

"The Fall of a Nation"

The Book of Jeremiah

When a Nation loses the Fear of GOD, it is heading toward a disastrous _____.
There is a message here for our Country.

Jeremiah's Crucial Mission and Call by GOD:

1. **His Call:** "Before I formed you _____, I knew you, and before you were born consecrated you. I appointed you Prophet to the Nations." **1:5**
2. **The Problem:** "MY People have committed two evils: They have _____ ME, the fountain of Living Water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can _____." **2:13**
3. **The Stunner:** "Do _____ for this people, do not raise a cry or prayer on their behalf, and do not intercede to ME, for I will not hear you."
7:16, 11:14, 14:11
4. **Is it Too Late?** "The Harvest is _____, the summer is ended, and we are _____." **8:20**
5. **The Greatest Compliment:** "Let not the wise man boast in his _____, let not the strong man boast in his _____, or the wealthy man boast in his _____. But let those who boast, boast in this, that they _____ and _____ ME, that I am the LORD. I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the Earth, for in these things I _____, says the LORD" **9:23-24**
6. **A Rotten Picture:** "Buy a linen _____ ... take it to the Euphrates, and hide it away ... later go dig it up... it was _____, good for nothing ... For as the loincloth _____ to one's body, I made the whole house of Israel and Judah to cling to ME." **13:1-12**
7. **The Influence of One Man:** "I will make them a horror to all the kingdoms of the Earth because of what King _____, son of Hezekiah of Israel did in Jerusalem." **15:4**
8. There was still _____ **on the Table:**
 - A. I am setting before you the Way of _____, and the Way of Death. **21:8**
 - B. _____ of Figs. The corrupted and the still good ones. **24:1-7**
 - C. In _____ the Exiles in Babylon will return. **25:12**

- D. "I know the _____ I have for you, says the LORD, plans for blessing, not harm, to give you a future and a hope." **29: 11-14**
- E. "I have loved you with an _____ Love" **31:3**
- F. " _____ and I will answer you, and tell you great and mighty things you do not know" **33:3**
9. King Jehoiakim was given the Word of the LORD, as written by Jeremiah. Instead of heeding it and turning, he _____ to pieces with a knife and burned it in the fireplace. **Ch. 36**
10. Jeremiah counseled the next king, Zedekiah, to _____ the commanders of the Babylonian army that was ransacking his country. **38:17**. He promised the young king that if he obeyed the Voice of the LORD, it would _____ with him. Instead Zedekiah stated that he _____ of the angry Judeans who had deserted to the Chaldeans. **38:19** (he didn't listen)
11. After _____ of siege, the Babylonians finally broke through the walls of Jerusalem. Zedekiah _____, but was quickly caught. **Ch. 39**
12. The Survivors **Ruined their Chance** to _____: After the majority of the Babylonian Army left the devastated country of Judah, survivors who had fled from the war started returning. Jeremiah told them, "Do not _____ to serve the Chaldeans and it will go well with you" **40:9** Instead a military leader, _____, assassinated the Babylonian-appointed governor, Gedaliah. Great chaos ensued. **Ch. 41-42**
13. The remaining Jewish military leaders **consulted Jeremiah**, _____ they would obey the LORD, if the LORD told them what to do. They were told specifically _____. In the Fear of Man, they deliberately disobeyed GOD and went to Egypt. **Ch. 43-44**
14. **These Complicit Nations** were judged also for their crimes: _____ (46), Philistia (47), _____ (48), Ammon, _____, Syria, (49) and finally _____. (50-51)
15. **King Zedekiah's foolish legacy**. This last king of Judah's lack of the Fear of the LORD cost him his _____, his _____, his freedom, his _____, and his country. The survivors of the war (_____) were led captive to Babylon. (52)

