

Lesson 16
Disobedience and Obedience in the Final Days – Part 1
Jeremiah 34-36

Questions

1. What did the Lord say to Zedekiah concerning Jerusalem and concerning Zedekiah himself (34:1-5)?

2. When did Jeremiah speak to Zedekiah (24:6-7)?

3. What covenant had Zedekiah and the people made, and then revoked (34:8-11)?

4. What did the Lord say concerning the revoking of their covenant (34:12-16)?

5. What judgment did the Lord bring upon them for revoking their covenant (34:17-22)?

6. What was Jeremiah told to do with the house of the Rechabites (35:1-5)?

7. Why did the Rechabites refuse to drink wine (35:6-11)?

8. What lesson from the example of the Rechabites did the Lord have for the people of Jerusalem (35:12-17)?

9. What reward did the Lord give to the house of the Rechabites and why (35:18-19)?

10. What was Jeremiah told to write and why (36:1-3)?

11. What was Baruch told to do with the words of the Lord that he had written on a scroll and why was he to do it (36:4-8)?
12. When and where did Baruch read the words of the Lord (36:9-10)?
13. Who else did Baruch read the words of the Lord to, what did they ask him, and what did they tell him to do (36:11-19)?
14. How did Jehoiakim the king and the princes react to the reading of the Lord's word by Jehudi (36:20-26)?
15. What did the Lord tell Jeremiah to do and what message did he have for Jehoiakim (36:27-31)?
16. What words did Baruch write (36:32)?

Digging Deeper

1. When did Nebuchadnezzar fight against Jerusalem and the surrounding cities (34:1, 6-7)?
2. Where are Lachish and Azekah located on a map (34:7)?
3. Where in the OT is the law about proclaiming liberty to the slaves (34:8-10, 14-15)?
4. Why did Zedekiah and the people revoke their covenant (34:11, 16, 18; see 34:21b and 37:5)?

5. What is symbolized by cutting the calf in two (34:18-19)?
6. When did Jehoiakim king of Judah reign and who were the Rechabites (35:1-2)?
7. When was the fourth and fifth year of Jehoiakim (36:1, 9) and what month was the ninth month (36:9, 22)?
8. How many years had Jeremiah been preaching up to this point in time (36:1-2, 9; see also 1:2-3)?
9. What message did the Lord have for Baruch at this time, according to Jeremiah 45?

Applications for Today

1. When the Lord makes a promise and prediction, it will come to pass (34:1-7; Rev. 21:5).
2. When you make a covenant, keep it (34:8-22; Rom. 1:31).
3. When we violate the Lord's covenant, we profane his name (34:16; Lev. 22:32).
4. Children, obey your parents, and parents raise your children with godly values (35:6-19; Eph. 6:1-4).
5. The Lord rewards obedience (35:14, 18-19; Heb. 5:8-9).
6. Godly sorry and genuine repentance lead to forgiveness (36:3, 7; 2 Cor. 7:9-11).
7. The public reading of scripture to others is very important (36:6, 8, 10, 13-15, 21, 23; 1 Tim. 4:13).
8. When you hear the word of the Lord read, have respect for it and obey it (36:3, 11, 13, 16, 24-25, 31; Jas. 1:21-25).
9. The Lord's word can never be destroyed (36:27-32; 1 Pet. 1:23-25).