**Jeremiah 52:1-34**

***“God Is Still God”***

Introduction

1. Chapters 46-51 are prophecies concerning the nations surrounding Judah. Lessons: God

 has a plan. God can use whatever He wants to fulfill His purpose. Man rules, but God

 overrules. Man thinks he is really something when he is nothing. The tomorrow that you

 are so worried about…God has already been there. Rest!

2. In chapter 52 God once again is focusing on Judah and Jerusalem.

3. Are you going through something extremely difficult? ***God Is Still God!***

4. Jeremiah 52 Judah is going through something extremely difficult. God Is Still God!

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**I. GOD’S PROMISES**

Ch. 52 is a fulfillment of prophecy. God has a plan. God has a purpose. Many times God

 warned Judah what would happen if His people did not repent from their sins:

1. ***Promises Made*** God has a plan!
2. Enemies would come from the north (6:22-23; 10:22; 13:20).
3. They would surround Jerusalem (4:16, 17; 6:36).
4. The city and country would lie in ruins (4:20, 27; 9:11; 12:10-12; 1910-13).
5. He foretold of famine and death in the street (9:20-22; 14:1-6, 18).
6. He warned Zedekiah that unless he repented, he would be handed over to Nebuchadnezzar (34:1-3; 37:17;

 38:17-18).

1. He prophesied that Jerusalem would be burned to the ground (37:10; 38:18-23).
2. Babylon would loot the temple (27:19-22).
3. Jeremiah told how God’s people would be carried into exile (10:17-18; 13:17; 16:13; 25:11).
4. ***Promises Manifest***

 Chapter 52 is a fulfillment of the promises made.

1. Jeremiah spoke God’s Word.
2. God says what He means and means what He says! God is a holy and righteous judge. The Bible contains many warnings about judgment that is still to come: *the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23); It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment (Heb. 9:27).*
3. God had a purpose and that was to turn Israel from idols. It Worked!

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**II. GOD’S PAYMENT 52:1-3**

***A. People Are Important 1***

**1.** God knows names…time and families. 1

 **2.** Who you are…Where you are and When you are is no accident!

 ***B. Punishment Is Impartial 2***

**1.** He knows what we do whether good or bad. He sees and knows all.

 **2.** *Evil* is determined by God’s standards, not man’s.

 **3.** Punishment for sin is no surprise, but God’s mercy and why anyone should escape

 is a surprise!

 ***C. Penalty Is Imparted 3***

**1.** *“God is angry!”* This is not vindictive anger. This anger flows from His

 righteousness and holiness. Sinmust be paid for*…*TheCross tells us how much God

 hates sin!

 **2.** They brought the judgment on themselves.

 **3.** God uses natural means to accomplish His purpose. He can use whatever He wants. He’ll even use evil,

 wicked men.

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**III. GOD’S PORTION 52:1,2,5,12,29,31**

All is at an appointed time.

1. ***How Exact*** The time is given and then the event.
2. You are here by design.
3. God wants to do something **now.**
4. God wants to use you.
5. ***How Enlightening***

 God takes the negatives of life to produce the positives.

1. ***How Exciting***

 God takes all things and works them together for your good and His glory!

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**IV. GOD’S PAIN 52:4-11, 24-30**

 ***A. It Was Demolished 4-7***

**1.** *Beseiged 5*

\*God permits His people to do without…the believers and non-believers!

 \*Jeremiah was there. You may be in the center of God’s will and suffer!

 **2.** Life can go from bad to worse. 6

 **3.** *Broken up…*all your dreams are gone. That may happen. *Solders fled…*your protection and security is gone.7

 ***B. It Was Dethroned 8-11***

**1.** Zedekiah’s sons were killed before his eyes and then his eyes were put out.

 **2.** He is bound and carried to Babylon.

 **3.** The guilty suffers, but often the innocent suffer for the disobedience of the guilty. Your sin can and does hurt

 others.

 ***C. It Was Deadly 24-27***

**1.** *Some died!* Disobedience will kill those closest to you. Hopes, dreams, joys die!

 **2.** You may not live to see all God has in mind.

 ***D. It Was Deported 28-30***

**1.** The number given *(3023)* is probably men.

 **2. v. 30** There were three deportations 605 B.C…597 and 586 B.C. This is the third deportation in 586 B.C.,

 and was probably because of the assignation of Gedaliah (ch.41).

 **3.** God’s will, purpose and plan is not always seen by Friday. Disobedience can have some long lasting and far

 reaching affects!

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**V. GOD’S PRIZE 52:12-23**

One day it will all be gone! You may lose your dearest possessions on earth.

 ***A. It Was Desecrated 12-16***

1. **Burned** **13** God’s name and house was desecrated.

 **\***The house of the Lord and the king’s house and all the houses of great men gone!

 \*Their most prized earthly possessions went up in smoke.

 **2. Broken Down 14**

 **\****All the walls around Jerusalem* they were not exposed, vulnerable, unprotected.

 \*Their Security Blanket is ripped away.

 **3. Bartered 15, 16**

 **\***They were taken captive and left behind. It wasn’t their choice. The poor were left behind to care for the

 vineyards. Craftsmen were shipped to Babylon.

 \*You don’t make very many decisions in life.

 ***B. It Was Distributed 17-23***

**1.** Everything…the luxurious…those things related to God’s house…all was taken away. 17 The bronze sea

 must have weighed tons. It held 10,000 gallons of water and stood 8’ tall and was 15’ wide made of solid

 brass.

 **2.** One day everything you own will be given to someone else. Hold life very loose. We will leave it all. We

 ‘own’ nothing. It all belongs to Him. Give much of it away before you go.

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**VI. GOD’S PROVISION 52:31-34**

God will take care of you, no matter where you are and often in the most unexpected way. Evil Merodach was the

 son of Nebuchadnezzar who ruled from (562-560 B.C.) Tablets recovered from the ruin Istar Gate in Babylon

 confirms this account of the kindness shown to Jehoichin.

 ***A. Is Personal*** *Jehoiachin*

 ***B. Is Plentiful*** *It will be enough*

 ***C. Is Perpetual*** *All the days of his life*

**1.** God knows how long you will live.

 **2.** God knows how, where, and with whom you will live.

 **3.** *His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.*

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**VII. GOD’S PROVIDENCE 52:3,4,31**

*And it came to pass:*

 ***A. In God’s Time***

 ***B. In God’s Way***

 ***C. According To God’s Will***

**My life is not an accident.**

***I have a sovereign God who works according to His plan to accomplish His purpose.***

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