

# Through the Bible in a Year Weeks 31 to 35

# Song of Solomon 6 – Jeremiah 48

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
Psalm 119:105

These courses are designed to be used in any calendar year for a small group to read the Bible together. It is based on having 52 meetings in a year so it will work with any year, since all days of the week always occur at least 52 times in a year. Those who attend are expected to read 3 or 4 chapters of the Bible each day (10 chapters every 3 days) for 51 weeks.

During class the reading is minimized so that there is sufficient time to discuss together what has been read. The class may want to consider each having specific topics that they are responsible for noticing and analyzing. For instance, one person may be responsible for noticing all the examples of prayers and another may be looking for God's promises or whatever you decide between you.

#### Week Topic

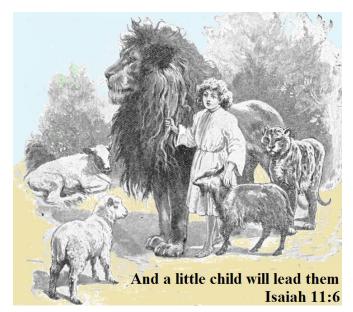
Week 31 -- Song of Solomon 6 - Isaiah 20

Week 32 -- Isaiah 21 - Isaiah 44

Week 33 -- Isaiah 45 - Jeremiah 1

Week 34 -- Jeremiah 2 - Jeremiah 24

Week 35 -- Jeremiah 25 - Jeremiah 48



# Suggested methodology for each lesson:

- 1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class)
- 2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst)
- 3. Pray (The idea is to leave our troubles with God so we can give Him our full attention.)
- 4. Read the lesson's scripture aloud from the Bible (or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
- 5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is Scripture based.)
- 6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.
- 7. Discuss your Think & Pray answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
- 8. Discuss any questions or insights anyone has from their reading that week.
- 9. Close in prayer (It is good to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission first.)
- 10. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about one third of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting. If you take less time, answer "For Further Thought" questions or the reading questions from the previous week.

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Week 31 (Aug 2) Song of Solomon 6 - Isaiah 20 Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:
[A] Isaiah 12:1-2 Who is our salvation, strength, and song?
[B] Isaiah 12:3 Where can we joyously draw water?
[C] Isaiah 12:4-6 Who are we to brag about?
[D] Please summarize Isaiah chapter 12 in four or five sentences.
Think & Pray

# Chapter 12

A joyful thanksgiving of the faithful for the mercies of God.

ND in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

- 2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.
- 3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.
- 4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.
- 5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

#### **Quest for Next Week:**

How many New Testament themes and allusions to Jesus Christ can you find in Isaiah 40?

- (x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?
- (y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?
- (z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

# Week 32 (Aug 2 - Aug 8) -- Isaiah 21 - Isaiah 44

#### **Sunday --** Isaiah 21-Isaiah 24

- (21) Thinking about Isaiah 21:1-4 What terrifies you? (See 1 John 4:18)
- (22a) Compare Isaiah 22:13 with 1 Corinthians 15:32 & Luke 12:19. What do we learn?
- (22b) Compare Is 22:21-25 with Rev 3:7. What does this teach us about the nature of God?
- (23) Isaiah 23 was written about 200 years before Alexander the Great conquered Tyre. So what?
- (24) Thinking about Isaiah 24:1 & 17-20; have you ever been in a natural catastrophe? Did you pray?

#### Monday -- Isaiah 25-Isaiah 27

- (25) Compare Isa 25:8 with 1 Cor 15:54. What do we learn?
- (26) In Isaiah 26:3 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (27) Compare Isaiah 27:13 with Matthew 24:31 and Rev 11:15. Are you listening for it?

#### Tuesday -- Isaiah 28-Isaiah 30

- (28) See Isaiah 28:16; Ps 117:22-23, Mat 21:42 & 1 Pet 2:6-7. Where do you stand?
- (29) Compare Is 29:13-16, Mat 15:8-9, 1 Cor 1:19 & Rom 9:20. Are your lips and heart in agreement?
- (30) In Isaiah 30:15-20 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?

#### Wednesday -- Isaiah 31-Isaiah 34

- (31) Thinking about Isaiah 31:1; what you put your trust in? Really? How do you know?
- (32) Compare Isaiah 32:3 with Matt 13:10-17? Do you have spiritual eyes and ears?
- (33) In Isaiah 33:15-17 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (34) Analyze Isaiah 34 as Hebrew poetry.

#### Thursday -- Isaiah 35-Isaiah 37

- (35) Compare Isaiah 35:3-6 with Hebrews 12:12. Do you encourage or discourage others?
- (36) In Isaiah 36 is Rabshakeh challenging Hezekiah or the Lord? What difference does it make?
- (37) Compare Isaiah 37 with Isaiah 14:24-25. Isaiah 14 was written many years before 37. So?

#### Friday -- Isaiah 38-Isaiah 40

- (38) In Isaiah 38:2-8 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?
- (39) What does Isaiah 39, particularly verse 8, reveal about the character of Hezekiah?
- (40) How many New Testament themes and allusions to Jesus Christ can you find in Isaiah 40?

#### Saturday -- Isaiah 41-Isaiah 44

- (41) In Isaiah 41 the concept of strength is mentioned four times. Does it always mean the same thing? Why? (Isaiah 41:1, Isaiah 41:6, Isaiah 41:10 and Isaiah 41:21) So what?
- (42) Compare Is 42:1-4 with Matt 12:18-21, and Phil 2:7. So what?
- (43) What prophecy in Isaiah 43:25 is fulfilled in Mark 2:3-12? Why is that important?
- (44) Compare Isaiah 44:6 with Revelation 1:8. What do we learn by making this comparison?

#### ----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] Isaiah 12:1-2 Who is our salvation, strength, and song? The Lord God
- [B] Isaiah 12:3 Where can we joyously draw water? The springs of salvation
- [C] Isaiah 12:4-6 Who are we to brag about? The Lord
- [D] Comfort is available to those who repent, even in the midst of God's judgment. God is completely powerful and self-sufficient and does not need to show mercy or grace, but does because He is good. This is cause to be very joyful as we enjoy the living waters (Jesus Christ) of salvation. We can expect to be exceedingly grateful to God in the end of time, so why not start now to be grateful? Our God is great beyond all hope or expectation we could possibly have. Rejoice!

#### Week 32 (Aug 9) -- Isaiah 21 - Isaiah 44

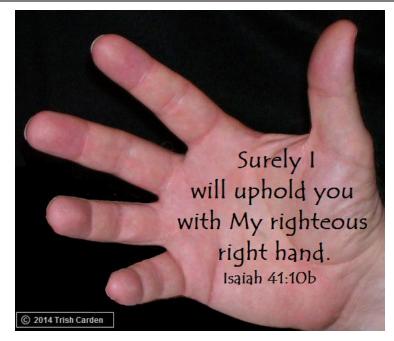
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- [C] Isaiah 41:10 God will help us, uphold us and \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- [D] Isaiah 41:21 What kind of arguments are to be brought forward?
- [E] In Isaiah 41 the concept of strength is mentioned four times. Does it always mean the same thing? Why? (Isaiah 41:1, Isaiah 41:6, Isaiah 41:10 and Isaiah 41:21) So what?

Think & Pray			



**Quest from last week:** How many New Testament themes and allusions to Jesus Christ found in Is 40? Compare Isaiah 40:3-5 with Matthew 3:1-3, Luke 3:4-6 & Mark 1:2-3.

Compare Isaiah 40:6-8 with 1 Peter 1:24-25.

In Isaiah 40:9 what is the "good news" which is to be proclaimed from the high mountain?

What prophecy in Isaiah 40:11, 42:2-3, 53:7 is fulfilled in Matthew 12:18-20, 26:62-68?

Compare Isaiah 40:13-14 with Romans 11:34-35

Compare Is 40:28 with Revelation 1:17 & Romans 1:20.

There may be more.

#### **Quest for next week:**

How many prophecies fulfilled by Jesus can you find in Isaiah 53?

- (w) Isaiah 28:29 What is the difference between God's advice and God's commands?
- (x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?
- (y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?
- (z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

#### Week 33 (Aug 9-15) -- Isaiah 45 - Jeremiah 1

#### **Sunday --** Isaiah 45-Isaiah 47

- (45) Compare Isaiah 45:9 with Romans 9:20-22. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (46) In Isaiah 46:3-4 what is promised to whom under what conditions? So what?
- (47) Compare Isaiah 47:11 with Luke 17:27 and 1 Thess 5:3. What do we learn here?

#### **Monday --** Isaiah 48-Isaiah 50

- (48) In Isaiah 48:17 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (49) Compare Isaiah 49:6-10 with John 8:12, Luke 2:32, Acts 13:47; 2 Cor 6:2, Rev 7:16. And?
- (50) What prophecy in Isaiah 50:6 is fulfilled in Matthew 26:67, 27:26-30. So what?

# Tuesday -- Isaiah 51-Isaiah 54

- (51) Notice in Isaiah 51:1 who is being addressed? Is this you? How do you know?
- (52) Are your feet described in Is 52:5-7 with Matt 5:13-16; 28:18-20, Luke 12:8, Rom 2:24, 10:15-21?
- (53) What is the answer to the question in Isaiah 53:1 and John 12:38?
- (54) Compare Isaiah 54:1 with Galatians 4:27. What do we learn by making this comparison?

#### Wednesday -- Isaiah 55-Isaiah 57

- (55) Compare Is 55:1-3 with Matthew 5:6; John 4:14; John 7:37; Rev 21:6. What do we learn?
- (55) In Is 55:7 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (56) Compare Isaiah 56:7 with Matthew 21:13, Mark 11:17 & Luke 19:46. What do we learn?
- (57) Is Is 57:15 a promise for us? (See also Matthew 5:3, Luke 15:3-7, Luke 18:14)

#### Thursday -- Isaiah 58-Isaiah 60

- (58) Compare Is 58:6-12 with Matthew 5:6-7, John 1:9, & Acts 20:35. What do we learn?
- (59) Compare Isaiah 59:20-21 with Romans 11:26-27. Is this a promise to us?
- (60a) Compare Isaiah 60:1-3 with Ephesians 5:8 & 5:14 and Rev 21:23-24. What do we learn of God?
- (60a) Compare Isaiah 60:19 with Revelation 22:5. Think of this next time you turn on a light.

#### Friday -- Isaiah 61-Isaiah 64

- (61a) Compare Isaiah 61:1-3 with Matthew 3:16, 5:3-4, Luke 4:17-19. What do we learn?
- (61b) How could God's coming vengeance be comforting as Isaiah says in 61:2?
- (62) Thinking about Isaiah 62:6; Are you a watchman for God? (See Is 52:8, Jer 6:17; Ez 3:17)
- (63) Compare Isaiah 63:3 with Rev 14:20. What do we learn from this comparison?
- (64) Compare Isaiah 64:4 with 1 Corinthians 2:9. What do we learn?

#### Saturday -- Isaiah 65-Jeremiah 1

- (65) Compare Isaiah 65:1-2 with Romans 10:20-21. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (66) Compare Is 66:1-2 with Acts 7:49,50. Who is saying what to whom?
- (1) In Jeremiah 1:5 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?

# ----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] Isaiah 41:1 What were the people's to gain? New strength
- [B] Isaiah 41:6 What are they to encourage their neighbors to be? Strong
- [C] Isaiah 41:10 God will help us, uphold us and strengthen us.
- [D] Isaiah 41:21 What kind of arguments are to be brought forward? Strong arguments
- [E] In my opinion each time a "strong" term is used it has a slightly different meaning based on the context. In verse 1 it is talking about the courage to speak. In verse 6 it is talking about the physical strength to work with a hammer and metal. In verse 10 it is talking about the virtue necessary to overcome our fears. In verse 21 it is talking about how convincing an argument can be. What is common is that in each case it is the ability to do something. It is also clear that such ability is a gift from God and not anything inherent in us.

#### Week 33 (Aug 16) -- Isaiah 45 - Jeremiah 1

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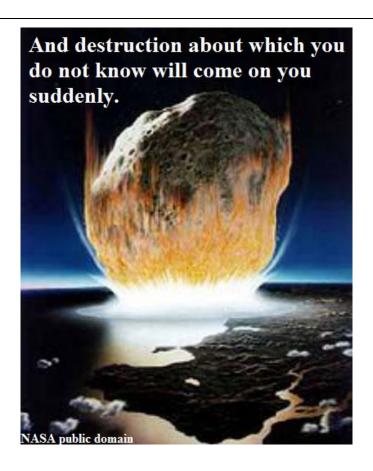
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[B] Amos 3:6 Who creates calamity? \_\_\_\_\_\_

[C] Isaiah 47:11 How does destruction come? \_\_\_\_\_

[D] An atheist once made this accusation; "The Bible says, 'God created evil' (Isa 45:7 and Amos 3:6) so He is the one who is responsible for evil." How would you answer such an attack?

Think & Pray \_\_\_\_\_



#### **Quest from last week:**

How many prophecies fulfilled by Jesus can you find in Isaiah 53? | Is 53:3; Matt 21:42; Mrk 8:31, 12:10; Luke 9:22, 17:25 - Rejected by His own | Is 53:4; Matthew 8:16-17 - He bore our sickness | Is 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24-25 - Wounded for our sins | Is 53:7; John 1:29 - The sacrificial lamb | Is 53:7; Matthew 27:14; Acts 8:32-33 - Silent to accusations | Is 53:9; 1 Peter 2:21-24 - Without guile | Is 53:9; Matthew 27:57, 60 - Buried with the rich | Is 53:10-12; Mark 10:45 - He bore the sins of many | Is 53:12; Matthew 27:38 - Crucified with criminals | Probably more

- (x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?
- (y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?
- (z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

#### Week 34 (Aug 16-22) -- Jeremiah 2 - Jeremiah 24

#### **Sunday --** Jeremiah 2-Jeremiah 4

- (2) Thinking about Jer 2:5 -- what excuse do you use when you stray from God's ways?
- (3) In Jeremiah 3:17 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (4) Compare Jeremiah 4:4 with Colossians 2:11. What do we learn by making this comparison?

#### Monday -- Jeremiah 5-Jeremiah 8

- (5) In Jeremiah 5:21 how are foolish people described? How can we reach them with the gospel?
- (6) Thinking of Jer 6 -- Is God warning our society/culture/nation as He was Israel in this chapter?
- (7) In Jeremiah 7:5-7, 23 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (8) Who in today's world could Jeremiah 8:12 be talking about?

#### Tuesday -- Jeremiah 9-Jeremiah 11

- (9) Compare Jeremiah 9:23-24 with 1 Corinthians 1:31. Is this a promise?
- (10) Jeremiah prays in 10:23-25. Do you every say prayers similar to this? Why or why not?
- (11a) Is the Bible saying that there are things God does not know in Jeremiah 11:19 and Jeremiah 31:34?
- (11b) Is Jeremiah 11:19 talking about Jesus? How do you know?

# Wednesday -- Jeremiah 12-Jeremiah 14

- (12) Compare Romans 6:20-22 with Jeremiah 12:13 and Ezekiel 16:63. What did you learn?
- (13) Thinking about Jeremiah 13:17 -- do you weep over the pride of the lost that keeps them lost?
- (14) In Jeremiah 14:7 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?

# **Thursday --** Jeremiah 15-Jeremiah 18

- (15) Does Jeremiah 15:19 tell us anything about how we should deal with the lost?
- (16) Thinking about Jeremiah 16:1-2 How easy would it be for you to obey this kind of command?
- (17) Compare Jeremiah 17:10 with Revelation 2:23. Is this a promise?
- (18) Compare Jeremiah 18:1-4 with Romans 9:19-21. What did you learn?

#### **Friday --** Jeremiah 19-Jeremiah 21

- (19) Thinking about Jeremiah 19:15 -- how attentive are you to God's words?
- (20) Analyze Jeremiah 20:7-18 as Hebrew poetry.
- (21) Compare Jeremiah 21:8 with Joshua 24:15. What is the biggest decision you ever made?

## Saturday -- Jeremiah 22-Jeremiah 24

- (22) Jeremiah 22:9 answers the question in verse 8. What explanations do you want from God?
- (23) Compare Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, and John 10:1-16. Are they talking about the same thing?
- (24) In Jeremiah 24:6-7 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?

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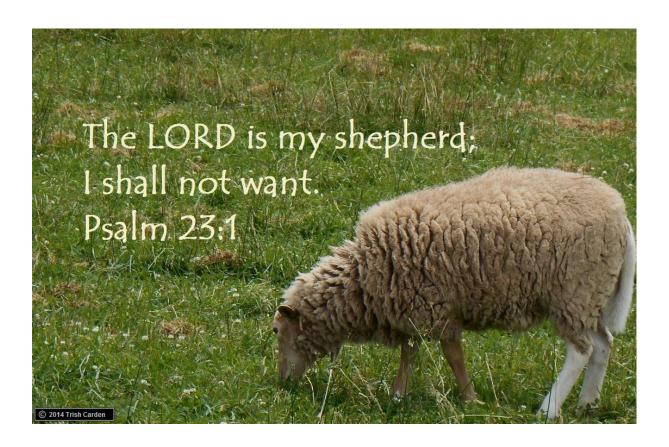
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- [B] Amos 3:6 Who creates calamity? The Lord
- [C] Isaiah 47:11 How does destruction come? Suddenly
- [D] What I said was, "Yes, He created evil. He also warned us to stay away from it. If you do not follow His directions and stay away from it, you are responsible, not Him." That is not a bad answer but I think now I would answer it differently. The "evil" mentioned in the two verses he referenced is not "evil" in the sense of morally corrupt. It is talking about the terrible things that happen as a result of our moral corruption and our sin. It is talking about God's judgment as a consequence of our wrong. It does say "evil" in the KJV but in more modern translations it says "calamity" or "ill" probably so people will not fall into this verbal trap. Now I think I would point out these translation issues and ask him to explain more about what his question means.

#### Week 34 (Aug 23) -- Jeremiah 2 - Jeremiah 24

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

- [A] Jeremiah 23:1-6 Who was God angry with?
- [B] Jeremiah 23:1-6 My what name will He be called.
- [C] Psalm 23 Who is our shepherd?
- [D] John 10:1-16 Who knows the shepherd's voice?
- [E] Compare Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, and John 10:1-16. Are they talking about the same thing? Why or why not?

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- (v) Jeremiah 23:24 If you were tired of God being around, where could you go to avoid Him?
- (w) All of these verses mention "living water" or "water of life": Psalm 36:9; Jeremiah 2:13; Jeremiah 17:13; Zechariah 14:8; John 4:10-14; John 7:38; Revelation 7:17; Revelation 21:6; Revelation 22:1 and Revelation 22:17. What are they talking about?
- (x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?
- (y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?
- (z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

# Week 35 (Aug 23-29) -- Jeremiah 25 - Jeremiah 48

#### **Sunday --** Jeremiah 25-Jeremiah 28

- (25) Does Jeremiah 25:32 describe our world today? How does it help to think of that?
- (26) Thinking of Jeremiah 26:2 -- did you ever walk past a "street preacher?" What did you think of it?
- (27) What does Jeremiah 27:5 tell us about God's power and His obligations to us?
- (28) Thinking about Jeremiah 28:9 -- how do you tell whether a preacher is preaching the truth?

#### Monday -- Jeremiah 29-Jeremiah 31

- (29) Compare Jer 29:11 with James 1:2-4. What Old Testament principle is being taught in the New?
- (30) Thinking about Jeremiah 30:22 -- has God ever said anything like this to you?
- (31) Compare Jeremiah 31:31-34 with Hebrews 8:8-12. What do we learn? We'll discuss on Sunday.

#### Tuesday -- Jeremiah 32-Jeremiah 34

- (32) Consider Jer 32:17 & 27. See if you can think of some examples of things God can not do.
- (33) In Jer 33:2-3 who is promised what with what conditions? Does this promise apply to us?
- (34) Thinking about Jeremiah 34:8-10 -- from what has God set you free?

### Wednesday -- Jeremiah 35-Jeremiah 38

- (35) Thinking of Jeremiah 35:1-19. What promises made by your ancestors or parents are you keeping?
- (36) Thinking about Jeremiah 36:23 -- are there parts of the Bible that you like to ignore?
- (37) Thinking of Jeremiah 37:18 -- have you ever been punished for doing the right thing?
- (38) Thinking of Jeremiah 38:10-13 -- how do you think the cistern and the rags smelled?

#### Thursday -- Jeremiah 39-Jeremiah 41

- (39) Thinking about Jer 39:10 -- how do you think these poor people felt about what happened?
- (40) Thinking of Jeremiah 40:15-16 -- have you ever ignored a warning and later wished you listened?
- (41) Thinking of Jeremiah 41:14 -- have you ever barely escaped a catastrophe?

# Friday -- Jeremiah 42-Jeremiah 44

- (42) In Jeremiah 42:2 who is praying about what and what does it teach us about prayer?
- (43) Compare Jeremiah 42:2-3 with Jer 43:2-3 -- have you ever told the truth and been called a liar?
- (44) Thinking of Jer 44:8-10 -- what mistakes of your past do you continue to make over and over?

#### Saturday -- Jeremiah 45-Jeremiah 48

- (45) Thinking about Jeremiah 45:1-5 -- If you were Baruch how would this make you feel?
- (46) Analyze Jeremiah 46:27-28 as Hebrew poetry.
- (47) Thinking about Jeremiah chapter 47 -- what do you think the Philistines thought of this?
- (48) Read Genesis 19:30-38, especially v. 37, and consider it as you read Jeremiah chapter 48. So what?

# ----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT ------

- [A] Jeremiah 23:1-6 Who was God angry with? The shepherds of His people (v.1)
- [B] Jeremiah 23:1-6 My what name will He be called. The Lord our righteousness (v.6)
- [C] Psalm 23 Who is our shepherd? The Lord
- [D] John 10:1-16 Who knows the shepherd's voice? His sheep
- [E] I believe they are all talking about the Lord being our shepherd and caring for us like a flock of dumb sheep. The shepherd has a great responsibility over his flock. He will give his life for the sheep. (which is what Jesus did) All the scriptures are talking about the responsibility of the shepherd to keep his sheep safe. The shepherd feeds them (Jeremiah 23:4). He takes care of the takes great care of the sheep and keeps them from harm (Psalms 23). The sheep thus know his voice (John 10:4) and follow only him. They run from a strange voice (such as the Devil trying to sway us off into another path).

# Week 35 (Aug 30) -- Jeremiah 25 - Jeremiah 48

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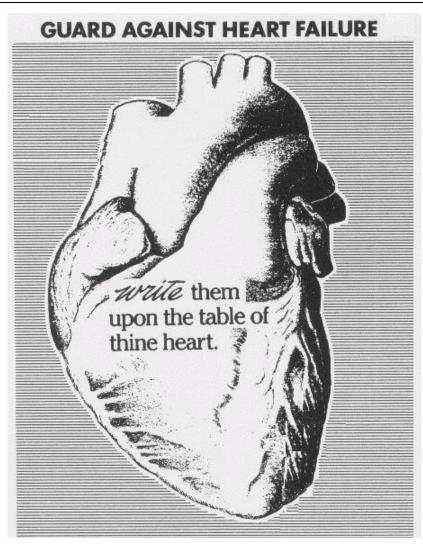
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[E] What does Jeremiah 31:31-34 mean? Is this a promise? (See also Hebrews 8:8-12)

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- (w) Compare Jeremiah 31:15 with Matthew 2:17-18. What do we learn by making this comparison?
- (x) If you had to pick the most important point from the reading the past week what and why?
- (y) How would you summarize the passages we read this past week?
- (z) What passage from our reading this past week would you recommend memorizing and why?

# Week 36 (Aug 30-Sep 5) -- Jeremiah 49 - Ezekiel 14

#### **Sunday --** Jeremiah 49-Jeremiah 51

(49) Read Gen 25:30 & 36:9 and consider all you know about Esau/Edom as you read Jer 49:7-22. So? (50/1) As you read Jeremiah chapters 50 & 51 consider that you won't find Babylon anywhere on a modern map. It would be like coming back in a time machine 100 years from now and finding that no one had ever heard of the USA except in ancient myths. What does this tell us about God?

# **Monday --** Jeremiah 52-Lamentations 2

(52) Thinking of Jeremiah chapter 52 -- If you had been living in Jerusalem what would you have done?(1) Jeremiah had spent many years warning the people and their leaders and trying to get them to repent

before it was too late. They would not listen to him, and frequently abused him, and yet Jeremiah is still sorry for them and trying to help them. What do you think that should teach us about ourselves?

(2) Thinking of Lamentations 2:14 -- What did the preaching fail to expose? So what?

# **Tuesday --** Lamentations 3-Ezekiel 1

- (3) In Lamentations 3:21-26 who is promised what with what conditions? Is it a promise to us?
- (4) Thinking of Lamentations 4:7-8 -- compare your worst day with your best? What did you learn?
- (5) Thinking of Lamentations 5:4 -- what does this tell you about the kind of life they were used to?
- (1) Compare Ezekiel 1:27 with Revelation 1:13-16. What do we learn by making this comparison?

# Wednesday -- Ezekiel 2-Ezekiel 4

- (2) If Ezekiel obeyed Ez 2:1 why was Ez 2:2 necessary?
- (3) Compare Ezekiel 3:1-3 with Revelation 10:9-10 and Psalm 119:103. How does it taste to you?
- (4) In Ezekiel 4:14-15; Would you be able to raise this objection & would the solution offered suit you?

#### **Thursday --** Ezekiel 5-Ezekiel 7

- (5) Thinking about Ezekiel 5:1-4 -- what will you think about next time you get a haircut?
- (6) If you had been his listeners, would you find Ezekiel 6:8 comforting at all?
- (7) Compare Ezekiel 7:3-9 with Acts 10:42; 17:31. What do we learn by making this comparison?

# Friday -- Ezekiel 8-Ezekiel 11

- (8) Compare Ezekiel 8:2-4 and Rev 1:9-18. What do we learn here? We'll discuss on Sunday.
- (9) Thinking of Ezekiel 9:3-4 -- if this happened today would you get a mark or not? Why?
- (10) Thinking of Ez 10:1-22 Does God attend the worship service at your church? How do you know?
- (11) Ezekiel 11:5 says "the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me." Why "fell?" Why not "came upon me?"

#### Saturday -- Ezekiel 12-Ezekiel 14

- (12) Ezekiel 12:2 Living in our culture today, do you ever feel like Ezekiel 12:2 applies to you?
- (13) Thinking of Ezekiel 13:1-2 -- how can you tell if a preacher is speaking his own imaginings?
- (14) Thinking about Ez 14:1-4 -- is there anything in your life that is making it difficult to pray?

# ----- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON FRONT -----

- [A] Hebrews 9:14-15 Christ is the mediator of what? The New Covenant
- [B] Romans 9:6-8 Who are the real descendants of Abraham? The children of promise
- [C] Romans 2:14-16 Whose hearts are being discussed here? Gentiles
- [D] Jeremiah 31:31-34 Where will the law of the New Covenant be written. On our hearts
- [E] I believe he is talking about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that begins when we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. It is talking about the "new covenant" that Jesus Christ brought to us when he gave his life for us on the cross. This is the only time in the Hebrew Bible that the words "new covenant" are used. The Jews don't believe that it means a new covenant as it says but that it means a renewed national commitment to abide by God's law. But that is not what it says. Christians know that this is referring to the time when Jesus Christ comes and makes an end to the problem of sin and death for everyone who believes whether Jew or Gentile. Paul said in Romans 9:6-8 that "it is not the children of the flesh (descendants of Abraham) who are the children of God, but the children of the promise (spiritual ones) which is you and me and others who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.