

## Life-Study of Jeremiah Summary – Messages 21 to 25

### Jehovah's Condemnation of and Punishment Upon the Kings and Prophets of Judah

**Jer 23:23-24** – Am I a God who is near, declares Jehovah,/And not a God who is far off?  
Can a man hide himself in secret places,/So that I will not see him? Declares  
Jehovah./Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?/Declares Jehovah.

This word indicates that **the prophets of Judah considered Jehovah as a God who is near and not far off, not filling the heavens and the earth**. These prophets were stealing Jehovah's words and were pretending to have received the words of Jehovah. Jeremiah was a genuine who received words from God.

The principle is the same today. Someone receives a revelation from God through the Word and then speaks this revelation. Others then take this word and speak it as if it were their own. If we use the words of someone else, we should give credit to that person.

### Judah's Captivity and Judah's Reaction to Jeremiah

In chapter 24 Jeremiah received a vision of two baskets of figs. The one basket of good figs signifies those **Israelites whom the God of Israel had sent from the holy land to the land of the Chaldeans**. Jehovah said that He will set His eyes upon them for good, bring them back to the holy land, build them up and not tear them down, and plant them and not uproot them. The other basket of very bad figs signifies **Zedekiah, the king of Judah, his princes, and the remnant of Jerusalem who remained in the holy land and those who dwelt in the land of Egypt**. Jehovah said that He would make them a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth for evil, to be a reproach, a proverb, a byword, and a curse in all the places where He would drive them.

In chapter 25, Jeremiah prophesied the **evils, the calamities, that were coming upon the people of Judah** and he advised them to repent and return to God. First Jeremiah prophesied that because Israel did not listen to the prophets to turn from her evil way, **Jehovah would send from the north Nebuchadnezzar**, the king of Babylon, to attack Israel. Second, Jeremiah prophesied that **after seventy years Jehovah would punish the king of Babylon**. Finally, Jeremiah prophesied that **Jehovah would also punish all the nations of the earth beginning from Israel**.

### Jeremiah's Genuine Prophecies Versus the Others' False Prophecies

Chapters 27 to 29 are on **Jeremiah's genuine prophecies versus the others' false prophecies**. Jeremiah prophesied that Jehovah had given Israel and all the nations around her into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. The false prophets said that Israel would not serve the king of Babylon. Concerning the vessels of the house of Jehovah, Jeremiah prophesied that the vessels would remain in Babylon until the day when Jehovah visited Israel. Then Jehovah would bring the vessels up and restore them to the holy land; meanwhile the false prophets prophesied that these vessels would be brought back in a short time.

### Jehovah's Promise Concerning the Restoration of Israel

Chapters 30-33 is a portion concerned with Jehovah's promise concerning **the restoration of Israel**. Jehovah appeared to Israel from afar, said that He loved Israel with an eternal love, and therefore has drawn them with lovingkindness. Jehovah will turn the captivity of Israel and Judah and will bring them back to the land which He gave to their fathers, and they will possess it. **This restoration of Israel will take place after Jehovah's chastisement of Israel with justice**.