

Study Aids
Discussion Questions
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 73

Questions:

Jeremiah served as God’s voice to Judah during a very difficult time, from the reign of one of the best kings Judah ever had – Josiah – to one of the worst – Jehoiakim. Jeremiah paints a picture of contrasts in chapter 2, and there are many lessons to be considered in just this single chapter. But let’s focus on only a couple. What does verse 13 mean to you? What is the significance of a broken cistern? And can we excuse ourselves? Does verse 17 apply to us as well?

Does the Lord teach us by the bad examples of others? What was He asking Judah to do as a result of the punishment of the Northern Kingdom (see 3:6-10)?

Recall how Abraham bargained with God in Genesis chapter 18 over the number of righteous in Sodom. God told him, “if 10 righteous are found in Sodom, I will not destroy it.” But if Sodom was so bad that it took 10 good people to gain God’s forgiveness, how bad must Jerusalem have been if Jeremiah was searching for just one honest person (see 5:1-3)?

Who does Jeremiah point to when he says (5:12) *He will do nothing! No harm will come to us.* Who is feeding the people this lie? See 5: 13 and 31. What does this have to say about the church leaders in Jeremiah’s day. What does it have to say about our own day? Is it important they we know God’s Word well enough that we sheep cannot be led astray and a misleading minister is rejected?

What is the significance of Jeremiah’s example of “the temple of the Lord” in chapter 7? What had the people placed their trust in? An empty symbol? What should our focus be?