

"Prayer is Serious Business" - Jeremiah 42-43

Knowing God through His Son, JESUS CHRIST, is the most important thing in life. Once you have met Him and are converted, the journey of Prayer and reading of the Scriptures are the most vital means to get to know Him more intimately.

History of the Fall of Jerusalem: (WHY leadership is so important)

- A. Wicked King, _____, seals Judah's fate. **2 Kings 21** (55 long yrs.)
- B. Godly King (grandson), _____, dies prematurely.
640 BC - **2 Kings 22-23** (31 yrs.)
- C. The following kings were all Wicked men: **2 Kings 24-25, 2 Chron. 33-36**
 - _____ – son, 609 BC – Reigns 3 mos. - Egypt invades
 - _____ – son, 609 BC – Reigns 11 yr. – Babylon invades
 - _____ – grandson, 598 BC – Reigns 3 mos. – Babylon invades
 - _____ – 597 BC – Reigns 11 yr. – Babylon levels it all - 586 BC
- D. Gedaliah is appointed as _____ by the Babylonians and then _____. – 586 BC **Jeremiah 40-41**

Lessons to be Learned:

- 1. GOD is _____ of the position you are in right now.
- 2. HE has a plan: **Jeremiah 29:10-14**
 - A. A plan tailored _____ for you.
 - B. It is a _____ plan; to give you a bright _____.
 - C. But to find it, you must _____ Him.
 - D. And you must be _____ to seeking Him and obeying Him with all your _____. (or else you will never find His Plan)
- 3. God's Word to the survivors of Jerusalem
 - a. _____ in the Land. **42:10**
 - b. I will cause the King of Babylon to _____ of you. **42:11-12**
 - c. I have a plan for this _____.
 - d. _____ Me. I have good plans for your lives. **29:10-14**
 - e. If you _____ to Egypt because of fear: **42:13-18**
 - I will come _____.
 - _____ will engulf you.
 - You will die there, and _____ come back to Judah.
- 4. People don't OBEY the Lord because of:
 - A. _____ - **"God can't provide ... for me"**
 - B. _____ - **"I want ... what I want"**
 - C. _____ - **"I know better ... than God does."**
 - D. _____?

* The GOAL is to _____ and _____;
- Rather than to _____ and _____.

5. God's Will for you is always: **Romans 12:1-2**

- A. _____ - What will always be the best choice.
- B. _____ - What you would pick every time, if
- C. _____ - Who knows the Future?
- Who is completely committed to you?
- D. But you must be willing to _____ yourself to Him.

6. To not follow God is to _____ **44:7**

- The Book of Jeremiah is a Book of _____.
- The Book of Lamentation is a Book of _____.