ULT**

³¹ A messenger runs to proclaim to another messenger, and a runner tells another runner to report to the king of Babylon that his city has been taken from end to end.

UST

³¹ Messengers will go quickly, one after another, to tell the king that his city has been captured.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:32**ULT**

³² So the fords over the river are seized; the enemy is burning the reed marshes, and Babylon's fighting men are confused.

UST

³² The places at which people can cross the river to escape from the city will be blocked. The dry reeds in the marshes will be set on fire, and the soldiers of Babylon will be terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:33**ULT**

³³ For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor. It is time to trample her down. In a little while the time of harvest will come to her.

UST

³³ This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom Israel worships, says; "Babylon is like wheat on the ground where it is about to be threshed by animals trampling on it. Very soon their enemies will trample on the city of Babylon."

What does Yahweh say Babylon is like?

Babylon is like a threshing floor during the time of harvest.

Jeremiah 51:34**ULT**

³⁴ 'Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devoured me, he has driven me into confusion and has made me an empty pot. Like a monster he has swallowed me, he has filled his stomach with my delicious foods, and then he has spit me out.'

UST

³⁴ The army of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, has attacked and crushed us Israelites, and we have no strength left. It is as though they have swallowed us like a great monster that filled its belly with all our tasty parts, and then has spit out what it did not like.

What do the people of Jerusalem want Yahweh to do to the people of Babylon? (vv34-35)

They want Yahweh to cause the Babylonians to suffer like they suffered under King Nebuchadnezzar.

Jeremiah 51:35**ULT**

³⁵ The one who lives in Zion will say, 'May the violence done to me and my flesh be on Babylon.' Jerusalem will say, 'May my blood be on the inhabitants of Chaldea.'

UST

³⁵ So the people of Jerusalem say to Yahweh, "Cause the people of Babylon to suffer like they caused us to suffer! Cause the people of Babylonia to be punished for killing our people!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:36**ULT**

³⁶ Therefore Yahweh says this: See, I am about to plead your case and bring about vengeance for you. For I will dry up Babylon's waters and make her springs run dry.

UST

³⁶ And this is what Yahweh replies to the people of Jerusalem: "I will be like your lawyer to defend you, and I will avenge you. I will dry up the river in Babylon and all the springs of water.

What is Yahweh's response to the Israelites? (vv36-37)

He will plead their case and bring vengeance on Babylon. He will make her springs dry and make her a wasteland where no one lives.

Jeremiah 51:37**ULT**

³⁷ Babylon will become heaps of rubble, a den of jackals, a horror, an object of hissing, where there are no inhabitants.

UST

³⁷ Babylon will become a heap of ruins, a place where jackals live. It will become a place that people are horrified about and will ridicule; it will be a place where no one lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:38**ULT**

³⁸ The Babylonians will roar together like young lions. They will growl like lion cubs.

UST

³⁸ The people of Babylon will all roar like young lions; they will growl like baby lions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:39**ULT**

³⁹ When they become hot with greed, I will make a feast for them; I will make them drunk so they become happy, and then sleep an unending sleep and not wake up—this is Yahweh's declaration—

UST

³⁹ But while they are extremely hungry, I will prepare a different kind of feast for them. I will cause them to drink wine until they are very drunk, with the result that they will fall asleep. But they will never wake up from that sleep!

What is Yahweh going to do to the people of Babylon? (vv39-40)

He is going to prepare a different kind of feast where they become drunk with wine and then are all slaughtered.

Jeremiah 51:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ I will send them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with male goats.

UST

⁴⁰ I will bring them down to a place where they will be slaughtered, like someone who takes lambs or rams or goats to where they will be slaughtered for sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:41**ULT**

⁴¹ How Babylon has been captured! So the praise of all the earth is seized. How Babylon has become a ruined place among the nations.

UST

⁴¹ People all over the earth now honor Babylon; they say that it is a great city. But it will become a place about which people of all nations are horrified.

What kind of place will Babylon become?

Babylon will become a place of ruin among all nations.

Jeremiah 51:42**ULT**

⁴² The sea has come up over Babylon! She is covered with its roaring waves.

UST

⁴² The enemies of Babylon will cover the city like huge waves of the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:43**ULT**

⁴³ Her cities have become a desolation, a dry land and a wilderness, a land that no one inhabits, and no human being passes through.

UST

⁴³ The towns in Babylonia will be a horror, a dry and desert plain, and it will be a land in which no one lives and which no one walks through.

What will Yahweh do to the god Bel? (vv43-44)

Yahweh will punish Bel and make the people of Babylon give back the offerings that were given to Bel, and the walls of Babylon will fall.

Jeremiah 51:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ So I will punish Bel in Babylon; I will bring out from his mouth what he swallowed, and the nations will no longer flow to him with their offerings. The walls of Babylon will fall.

UST

⁴⁴ And I will punish Bel, the god that the people of Babylon worship, and I will cause the people to give back what they have stolen. People of other nations will no longer come to worship Bel. And the walls of Babylon will collapse."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ Go out from her midst, my people. Let each of you save his own life from the fury of my wrath.

UST

⁴⁵ Yahweh also says, "My people, come out of Babylon! Flee to escape! Run, because I, Yahweh, am extremely angry with the people of Babylon, and I will get rid of them!

What does Yahweh tell his people who are in Babylon to do? (vv45-46)

He tells them to run and save their lives from all the violence that will be in the land.

Jeremiah 51:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ Do not let your hearts be timid or fear the news that is heard in the land, for the news will come one year. After it in the next year there will be news, and violence will be in the land. Ruler will be against ruler.

UST

⁴⁶ Do not be discouraged or afraid when you hear reports about what is happening in Babylon. People will report rumors like that every year, rumors about violent things being done in the land, and rumors about leaders fighting against each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ Therefore, see, days are coming when I will punish the carved idols of Babylon. All of her land will be ashamed, and all of her slaughtered ones will fall in her midst.

UST

⁴⁷ But it will soon be the time for me to get rid of the carved idols in Babylon. People all over the land will be ashamed because of being defeated, and the corpses of their soldiers will lie in the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them will rejoice over Babylon. For destroyers will come for her from the north—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

⁴⁸ Then all the angels in heaven and all the people on the earth will rejoice, because from the north will come armies that will destroy Babylon.

What happens that causes the heavens and earth to rejoice? (vv48-49)

The heavens and earth will rejoice because Babylon is destroyed by an army from the north.

Jeremiah 51:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ As Babylon has made the killed of Israel fall, so the killed of all her land will fall in Babylon.

UST

⁴⁹ Like the soldiers of Babylon killed the people of Israel and also killed others all over the world, the people of Babylon must also be killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ Survivors of the sword, go away! Do not stay still. Call Yahweh to mind from far away; let Jerusalem come to mind.

UST

⁵⁰ You Israelite people who have not been killed, get out of Babylon! Do not wait! Even though you are in a land far away from Israel, think about Yahweh, and think about Jerusalem!"

What does Jeremiah tell the Israelite people to do?

They are to get out of Babylon, return to Jerusalem, and turn back to Yahweh.

Jeremiah 51:51**ULT**

⁵¹ We are ashamed, for we have heard insults; reproach has covered our faces, for foreigners have entered the holy places of Yahweh's house.

UST

⁵¹ The Israelite people say, "We are ashamed. We are completely disgraced, because foreigners have entered Yahweh's temple and defiled it."

What had the Israelites heard about Yahweh's house?

They had heard that foreigners had entered the holy places of Yahweh's house.

Jeremiah 51:52**ULT**

⁵² Therefore, see, days are coming—this is Yahweh’s declaration—when I will punish her carved idols, and the wounded people will groan in all of her land.

UST

⁵² Yahweh replies, “That is true, but there will soon be a time when I will destroy the carved idols in Babylon, and throughout Babylonia there will be wounded people who will groan.

What does Yahweh tell the people that he will do? (vv52-53)

He tells them that he will send armies to destroy Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:53**ULT**

⁵³ For even if Babylon went up to the heavens or fortified her highest fortresses, destroyers would come from me to her—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

⁵³ Even if the walls around Babylon could extend up to the sky, and if its walls were extremely strong, I will send armies that will destroy the city. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:54**ULT**

⁵⁴ A shout of distress came from Babylon, a great collapse from the land of the Chaldeans.

UST

⁵⁴ Listen to the people of Babylon shouting for help! And listen to the sounds of things being destroyed all over Babylonia!

What do the people hear from Babylon? (vv54-56)

They hear a shout of distress as Yahweh destroys Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:55**ULT**

⁵⁵ For Yahweh is destroying Babylon. He is causing her loud voice to perish. Their enemies roar like the waves of many waters; their noise becomes very strong.

UST

⁵⁵ Yahweh will be destroying Babylon. He will cause the loud noises in the city to cease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:56**ULT**

⁵⁶ For the destroyers have come against her—against Babylon!—and her warriors have been captured. Their bows are broken, for Yahweh is the God of vengeance; he will surely carry out this repayment.

UST

⁵⁶ Enemy troops will surge against the city like a great wave. They will capture the city's mighty soldiers and break their weapons. That will happen because Yahweh is a God who punishes his enemies justly; he will punish them as they deserve.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:57**ULT**

⁵⁷ For I will make her princes, her sages, her officials, and her soldiers drunk, and they will sleep in an unending sleep and never wake up— this is the King's declaration: Yahweh of hosts is his name.

UST

⁵⁷ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says, "I will cause the city officials and wise men, the army captains and soldiers, to become drunk. They will fall asleep, but they will never wake up again!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:58**ULT**

⁵⁸ Yahweh of hosts says this: The thick walls of Babylon will be completely demolished, and her high gates will be burned. Then the peoples coming to her aid will labor uselessly; everything that the nations try to do for her will be burned up.”

UST

⁵⁸ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, also says, “The thick walls around Babylon will be flattened to the ground. The city gates will be burned. People from other countries will work hard to save the city, but it will be in vain, because everything that they have built will be destroyed by fire.”

What will happen to everything that the nations try to do for Babylon?

It will all be useless.

Jeremiah 51:59**ULT**

⁵⁹ This is the word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah son of Neriah son of Mahseiah when he went with Zedekiah king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was a chief officer.

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⁵⁹ Seraiah, son of Neriaiah and grandson of Mahseiah, was an important servant of King Zedekiah. After Zedekiah had been ruling Judah for almost four years, the prophet Jeremiah gave him a message. This was when Seraiah was about to go to Babylon with the king.

Who was King Zedekiah’s chief officer?

Seraiah was his chief officer.

Jeremiah 51:60**ULT**

⁶⁰ For Jeremiah had written in a scroll about all the disaster that was going to come on Babylon—all these words that were written about Babylon.

UST

⁶⁰ Now Jeremiah had written on a scroll a list of all the disasters that he had written about, disasters that would soon happen to Babylon.

What did Jeremiah write in a scroll?

Jeremiah wrote all the disasters that were going to come to Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:61**ULT**

⁶¹ Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "When you go to Babylon, then you will see and you will read these words aloud.

UST

⁶¹ Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "When you arrive in Babylon, read aloud everything that I have written on this scroll.

What were Jeremiah's instructions to Seraiah?

Jeremiah told Seraiah that when he arrived in Babylon he was to read all the words on the scroll, tie a stone to it, and throw it into the Euphrates River.

Jeremiah 51:62**ULT**

⁶² Then you will say, 'Yahweh, you yourself have declared that you would destroy this place, and that no man or animal will live in it, and it will be desolate forever.'

UST

⁶² Then pray, 'Yahweh, you said that you will thoroughly destroy Babylon, with the result that people and animals will no longer live there. You said that it will be desolate forever.'

What was written on the scroll?

Yahweh made a declaration that Babylon will be destroyed, have no inhabitants, and become a permanent wasteland.

Jeremiah 51:63**ULT**

⁶³ Then when you have finished reading this scroll, tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates.

UST

⁶³ Then, when you have finished reading what is written on the scroll, tie it to a heavy stone and throw it into the Euphrates River.

What were Jeremiah's instructions to Seraiah?

Jeremiah told Seraiah that when he arrived in Babylon he was to read all the words on the scroll, tie a stone to it, and throw it into the Euphrates River.

Why was Seraiah to throw the scroll in the river? (vv63-64)

When he threw the scroll in the river, the people would understand that Babylon will sink like the scroll because of the disaster Yahweh is sending on her.

Jeremiah 51:64

ULT

⁶⁴ Say, 'Babylon will sink like this. It will not arise because of the disaster that I am sending against it, and they will fall.'" Jeremiah's words end here.

UST

⁶⁴ Then say, 'In the same way, Babylon and its people will disappear and never exist again, because of the disasters that Yahweh will bring to it.'" This is the end of Jeremiah's messages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52

Jeremiah 52:1

ULT

¹ Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal; she was the daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah.

UST

¹ Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled in Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother was Hamutal, the daughter of a man named Jeremiah from Libnah.

What kind of king was Zedekiah? (vv1-2)

Zedekiah was an evil king just like Jehoiakim.

Jeremiah 52:2

ULT

² He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh; he did everything that Jehoiakim had done.

UST

² Zedekiah did many things that Yahweh says are evil, like his father Jehoiakim had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:3

ULT

³ Through Yahweh's anger, all these events happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he drove them from before himself. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

UST

³ The events described here happened because Yahweh was angry with the people of Jerusalem and of other places in Judah, and finally he exiled them and said that he did not want to have anything to do with them anymore. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:4**ULT**

⁴ It happened that in the ninth year of the reign of King Zedekiah, in the tenth month, and on the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came with all his army against Jerusalem. They camped opposite it, and they built a siege wall around it.

UST

⁴ So, on the tenth day of the tenth month, when Zedekiah had been ruling for almost nine years, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon led his entire army to attack Jerusalem. They surrounded the city and built dirt ramps up to the top of the city walls to enable them to attack the city.

What did king Nebuchadnezzar do while he was near Jerusalem? (vv4-5)

He camped opposite it and attacked the city for two years.

Jeremiah 52:5**ULT**

⁵ So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah's reign.

UST

⁵ They continued to surround Jerusalem until Zedekiah had been ruling for almost eleven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:6**ULT**

⁶ By the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

UST

⁶ When Zedekiah had been ruling for almost eleven years, on the ninth day of the fourth month of that year, the famine in the city had become very severe, and there was no more food for the people to eat.

Where did the Chaldeans (Babylonians) catch Zedekiah and his men? (vv6-8)

They caught them in the plains of the Jordan River near Jericho.

Jeremiah 52:7**ULT**

⁷ Then the city was broken into, and all the fighting men fled and went out of the city at night by the way of the gate that was between the two walls, by the king's garden, although the Chaldeans were all around the city. So they went in the direction of the Arabah.

UST

⁷ Then the soldiers of Babylonia broke through a section of the city wall, and all the Israelite soldiers fled. But because the city was surrounded by soldiers from Babylonia, Zedekiah and the Israelite soldiers waited until it became dark. Then they left the city through the gate between the two walls behind the king's garden. Then they ran toward the plain along the Jordan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:8**ULT**

⁸ But the army of Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of the Jordan River valley near Jericho. All his army was scattered away from him.

UST

⁸ But the soldiers of Babylonia pursued King Zedekiah, and they caught up with him on the plains near Jericho. He was alone because all his men had all deserted him and had scattered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:9**ULT**

⁹ They captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he passed sentence on him.

UST

⁹ The soldiers of Babylonia took him to the king of Babylon, who was at Riblah in the region of Hamath. There the king of Babylon told his soldiers what they should do to punish Zedekiah.

What did the king of Babylon do to Zedekiah and his sons? (vv9-11)

The king slaughtered Zedekiah's sons before his eyes and then put out Zedekiah's eyes, bound him in chains, and took him to Babylon.

Jeremiah 52:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The king of Babylon slaughtered Zedekiah's sons before his own eyes, and at Riblah he also slaughtered all the leaders of Judah.

UST

¹⁰ They forced Zedekiah to watch while they killed his sons and all the officials from Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then he put out Zedekiah's eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon. The king of Babylon put him in prison until the day of his death.

UST

¹¹ Then they gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They fastened him with bronze chains and took him to Babylon. They put him in a prison, and he remained there until the day that he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:12**ULT**

¹² Now in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan came to Jerusalem. He was the commander of the king's bodyguards and a servant of the king of Babylon.

UST

¹² On the tenth day of the fifth month of that year, which was when King Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling for almost nineteen years, Nebuzaradan, who was the captain of the king's bodyguards and one of the king's officials, arrived in Jerusalem.

What did Nebuzaradan do in Jerusalem? (vv12-14)

He burned the house of Yahweh, the king's palace, and all the houses and important buildings, and he destroyed the walls around Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 52:13**ULT**

¹³ He burned the house of Yahweh, the king's palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem; also every important building in the city he burned.

UST

¹³ He commanded his soldiers to burn down the temple of Yahweh, the king's palace, and all the houses in Jerusalem. They also destroyed all the important buildings in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:14**ULT**

¹⁴ As for the walls around Jerusalem, all the army of the Babylonians who were with the commander of the bodyguards destroyed them.

UST

¹⁴ Then he supervised the soldiers from Babylonia while they tore down the walls on all sides of Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:15**ULT**

¹⁵ As for the poorest people, the rest of the people who were left in the city, those who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the craftsmen— Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguards, took some of them away into exile.

UST

¹⁵ Then Nebuzaradan forced to go to Babylon some of the poorest people, those Israelites who had said they would support the king of Babylon, the rest of the craftsmen, and other people who had remained in Jerusalem.

What did Nebuzaradan do to the poorest people in Jerusalem? (vv15-16)

He took some of them into exile and left some to work the vineyards and fields.

Jeremiah 52:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguards, left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

UST

¹⁶ But Nebuzaradan allowed some of the very poor people to remain in Judah to take care of the vineyards and fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:17**ULT**

¹⁷ As for the bronze pillars that belonged to the house of Yahweh, and the stands, and the large bronze basin called "The Sea" that were in the house of Yahweh, the Chaldeans broke them into pieces and carried all the bronze back to Babylon.

UST

¹⁷ The soldiers from Babylonia broke into pieces the huge bronze pillars that were in front of the temple, and the large bronze water tank called "The Sea," and the ten bronze water carts, and they took all the bronze to Babylon.

What became of the bronze, gold, and silver in the house of Yahweh? (vv17-19)

The Chaldeans (Babylonians) took it all away.

Jeremiah 52:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The pots, shovels, lamp trimmers, bowls, and all the utensils of bronze with which the priests had served in the temple—the Chaldeans took them all away.

UST

¹⁸ They also took away the basins for holding the ashes from the burned sacrifices, the shovels for cleaning out the ashes, the tools for snuffing out the wicks of the lamps, the basins for holding the blood of the sacrificed animals, the dishes for incense, and all the other bronze items that were used when they made sacrifices at the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The basins and the incense burners, the bowls, pots, lampstands, pans, and basins that were made of gold, and those made of silver—the commander of the king’s guard took them away as well.

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¹⁹ Nebuzaradan also told his soldiers to take away the small bowls, the dishes for burning incense, the basins, pots, lampstands, bowls for incense, and the bowls used for pouring out the wine offerings. They took all the other items that were made of pure gold or silver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:20**ULT**

²⁰ The two pillars, the large bronze basin known as “The Sea,” and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the stands, things that Solomon had made for the house of Yahweh, contained more bronze than could be weighed.

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²⁰ The bronze from the two pillars, the large water tank called “The Sea” and the twelve statues of oxen that were beneath it, and the water carts, was more than they could weigh. Those things had been made for the temple during the time that Solomon was the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:21**ULT**

²¹ The pillars were eighteen cubits high each, and a line around each one measured twelve cubits. Each was four fingers thick and hollow.

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²¹ Each of the pillars was 27 feet tall and 18 feet around. They were hollow, and each had sides that were 3 inches thick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:22**ULT**

²² A capital of bronze was on top of it. The capital was five cubits high, with latticework and pomegranates all around. It was all made of bronze. The other pillar and its pomegranates were the same as the first.

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²² The bronze head on the top of each pillar was seven and one-half feet high and was decorated all around with a bronze network of figures that represented pomegranates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:23**ULT**

²³ So there were ninety-six pomegranates on the capital's sides, and one hundred pomegranates above the surrounding latticework.

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²³ There was a total of one hundred figures of pomegranates on the network at the top, 96 of which could be seen from the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:24**ULT**

²⁴ The commander of the bodyguards took prisoner Seraiah, the high priest, together with Zephaniah, the second priest, and the three gatekeepers.

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²⁴ When Nebuzaradan returned to Babylon, he took with him as prisoners Seraiah the high priest, Zephaniah who was Seraiah's deputy, and the three men who guarded the entrances to the temple.

What did Nebuzaradan do to Zephaniah and other city officials? (vv24-25)

He put them in prison.

Jeremiah 52:25**ULT**

²⁵ From the city he took prisoner an officer who was in charge of soldiers, and seven men of those who advised the king, who were still in the city. He also took prisoner the king's army officer responsible for drafting men into the army, along with sixty important men from the land who were in the city.

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²⁵ He found some other people who were hiding in the city. So from them he took a commander of the army of Judah, seven of the king's advisors, the army commander's chief secretary who was in charge of recruiting soldiers for the army, and sixty other soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguards, took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

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²⁶ Nebuzaradan took them all to the king of Babylon, who was still at Riblah.

**What did the king of Babylon do with the prisoners that Nebuzaradan brought to him?
(vv26-27)**

He put them to death.

Jeremiah 52:27**ULT**

²⁷ The king of Babylon put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. In this way, Judah went out of its land into exile.

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²⁷ There at Riblah in the Hamath region, the king of Babylon commanded that they all be executed. Many of the people of Judah were forced to leave their own land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:28**ULT**

²⁸ These were the people who Nebuchadnezzar exiled: In the seventh year, 3,023 Judeans.

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²⁸ The number of people who were captured and sent to Babylon at that time, when Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling for almost seven years, was 3,023.

How many Judean people were exiled? (vv28-30)

There were 4,600 people exiled from Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 52:29**ULT**

²⁹ In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he took 832 people from Jerusalem.

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²⁹ Then, when he had been ruling for almost eighteen years, his soldiers took 832 more from Jerusalem to Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:30**ULT**

³⁰ In the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan, the commander of the king's bodyguards, exiled 745 Judean people. All the exiled people totaled 4,600.

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³⁰ When he had been ruling almost twenty-three years, he sent Nebuzaradan to Jerusalem again, and he brought back 745 more Israelites to Babylonia. That was a total of 4,600 Israelites who were taken to Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:31**ULT**

³¹ It happened later in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth day of the month, that Awel-Marduk, king of Babylon released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison. This happened in the year that Awel-Marduk began to reign.

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³¹ After King Jehoiachin of Judah had been in prison in Babylon for almost thirty-seven years, Awel-Marduk became the king of Babylon. He was kind to Jehoiachin and ordered that he be released from prison. That was on the twenty-fifth day of the twelfth month of the year that Awel-Marduk became king.

Who released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison?

Evil Merodach, king of Babylon, released him.

Jeremiah 52:32**ULT**

³² He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat more honorable than that of the other kings who were with him in Babylon.

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³² He always spoke kindly to Jehoiachin and gave him a position in which he was honored more than all the other kings who had been exiled to Babylon.

How did Evil Merodach treat Jehoiachin when he was released from prison? (vv32-34)

He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat of honor. He removed Jehoiachin's prison clothes and had him eat at his table and gave him a regular food allowance for the rest of his life.

Jeremiah 52:33**ULT**

³³ Awel-Marduk removed Jehoiachin's prison clothes, and Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life,

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³³ He supplied new clothes for Jehoiachin, to replace the clothes that he had been wearing in prison. He also allowed Jehoiachin to eat with him every day, all during the rest of his life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:34

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³⁴ and a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life until his death.

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³⁴ Every day, the king of Babylon gave him some money to buy the things that he needed. That continued until the day that Jehoiachin died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

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