

Seventy Years of Captivity - Jeremiah 25:1-38

Topics: Anger, Drinking, Earth, Enemies, Escape, Evil, Grief, Guilt, Idolatry, Instructions, Judgment, Leadership, Listening, Mourning, People, Prophecy, Punishment, Repentance, Restoration, Revenge, Serving, Slavery, War, Words, Worship

Open It

- * 1. What are your thoughts whenever you meet someone with a “holier-than-thou” attitude?
- 2. What are five situations that, in your opinion, must make God very angry?

Explore It

- 3. When did Jeremiah’s next message fall in relation to the kings of Judah and Babylon? (25:1)
- * 4. How long had Jeremiah been speaking the word of God to the people of Judah and Jerusalem? (25:2-3)
- 5. How did the people of Judah respond to God’s servants? (25:4)
- * 6. What was the message of the prophets? (25:5-6)
- * 7. How did the people bring God’s judgment on themselves? (25:7)
- 8. Whom did God specify as His instrument of judgment, and how long would Judah remain in captivity? (25:8-11)
- 9. How would Babylon eventually pay for her guilt before God? (25:12-14)
- 10. What was the cup that God ordered Jeremiah to deliver to many nations? (25:15-16)
- 11. What nations were named in Jeremiah’s prophecy as being in line to be judged by God? (25:17-26)
- 12. What was God’s answer to any nation that refused the cup from Jeremiah? (25:27-29)
- 13. What images did Jeremiah use to convey the coming of God’s great wrath? (25:30-31)
- 14. How did Jeremiah describe the magnitude of the destruction he foresaw? (25:32-33)
- 15. What would become of all the leaders who did not fear God? (25:34-38)

Get It

- * 16. Why did it anger God that the people worshiped things they had created?
- 17. What could the people of Judah have done to avert God’s punishment?
- * 18. Why was it significant that Jeremiah’s prophecy of judgment included the most powerful nations on earth?
- 19. Why did God refer to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, as his servant?
- 20. How bad do conditions have to be in order to prevent people from burying and mourning their dead?
- 21. What was God saying about the supposed “exemption” of the leaders when He used many of the same words to describe their plight as He had used with the sheep?
- 22. In what ways do people who love and serve God need to acknowledge their own inherent sinfulness?

Apply It

- * 23. How can you avoid making gods out of your own accomplishments?
- 24. How can you avoid becoming complacent about your own sinfulness and need for God?