



The Destruction of Jerusalem and Aftermath

Jeremiah
39:11-44:30

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The aftermath of the destruction of Jerusalem.
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- Johanan took command over the people. 41:11-44:30
 - Ishmael then took all the people in the city captive and set out to take them to the Ammonites.
 - Johanan and his forces intervened.
 - Ishmael and his men fled at the presence of this overwhelming force and the people were rescued.

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- Johanan took command over the people. 41:11-44:30
 - Took everyone to Geruth-Chimham, a city near Bethlehem, and intended to flee to Egypt (see 2 Samuel 19:37-40)
 - They feared the wrath of Nebuchadnezzar because of the murder of Gedaliah.

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- Johanan took command over the people. 41:11-44:30
 - The people approached Jeremiah and asked him to seek the direction of God in what they were to do.
 - Jeremiah agreed and committed to relating the full message from God to them.
 - The people replied that they would follow God's instruction whatever it may be.

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- Johanan took command over the people. 41:11-44:30
 - The message from God came 10 days later.
 - The message was for the people to remain in the land and God would establish them there.
 - They were assured that they need not fear Nebuchadnezzar since God would cause him to have mercy on them.

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- Johanan took command over the people. 41:11-44:30
 - The message contained a stern warning that if they went to Egypt, everything they feared would come upon them.
 - Jeremiah ends with the realization that they are not going to obey the message.

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- Johanan took command over the people. 41:11-44:30
 - Johanan and his leaders rejected the message, accusing Jeremiah's scribe, Baruch, of producing the message to destroy the people.
 - Johanan and his commanders forced all the people, including Jeremiah and Baruch to go to Egypt.

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- Johanan took command over the people. 41:11-44:30
 - God gave Jeremiah a visual lesson for the people in Tahpanhes. 43:8-13
 - In the sight of the men of Judah he put large stones in the mortar in the pavement before the entrance of Pharaoh's palace.
 - The message is that Nebuchadnezzar would set up his throne above these stones.

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 - Nebuchadnezzar will conquer Egypt and leave it in ruins.
 - In 564 B.C. Egypt was destroyed by a foreign force and was in ruins over 20 years.

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- God's final message to the Jews in Egypt. 44:1-30
 - Reminder of God's judgment poured out on Jerusalem and the land of Judah due to idol worship.
 - Rebuke that the Judeans were now continuing to practice idolatry in Egypt.
 - God will destroy all of the people who went to Egypt and are practicing idolatry.
 - A very few will escape the judgment and flee Egypt.

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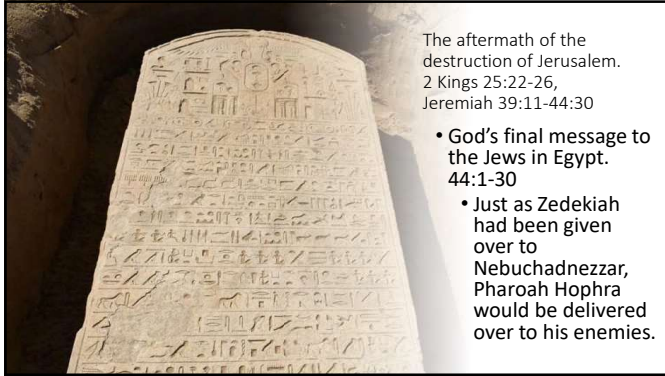
- God's final message to the Jews in Egypt. 44:1-30
 - The people answered belligerently that they had made vows to these false gods and would continue to worship them.
 - They further expressed their belief that the disasters that fell on Jerusalem and Judah was because they had stopped sacrificing to these false gods.

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- God's final message to the Jews in Egypt. 44:1-30
 - Jeremiah countered with God's message that it was because they had worshipped these idols that the disaster had come.
 - Jeremiah delivered God's message that just as the people had vowed to their idols, God had sworn by His great name to bring judgment.

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Lessons

- Keep listening until you know you have heard from God.
- Whole groups of people can be convinced or coerced to ignore or disobey the expressed will of God.
- Fear is a powerful force.
- The safest place to be is in the will of God.
- Beware of the deceitfulness of sin.
- God always has the bigger picture in view.

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