



Jeremiah



Judah (the southern kingdom) had a mixture of good and bad kings. Through Jeremiah, God warned for many years that Judah would be overcome by enemies if they continued to go against God. Jerusalem (the capital of Judah) was captured, people were taken away to Babylon, others who were left moved to Egypt.



Read Jeremiah 1v4-14. Even before he was born, God chose Jeremiah to be a _____ [Jeremiah 1v5]. Jeremiah didn't think he could do it. Why? _____ [Jeremiah 1v6] But, see what God promised him, what God gave him, and what God told him to do.



<u>When Josiah is king</u> , God calls Jeremiah.	<i>Jeremiah 1</i>
<u>When Jehoiakim is king</u> , Jeremiah speaks in the temple and some want to kill him.	26
Jeremiah gives the king God's message but he burns it.	36
<u>When Jehoiachin is king</u> , The king is captured, and Jeremiah writes to those taken to Babylon.	29
<u>When Zedekiah is king</u> , Jeremiah is imprisoned, the Babylonians attack but Jeremiah buys a field.	32
Jeremiah is kept in a cell, a muddy well and a courtyard.	37-38
<u>When Gedeliah is made governor</u> , Jeremiah stays with him rather than going to Babylon.	40
<u>When Gedeliah is killed</u> , Jeremiah is taken to Egypt.	43



Jeremiah prophesied for about 40 years:-
to Israel/Judah [Jeremiah 1-45] and to other nations [Jeremiah 46-51].



When his difficult times went on for so long, Jeremiah felt sorry for himself and he was afraid that God would disappoint him.

He asks "Why?" [Jeremiah 15v10; 16-18]

God showed him that even though he was serving God, the way he was thinking needed to be changed. [Jeremiah 15v19]

God did not take him out of the difficult times but promised to be with him, to " _____ ." [Jeremiah 15v20]



Along with messages from God of warning and judgement, Jeremiah had some wonderful messages of future blessing which are fulfilled in Jesus:-

- The promise of a king. [Jeremiah 23v5-6]
- The promise of a new covenant (agreement). [Jeremiah 31v31-34]

This new covenant came by the death of Jesus. In Matthew 26v28, Jesus describes the covenant as coming by his blood being poured out for many _____ .



Jeremiah 20v7-18 shows some of Jeremiah's different feelings about being a prophet, but he stuck to what God was saying, no matter what happened to him. How much is your obedience to Jesus affected by how you are feeling?