

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR 6/03/13 TO 06/09/13

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013 Read Jeremiah 41 to 43

Fear can suffocate faith. You'll see that happen before your eyes in today's reading. Nebuchadnezzar left the poorest and least educated in Judah but took the rest into exile in Babylon. Those who were left could think only of one thing: getting as far away from Babylon's armies as possible. They would "escape" to Egypt, even if they had to disobey a direct command from God to do it.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013 Read Jeremiah 44 and 45

For forty or more chapters now, the Lord has been telling his people their problem; they hear but do not believe His Word. Now the people respond in defiance, not repentance (44:16-17). Note the contrast between this defiance and Baruch attitude of humility and remorse in chapter 45.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013 Read Jeremiah 46 to 49

Jeremiah's book closes with a series of prophecies against the nations that have oppressed Yahweh's chosen people. Despite the Lord's anger at His people's sins, He still has tremendous compassion on and concern for them. As you read, ask yourself whether Jeremiah's ministry to God's people was a success or a failure.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013 Read Jeremiah 50 and 51

Today's two chapters detail a prophecy against Babylon. Jeremiah evidently sent it along with one of King Zedekiah's officers at a time when Zedekiah paid a state visit to Babylon before that nation again invaded Judah. Seraiah was to read then destroy the scroll in a way that sounds a lot like a *Mission: Impossible* plot. As you read, note the names Jeremiah uses for the Lord and the comfort they provide.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013 Read Jeremiah 52

Chapter 52 of Jeremiah is almost a postscript. Most scholars believe it was added after Jeremiah's death. Even so, it is still God's inspired Word to us. If you've read along with our study for the past seven months, you read today for the fourth time the account of Jerusalem's fall. It's hard to exaggerate the importance of this event in salvation history. As you read, sit inside Jerusalem's walls, hungry and fearful, as Nebuchadnezzar pound on your city's gates.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2013 Read Lamentations 1

The prophet Jeremiah begins the first of his five laments, or funeral dirges, for the city of Jerusalem by painting a word picture of the city, now desolate. As you read, keep in mind the truth of Proverbs 13:15: "The way of the treacherous is their ruin."

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2013 JOIN US IN CHURCH IN THE MORNING AS WE CELEBRATE WITH OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES AND THEN CATCH ON MISSED READINGS LATER IN THE DAY.