

# Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

chapters

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## 42 Nature of Trust

50 Just  
*Lamentations*

42:17 Indeed, **ALL** who  
are determined to go to  
Egypt ... will **DIE** ...  
**NOT ONE** will survive



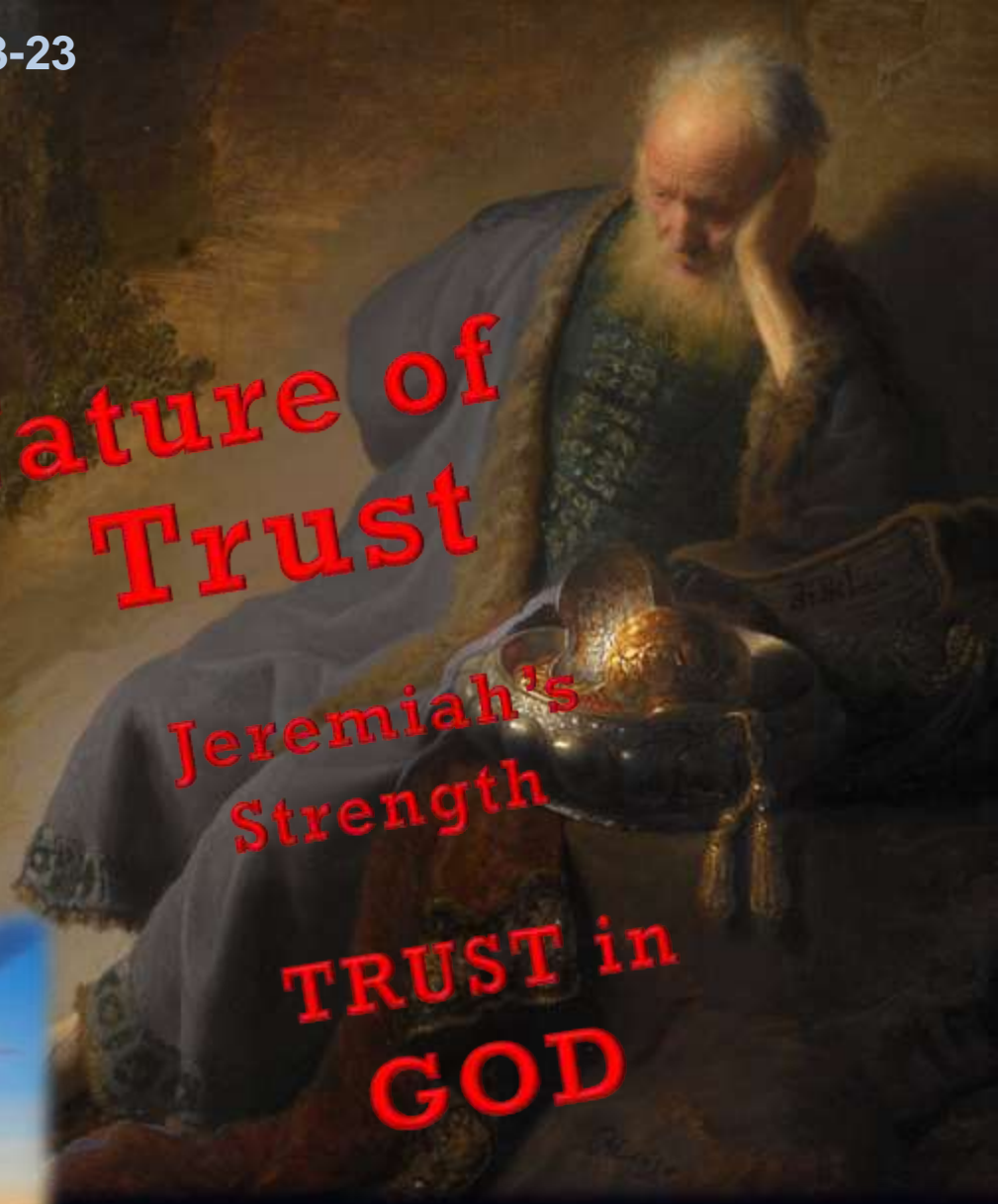
to Egypt  
~~er~~ & BUST



Nature of  
Trust

Jeremiah's  
Strength

TRUST in  
GOD



Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction  
of Jerusalem, c. 1630, by Rembrandt

Jeremiah dictating to his friend Baruch  
by Gustave Doré (1832-1883), of his 200+ for the Bible



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo  
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome

Jeremiah had to **DIG DEEP**  
into his **SOUL** ...

Like us, he got discouraged  
Like us, he **HAD** to look *above*  
Sometimes **ALONE** ... yet he had  
\* few **FRIENDS**, even King Neb  
\* few who **KNEW** his **HEART**  
\* And **GOD** watched **TOO**

**Jeremiah 42 *SHAKES* us ... *MOVES* us ...**

**How can one *FAIL* to Trust after all Judah's seen**

*Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call* (Psalm 42)

**by Matt Boswell & Matt Papa (2018)**

Lord, from sorrows deep I call  
When my hope is shaken  
Torn and ruined from the fall  
Hear my desperation

**FEEL  
Jeremiah's  
HEART**



**Jer 36 is the Detailed Drama of the Mercy Story**  
from the time of his call to chap 36 is 21 years

**Jer 37-38 Zedekiah Made King – Jeremiah**  
**Nebuchadnezzar commands from Riblah**  
**roughly 200 miles from Jerusalem**

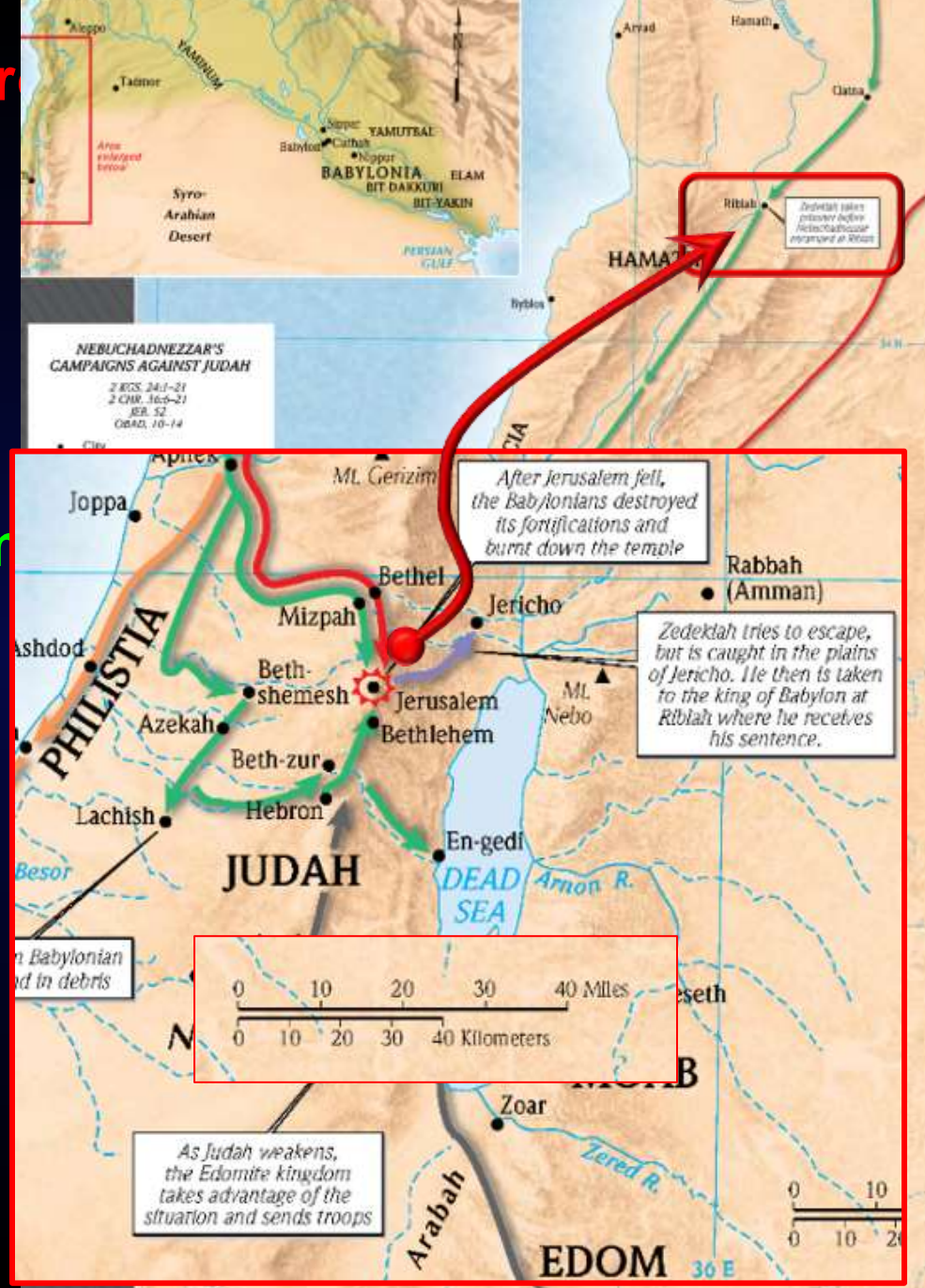
**Jer 39 Jerusalem DESTROYED 586 B.C.**  
**Zedekiah to Riblah, sons killed before him**  
**Zed blinded, sent to in chains to Babylon**

**Capt Nebuzaradan gives poor left**  
**behind fields & vineyards**

**39:11 Capt Nebuzaradan ordered to**  
**protect Jeremiah:**

**39:12 “Take him, look after him, do not let**  
**any harm come to him;**  
**do for him whatever he says.”**

**Yet, something goes WRONG between 39 & 40**



What you come to see in Jeremiah ...  
if your eyes are wide and **heart open**

**Nebuchadnezzar was a GREAT KING**

**2x** He appointed Josiah's **HEIR** to rule Judah  
Gedaliah grandson of Shaphan, scribe under Josiah

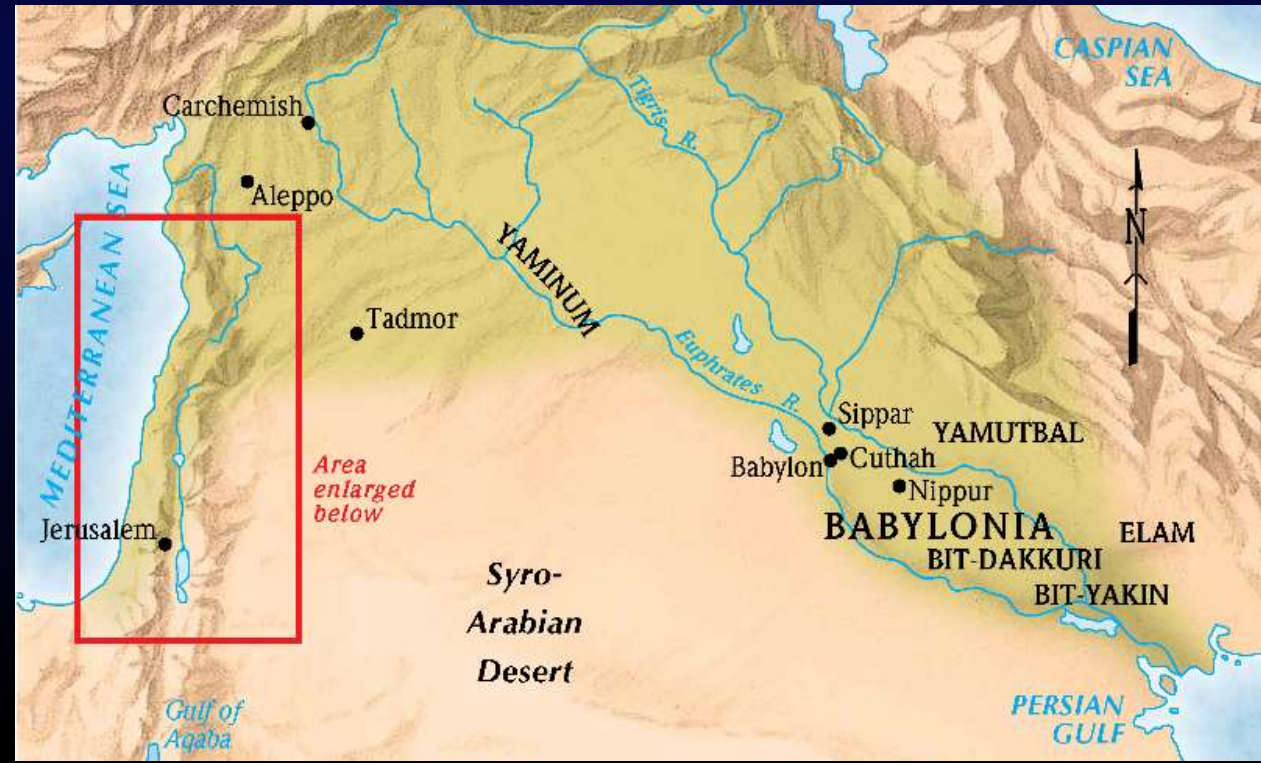
**3x** Judah **abandoned** God & King Neb

Chapter 39-46, King Neb **looks** after Jeremiah

**Nebuchadnezzar II 605-562 – 43 yrs**

He led the armies of his father that  
**conquered Assyrians**

**Built Hanging Gardens of Babylon**



# Hanging Gardens of Babylon by Ferdinand Knab, 1886



**Nebuchadnezzar II rebuilt Babylon**  
**Reconstruction of Ishtar Gate**  
located in Hillah, Iraq  
King Neb built & renovated temples  
including Temple of Marduk  
main Sun God of Babylon



**Jer 40** Jeremiah is freed from Riblah  
between 39 & 40, SOME one didn't get memo  
Jeremiah is FREED from **CHAINS**

**Com. Nebuzaradan** offers to take care of him  
in Babylon – gives Jeremiah **FREEDOM**

**40:4** but if you do NOT want to,  
then don't come. LOOK, the whole country  
lies before you; GO wherever you please.”

Jeremiah goes Mizpah, where King Neb had  
appointed Gedaliah ruler of Judah

**Jer 40:7-16** Johanan w army officers tell  
Gedaliah of planned assassination

Ammonite King Baalis sent Ishamel to KILL  
Johanan wants to KILL Ishmael,  
but Gedaliah *refuses* to believe

See how GOOD Babylon is to those who OBEY

**DO NOT MISS THIS!!!!!!**

Great King Neb himself **ORDERS**  
care for Jeremiah

**Commander** who had destroyed  
Jerusalem offers to personally  
care for Jeremiah in Babylon

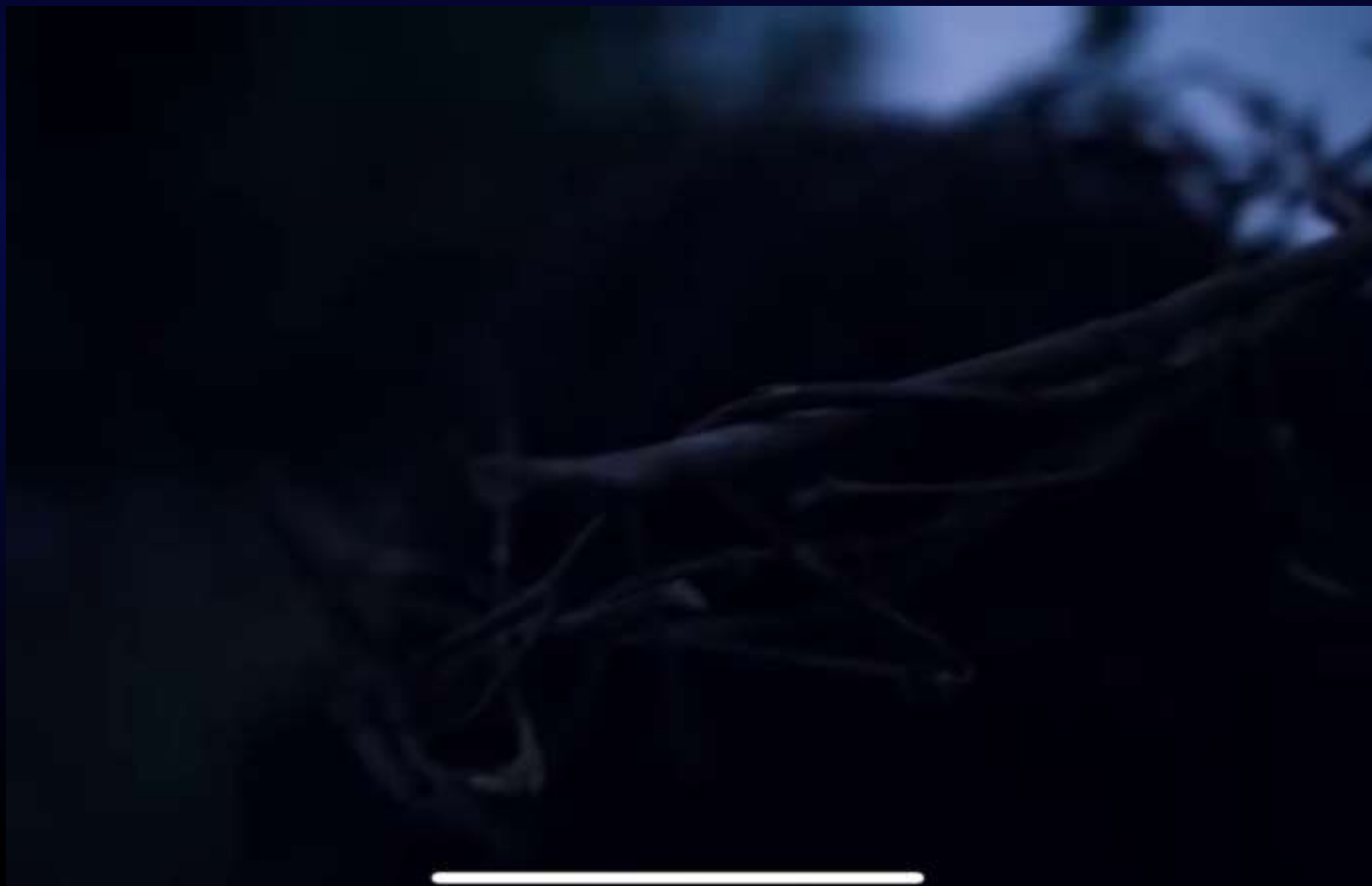
Like Elon Musk promising to  
adopt you – security for **LIFE**



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For so long I've pled and prayed  
God, come to my rescue  
Even so the thorn remains  
Still my heart will praise You

**FEEL  
Jeremiah's  
HEART**



**Jer 41** Ishmael comes for lunch,  
**KILLS Gedaliah & all officials**

**Ishmael meets 80 humble men from Samaria,  
Kills all but 10, Ishmael makes slaves of  
rest in Mizpah ... takes off for Ammon**

**Johanan pursues Ishmael to  
Great Pool at Gibeon,  
Rescues Captives**

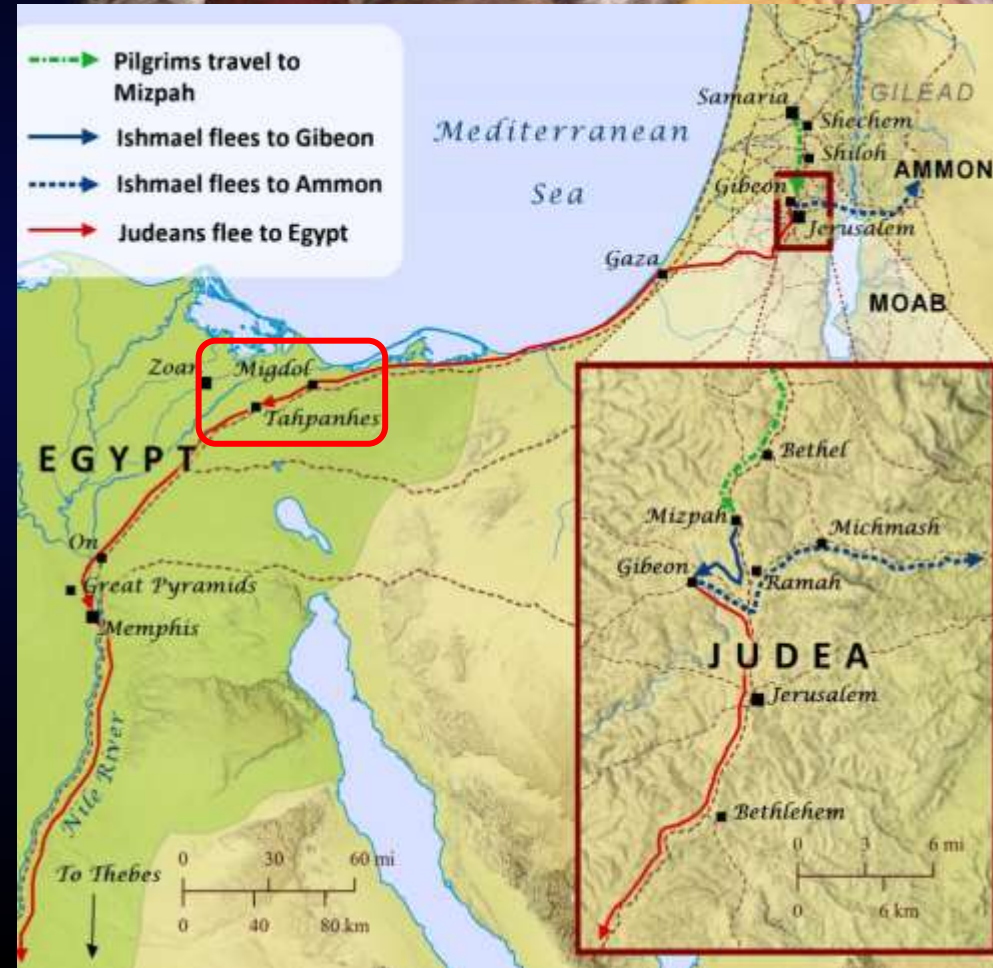
**Johanan & all start for Egypt**

**41:17** stopped at Geruth Kimham  
near Bethlehem on way to Egypt  
*fearing* Babylonians  
who had appointed Gedaliah

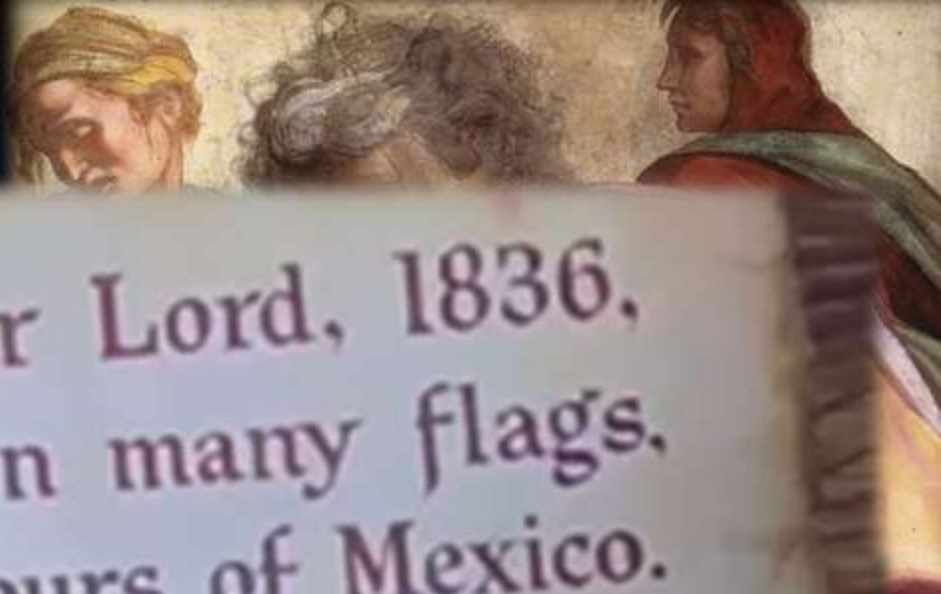
Gedaliah murdered by Ishmael at the behest  
of Baalis, King of Ammon, by Jan Luyken,  
1704, at Rijksmuseum



- Jer 42 Johanan & people go to Jeremiah  
Where to go?—**STAY**—do NOT go to Egypt
- 43 Call Jeremiah a LIAR – off to Tahpanhes  
Jeremiah's stones point to Babylon
- 44 Jeremiah—Judah to perish in Egypt
- 45 Jeremiah to Baruch—You will **ESCAPE**
- 46 Jeremiah—God will **punish** Egypt  
thru Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- 47 Jeremiah—**End** coming to Philistines
- 48 Jeremiah—**LONG End** coming to Moab
- 49 **End** of Ammon, Edom, Damascus,  
Kedar, Hazor, Elam (*yet Elam will live*)
- 50 **Long End** of Babylon, 50:46, “at sound  
of Babylon's capture earth will tremble”



We have a **HARD TIME** understanding Jer 42



**I**n the year of our Lord, 1836, Texas, which has known many flags, was then under the colours of Mexico. Though its inhabitants were made up of settlers from far countries and all parts of the United States, they were Mexican citizens all.

**“Remember the Alamo”—the brave gave time  
for Gen Houston to mass forces to save Texas  
Makes Jerusalem’s stand hard to hear ...  
Unnecessary even ... if, if, if they had only ...  
Listened to Jeremiah ... Listened to God ...**

**Jerusalem was  
HOLDING onto  
Rebellion  
against  
God**



# **THE ALAMO**

Jer 42 Johanan & people go to Jeremiah  
Where to go?—**STAY**—do NOT go to Egypt

ALL Jeremiah has said from 626 B.C. from  
the time of his CALL in 13th yr of Josiah  
to 586 B.C. Destruction of Jerusalem

**= 40 YEARS**

He has despaired of LIVING ... DEPRESSED

He has **WEEPED** ... WEPT DEEPLY ... BITTERLY ... cause it HURT

Only those have **LOVE MUCH** ... Weep Deeply



THEN he has been **BEATEN** ... CHAINED ...

**TOSSED** into a Muddy Cistern to **DIE** ...

STILL He Loves GOD ... STILL telling the **TRUTH** ...

Jeremiah's **CANNOT** be **BOUGHT**—He's an *Untouchable*



**ALL in ALL**

# **LISTEN UP—Jerusalem is DESTROYED**

**After 18 months of siege**

**After news arrived back that King Zedekiah  
was BLINDED after his s**

**After Jerusalem BURNED & SMOKE**

**After Temple leveled**

**After all Temple Gold looted**

**NO ONE knows where the**

**Ark of Covenant went**

**Best of who were NOT KILLED  
taken to Babylon**

**Good Gedaliah appointed to  
oversee POOR from Mizpah**

**THEY KNOW BABYLON RULES**

**Recall THESE:**

✓ **1st & 2nd Deportations**

**BEST Figs to Babylon**

**1st Daniel, 2nd Ezekiel**

✓ **Zedekiah a BAD Fig**

✓ **AFTER Jerusalem X'd**

**Poor Left Behind**

✓ **WHO? – 3rd String**

✓ **WHO? – JV Team**

✓ **WHO? – Benchwarmers**

✓ **WHO? – Literally the**

**Hillbillies**

✓ **Many Road the Short Bus**



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Storms within my troubled soul  
Questions without answers  
On my faith these billows roll  
God, be now my shelter

**FEEL**  
**Jeremiah's**  
**HEART**



**REMEMBER Jeremiah Good FIG**

Unlike Daneil & Ezekiel, Great  
King Neb **PERSONALLY**  
ordered **CARE** for Jeremiah

Jeremiah was **BEST** of the **BEST**  
Offered to **GO** to Babylon by none  
other than **Commander** who  
had destroyed Jerusalem

Jeremiah from Anathoth decided  
to **STAY** with **HIS** Poor People  
Even those who did **NOT** Listen!



**Jer 42:1** All the army officers,  
including Johanan ... **ALL** the people  
least to the greatest approached

**2** Jeremiah the prophet and said to him,  
“**PLEASE** hear our petition & **PRAY** to the  
LORD your God for this entire remnant.

For as you now see, though we were  
**ONCE** many, now only a **FEW** are left.

***WHAT is Jeremiah to pray FOR THEM?***

**3** **PRAY** that the LORD your God will  
tell us **WHERE** we should go & **WHAT** to do.

**Pretty Clear - Reasonable - Seem SERIOUS**

**Recognize Jeremiah as TRUE Prophet**

**ALL** he's said from **626 B.C.** - 13 yr of Josiah  
to **586** Destruction of Jerusalem = **40 yrs**



**Jer 42:4** “I have heard you,” replied Jeremiah  
“I will certainly **PRAY** to the **LORD** your God  
as you have requested;

*Just as Jeremiah did for Jehoiakim & Zedekiah*  
I will tell you **EVERYTHING** the **LORD** says &  
will keep nothing back from you.”

**5** Then they said to Jeremiah,  
“May the **LORD** be a true & faithful witness  
against us if we do **NOT** act in accordance  
with **EVERYTHING** the **LORD** your God  
sends you to tell us.

*After all they’ve seen the last 10-15 years ...*  
*Jerusalem **GONE** ... they are rightly **SCARED***  
*Johanan avenged Gedeliah’s death ...*

*Yet **DOUBT** King Neb would see it that way*



**Jeremiah**  
**SEES** their **FEAR**  
... God's words  
**PLEAD** with them

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Why are you cast down, my soul?  
Hope in Him who saves you  
When the fires have all grown cold  
Cause this heart to praise You

**FEEL  
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HEART**



**Jer 42:5** Then they said to Jeremiah,  
“May the LORD be a true & faithful witness  
against us if we do NOT act in accordance  
with **EVERYTHING** the LORD your God  
sends you to **TELL** us.

**6** Whether it is **FAVORABLE** or **UNFAVORABLE**,  
we will **OBEY** the LORD our God,  
to whom we are sending you,  
so that it will go well with us,  
for we will **OBEY** the LORD our God.”

After all they've seen ~ after all the blood shed  
Babylon is **KING** of their world – **INVINCIBLE**  
King Neb is organized ... picked Best Generals  
Took **BEST** of Judah to **BABYLON** ...  
Has an excellent feedback loop ...

Jeremiah's  
**HEARD**  
this before



**Jer 42:7** Ten days later the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah.

**8** So he called together Johanan ... all the army officers ... all the people from the least to the greatest.

**9** He said to them,  
“This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom YOU sent me to present your petition, says:

*See how sincere they **APPEAR***

**10** ‘If you **STAY** in this land, I will **BUILD** you up & not tear you down; I will **PLANT** you and not uproot you, for I have relented on the disaster I have inflicted on you.

***LAST** thing they wanted to hear ...*



*Jeremiah  
**SEES** they did  
**NOT** want to  
**HEAR THAT***



*Jeremiah  
knows he will go  
with them, too*

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Should my life be TORN from me  
Every worldly pleasure  
When all I possess is grief  
God, be then my TREASURE

**FEEL  
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HEART**



**Jer 42:11** Do NOT be afraid of the  
King of Babylon, whom you now fear.

Do NOT be afraid of him, declares the LORD,  
for **I AM WITH YOU** & will save you &  
deliver you from his hands.

God speaking ... thru Jeremiah who also knows

**12** I will show you compassion  
so that **HE WILL** have compassion on you  
and restore you to your land.'

**13** "However, if you say,  
'We will NOT stay in this land,' and  
so disobey the LORD your God,

**14** and ... "GO & LIVE in Egypt,  
where we will not see war or ... hungry...

Jeremiah is 60-plus years old ... he *knows* ...  
maybe tear wells up in his left eye



**Jer 42:15** then hear the word of the LORD,  
you remnant of Judah.

This is what the LORD Almighty,  
the God of Israel, says:

‘IF you are determined to go to Egypt ...

**16** then the sword you fear will overtake you  
there, & famine ... and there you will **DIE**.

**17** Indeed, **ALL** who are determined  
to go to Egypt ... will **DIE** by the sword,  
famine and plague; **NOT ONE** will survive ...

**18** This is what the LORD Almighty ... says  
*Just as with Jerusalem ...* you'll be  
object of **HORROR**, a **CURSE** ... a reproach;  
you will **NEVER** see this place again.’

**GOD** says thru Jeremiah ... with voice crisp  
seriously certain ... **EYES** wide like **STEEL**



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Be my vision in the night  
Be my hope and refuge  
'Til my faith is turned to sight  
Lord, my heart will praise You

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HEART**



**Jer 42:19** “Remnant of Judah,  
the LORD has told you,

‘Do NOT go to Egypt’

Be sure of this: **I WARN YOU TODAY**

**20** that you made a **FATAL** mistake when you  
sent me to the LORD your God & said,  
‘Pray to the LORD our God for us; **TELL** us  
everything he says & we **WILL DO IT.**’

**21** I have told you today, but you still have  
**NOT** obeyed the LORD your God in  
all **HE SENT ME** to tell you.

**22** So now, be sure of this:  
You will **DIE** by the sword, famine & plague  
in the place where you want to go to settle.”



**What LORD  
said ... and  
Jeremiah  
REPEATS**

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**And oh, my soul, put your hope in God**  
**My help, my rock, I will praise Him**  
**Sing, oh, sing through the raging storm**  
**You're still my God, my salvation**

**FEEL**  
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**Don't Go**  
**to EGYPT**

**Don't TRUST**  
**your FEARS**

**TRUST the**  
**LORD**

