

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why did the Israelites reject God's messengers?
2. Are God's messengers gladly received today?
3. Is there a present day parallel to the warnings of God given to the Israelites?
4. What does God desire of mankind today?

SUMMARY:

God sent messengers to His people with His special message. The people failed to hearken to the message even though warnings were given them. Though God delayed the judgment for a long period of time, finally the day had to come. God's mercy and love was again revealed when He strengthened the people in their captivity and blessed them and prepared them for their return.

God's Word is sure today too, that He will not always wink at sin but instead will bring judgment for sin. Despite these warnings men continue to scoff (2 Peter 3:3-4) just as they scoffed at the warnings given by Jeremiah.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

April 9, 2006

Second Quarter

JEREMIAH FORETELLS CAPTIVITY

LESSON TEXT: *Jeremiah 25:1-14; 29:1-14*

LESSON SETTING: Jeremiah foretells the seventy years of Jewish captivity under Babylon.

TIME: Approximately 606 B.C.

- I. WITNESS AGAINST DISOBEDIENCE.** Jeremiah 25:1-7
 - A. God's Messengers. (vs. 3-4) Matthew 21:34-36
 - B. God's Message. (vs. 5-6) Ezekiel 18:31; Joel 2:12; Acts 3:19
 - C. Message Rejected. (vs. 7) Psalm 81:11; Isaiah 65:12; Romans 10:21
- II. WARNING OF JUDGMENT.** Jeremiah 25:8-14
 - A. Destruction. (vs. 9) Isaiah 30:13; 47:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:3
 - B. Desolation. (vs. 9) Psalm 34:21; 73:19; Matthew 23:37-38
 - C. Sorrow. (vs. 10) Ezekiel 26:13; Revelation 18:23
 - D. Captivity. (vs. 11) Isaiah 39:7; Luke 21:24
- III. PROMISE OF RESTORATION.** Jeremiah 29:1-14
 - A. God's Word is Sure. (vs. 10) Ezekiel 12:25; Luke 21:33
 - B. God's Thoughts. (vs. 11) Psalm 40:5; Isaiah 55:8-9
 - C. Restoration. (vs. 14) Hosea 14:4; Micah 7:19; Psalm 51:12

GOLDEN TEXT: *HE, THAT BEING OFTEN REPROVED HARDENETH HIS NECK, SHALL SUDDENLY BE DESTROYED, AND THAT WITHOUT REMEDY.*
Proverbs 29:1

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-58

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 16:1-11; Matthew 28:1-10;
Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53;
John 20:1-31

QUARTERLY THEME: Life and Writings of Paul

TOPIC: THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

INTRODUCTION: Paul gave many examples of those who had seen the resurrected Christ, whose faith was firmly rooted in Him. Imagine how they must have rejoiced in this knowledge. Some were denying the fact of the resurrection. Paul proclaimed that if there was no hope of our resurrection, we must deny that Jesus was resurrected. If we would deny this, then the very basis of our faith would vanish.

We are given the example of the little seed that must be planted and must die so that a new plant, a different nature might evolve to bear more fruit. So it is in our spiritual death and rebirth. The old man must die so that a new creature might arise to bear fruit for Christ.

Likewise, when we come to the end of our life, the fleshly nature must die so that we can arise as a heavenly being so that our fruitage can be in the Kingdom of God in all eternity.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The resurrection of Christ is the basic truth of Christianity.

GOLDEN TEXT: *BUT NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND BECOME THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THEM THAT SLEPT.*

I Corinthians 15:20

A question had arisen among the Corinthian believers concerning the resurrection of the dead. Paul was very emphatic in proclaiming the resurrection because to deny it would be to deny the resurrection of Christ who is the chief cornerstone of our faith. If Christ did not arise then our faith would be in vain. After His resurrection, He was seen by a multitude of over 500 disciples who were still rejoicing in what they had seen.

Not only did Christ arise, but He became the first fruits of those who have gone to their rest. In other words, He is the first of many, who because of their faith in Him, will be resurrected to meet Him in the air.

Dear friend, do you believe that Jesus died and rose again? If so, have you prepared your life that you will be counted among those who will meet Him in the air?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 10 - 16

M. *Proof of the Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
T. *Necessity of the Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:9-20
W. *Results of the Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:21-29
T. *Manner of the Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:30-44
F. *Nature of the Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:45-50
S. *Victory of the Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
S. Hope of the Resurrection. 1 Peter 1:3-9