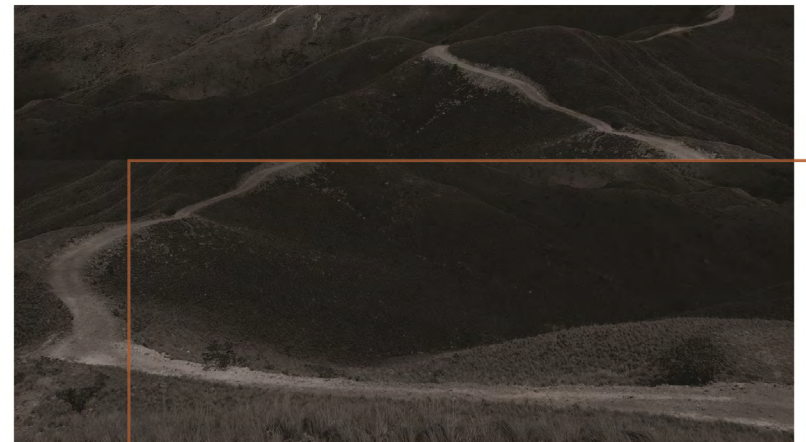


JEREMIAH devotional



WEEK SEVEN & EIGHT

KNOWING
AND LIVING
GOD'S WAY

DAY 1

JEREMIAH CHAPTER 43

PRAY: Ask the Lord to prepare your heart to receive the reading of the Word today.

READ: Take time to read the entirety of Jeremiah chapter 43. You are encouraged to underline, circle or highlight passages that stand out to you.

PROCESS: Jot down some thoughts to these questions:

Azariah son of Hoshaiah and Johanan son of Kareah and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, "You are lying! The Lord our God has not sent you to say, 'You must not go to Egypt to settle there.'" **(v.2)**

There were two competing truth claims. One party was saying to go to Egypt and Jeremiah was telling the people not to go to Egypt. How do you discern truth when there are competing truth claims?

So they entered Egypt in disobedience to the Lord and went as far as Tahpanhes. **(v.7)**

What is the historical significance of the Israelites choosing to go back to Egypt and God's action taken in Egypt?



DAY 2

JEREMIAH CHAPTER 44

PRAY: Ask the Lord to prepare your heart to receive the reading of the Word today.

READ: Take time to read the entirety of Jeremiah chapter 44. You are encouraged to underline, circle or highlight passages that stand out to you.

PROCESS: Jot down some thoughts to these questions:

Again and again I sent my servants the prophets, who said, 'Do not do this detestable thing that I hate!' But they did not listen or pay attention; they did not turn from their wickedness or stop burning incense to other gods... **(v.4-5)**

Do not underestimate your ability to be stubborn in heart and closed off to hearing the word of the Lord. Examine your heart. Has the Lord sent messengers to you and have you been listening?

To this day they have not humbled themselves or shown reverence, nor have they followed my law and the decrees I set before you and your ancestors. **(v.10)**

Spend some time again today, humbling yourself before the Lord. Revere Him. Honor Him. Worship Him. Surrender to Him.

DAY 3

JEREMIAH CHAPTER 45

PRAY: Ask the Lord to prepare your heart to receive the reading of the Word today.

READ: Take time to read the entirety of Jeremiah chapter 45. You are encouraged to underline, circle or highlight passages that stand out to you.

PROCESS: Jot down some thoughts to these questions:

Baruch said, 'Woe to me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am worn out with groaning and find no rest.' **(v.4-5)**

We are given insight into the real feelings and thoughts of Baruch. This is a very raw moment. It is healthy to be raw and honest with our feelings and thoughts. Spend a few moments processing... How are you feeling about life in this current season? What consumes your thinking these days? What are the weights? What are the joys? How would you describe your current state of mind and heart?

"Should you then seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them." **(v.5)**

The Lord challenges Baruch into processing the hopes and goals of life? Are you seeking your dreams, ambitions, comforts, etc.? Or are you seeking first the kingdom?

DAY 4

JEREMIAH CHAPTER 46

PRAY: Ask the Lord to prepare your heart to receive the reading of the Word today.

READ: Take time to read the entirety of Jeremiah chapter 46. You are encouraged to underline, circle or highlight passages that stand out to you.

PROCESS: Jot down some thoughts to these questions:

The Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "I am about to bring punishment on Amon god of Thebes, on Pharaoh, on Egypt and her gods and her kings, and on those who rely on Pharaoh. **(v.25)**

History tends to repeat itself. This chapter should draw the reader back to Egypt when God makes a mockery of the Egyptian gods with the ten plagues. There are no other gods. Spend a moment and denounce all the false "gods" of our day and make claim to the fact that there is only one God!

"Do not be afraid, Jacob my servant; do not be dismayed, Israel. I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendants from the land of their exile. Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid." **(v.27)**

The Lord holds true to His promises. What are some scriptural promises that you can hold onto in this season?

DAY 5

JEREMIAH CHAPTER 47

PRAY: Ask the Lord to prepare your heart to receive the reading of the Word today.

READ: Take time to read the entirety of Jeremiah chapter 47. You are encouraged to underline, circle or highlight passages that stand out to you.

PROCESS: Jot down some thoughts to this question:

"Alas, sword of the Lord, how long will you rest? Return to your sheath; cease and be still." But how can it rest when the Lord has commanded it when he has ordered it to attack Ashkelon and the coast? **(v.7)**

How do you find yourself personally responding when you do not understand what God is up to? What is a biblical approach to take when you find yourself frustrated by the ways of God?

DAY 6

JEREMIAH CHAPTER 48



PRAY: Ask the Lord to prepare your heart to receive the reading of the Word today.

READ: Take time to read the entirety of Jeremiah chapter 48. You are encouraged to underline, circle or highlight passages that stand out to you.

PROCESS: Jot down some thoughts:

The Lord says, "Since you trust in your deeds and riches, you too will be taken captive..." **(v.7)**

Where, what or who do you place your trust in? Being honest with yourself, do you put your trust in anything or anyone other than God? If the answer is yes, spend some time surrendering those attachments.

"Joy and gladness are gone from the orchards and fields of Moab."
(v.33)

The absence of joy and gladness are indicators of spiritual decay. Are joy and gladness gone or abundant in the orchard of your life? How can you cultivate a spirit of joy and gladness?

DAY 7

JEREMIAH CHAPTER 49

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READ: Take time to read the entirety of Jeremiah chapter 49. You are encouraged to underline, circle or highlight passages that stand out to you.

PROCESS: Jot down some thoughts to these questions:

“The terror you inspire and the pride of your heart have deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks, who occupy the heights of the hill. Though you build your nest as high as the eagle’s, from there I will bring you down,” declares the Lord. **(v.16)**

The Lord will bring down the plans and purposes of the wicked. Take confidence today that Jesus will come again and destroy sin, wickedness and death for good at the end of the ages. This is all temporary. Take time praising God for His justice and righteousness. Take claim of His ultimate victory and carry that in your heart today.

DAY 8

JEREMIAH CHAPTER 50

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READ: Take time to read the entirety of Jeremiah chapter 50. You are encouraged to underline, circle or highlight passages that stand out to you.

PROCESS: Jot down some thoughts to these questions:

“In those days, at that time,” declares the Lord, “the people of Israel and the people of Judah together will go in tears to seek the Lord their God. They will ask the way to Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.” **(v.4-5)**

Restoration is coming Israel and Judah! Restoration is also coming to you, follower of Jesus. Fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith today!

This is what the Lord Almighty says: “The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah as well. All their captors hold them fast, refusing to let them go. Yet their Redeemer is strong; the Lord Almighty is his name. He will vigorously defend their cause so that he may bring rest to their land.” **(v.34-35)**

Thank you, good God, for Your faithfulness and for fighting on our behalf. Spend some time in this moment proclaiming who God is, His perfect attributes. Worship Him through prayers of adoration.

DAY 9

JEREMIAH CHAPTER 51

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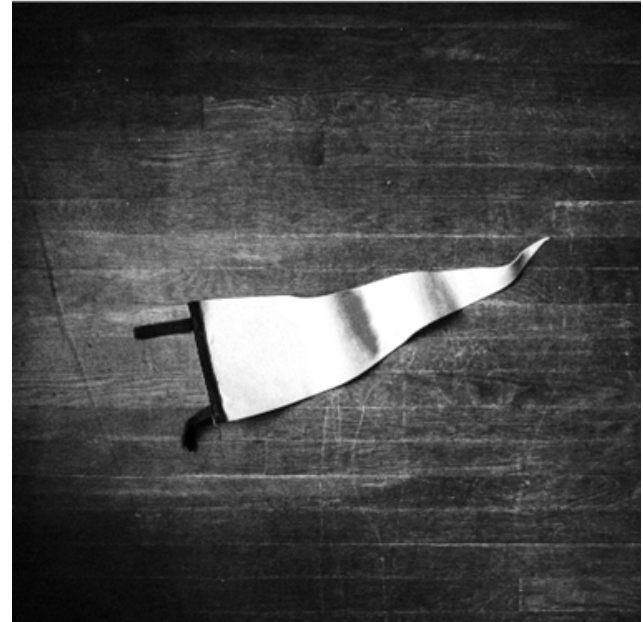
PROCESS: Jot down some thoughts to these questions:

“The Lord has vindicated us; come, let us tell in Zion what the Lord our God has done.” **(v.10)**

Who can you share the good news with this week? Who in your life needs to hear and experience the fact that Jesus saves?

“Lift up a banner in the land! Blow the trumpet among the nations!”
(v.27)

We all lift up a banner one way or another. What banner are you lifting up in your life? When people see you, what do they see? What do they know about you? What would they say you are passionate about?



DAY 10

JEREMIAH CHAPTER 52

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READ: Take time to read the entirety of Jeremiah chapter 52. You are encouraged to underline, circle or highlight passages that stand out to you.

PROCESS: Jot down some thoughts to these questions:

Congratulations! You made it through the book of Jeremiah! On this final day of participating in this devotional, let's reflect back on the 52 days and chapters of reading you've had.

If you were to sum up the book of Jeremiah in a sentence or two, what would you say?

What were lessons that the Lord impressed upon you throughout this journey through Jeremiah?

DAY 10 *(Continued)*

How does this change your life going forward?

Lastly, spend a moment thanking the Lord for meeting you through His Word.