

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY READING SCHEDULE FOR 5/27/13 TO 06/02/13

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013 Read Jeremiah 29

Jeremiah wrote the letters of chapter 29 sometime after Nebuchadnezzar had rounded up the first wave of exiles and deported them to Babylon. Two temptations would assail them there. First, the false prophets would continue to predict a speedy return from exile. Second, the faithful believers among the exiles might despair, believing the Lord had forsaken them. What parts of Jeremiah's letter address which of them temptations? What words of the prophet speak to your own personal needs right now?

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013 Read Jeremiah 30 to 32

The first two chapters from today's readings contain the sweetest Gospel of Jeremiah's entire book. In the pictures of restoration Jeremiah paints, we see layer upon layer of God's grace as the prophet foretells Judah's return from exile, the fruit of Messiah's finished work, and the glories of the heavenly home our God is preparing for us even now. How did Jeremiah signal his own confidence in God's Word?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013 Read Jeremiah 33

Jeremiah's message of grace continues as the Lord promises not to cancel the covenant He has made with Judah. List the things God promises to do for His people- most of the statements that begin with "I will" indicate these promises.

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2013 Read Jeremiah 34 and 35

Nearly the whole land had fallen to Nebuchadnezzar. King Zedekiah's kingdom now included only three cities- Lachish, Azekah, and Jerusalem. In a possibly well-intentioned act of repentance, Zedekiah led the people to release to release their Hebrew slaves as per Leviticus 25:39-46. But soon, the wealthy reneged on this release, rescinding their repentance. Chapter 35, then, flashes back in time to the days of King Johoiakim (609-598 BC). What does the Lord say in both chapters about respect for Him and obedience to His Word?

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2013 Read Jeremiah 36 and 37

Today's two chapters give us snapshots of Judah's spiritual condition under two different kings: Jehoiakim (ch. 36) and Zedekiah (ch. 37). In these chapters, you will read of incredible courage, incredible disrespect for God's Word, and incredible weakness. As yourself, "What does it mean to me that God's Word never changes, no matter how human beings respond to it?"

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 Read Jeremiah 38 to 40

Did you ever go back to someone in authority to appeal a decision? Perhaps you hoped that this time the parent, the judge, the supervisor would have a change of heart. In chapter 38, we read King Zedekiah's third interview with Jeremiah. But God's Word, God's will, not changed. As you read, ask yourself why Zedekiah waffled back and forth between wanting to hear God's Word and not wanting to obey it.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013 JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND A POTLUCK TO FELLOWSHIP AFTER CHURCH AN THEN USE SOME TIME LATER IN THE DAY TO CATCH UP ON ANY READINGS YOU MISSED THIS WEEK.