

**Lesson 23**  
**The Fall of Jerusalem**  
**Jeremiah 52**

**Questions**

1. What kind of king was Zedekiah and what did the Lord do to Jerusalem and Judah as a result (52:1-3)?
  
2. What did Zedekiah do toward the king of Babylon and what did Nebuchadnezzar do to Jerusalem (52:3-6)?
  
3. What was done to Zedekiah and his sons after he fled from Jerusalem (52:7-11)?
  
4. What did Nebuzaradan do to the temple, the city, the walls, and the people (52:12-16)?
  
5. What was done with the treasures and vessels of the temple (52:17-23)?
  
6. What was done with Seraiah the chief priest and some of the officers (52:24-27)?
  
7. When were the Jews carried away captive to Babylon and how many (52:28-30)?
  
8. What did Evil-merodach king of Babylon do to Jehoiachin king of Judah and when did he do it (52:31-34)?

**Digging Deeper**

1. Where in 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles are the reign of Zedekiah and the fall of Jerusalem recorded? What other chapter in Jeremiah records the fall of Jerusalem?

2. What are the approximate dates for the three deportations of Jews (52:28-30)? What other deportation is not mentioned in Jeremiah 52:28-30 (see Dan. 1:1-4)?
  
3. What is the approximate date for the 37<sup>th</sup> year of Jehoiachin's captivity (52:31) and where in 2 Kings is this same account recorded?
  
4. Who was Evil-merodach (52:31; 2 K. 25:27)?

### **Applications for Today**

1. The Lord keeps his word and he does not lie. He said, more than once, that Jerusalem would be destroyed by Babylon, and it happened just as he told it – “So Judah was carried away captive out of the land” (52:1-27; 2 Tim. 2:13; Tit. 1:2).
  
2. The anger of the Lord is against his people who will not cease from their sin (52:3; Rev. 14:10).