

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

Lesson 74

Questions:

We have talked previously about the major themes of the Old Testament, with God’s material blessings being one of those themes. In these last two lessons we have talked about the distortion that occurred as Israel turned what was meant to be a means-to-an-end, into an end in itself. What other examples of twisting and distorting God’s covenant does Jeremiah speak out against?

Why was Jeremiah so upset with Jehoiakim building a new palace for himself? Was it because he saw the king focusing upon himself instead of being God’s appointed leader for His people? What was upside-down here? Is this a problem today as well?

Could the destruction of Judah and the Babylonian captivity be a time of questioning by the house of Jacob about the “almightiness” of Yahweh? They had felt snugly secure before, but what was the danger now?

Is this temptation still alive in our world today? Do we put our trust in our own ability and strength as a nation? Or do we remember that we are subservient to our Creator, the One who controls the entire world?

Do we recognize the reality of God’s covenant written on our hearts? Do we understand that faith in Him and obedience to Him are two sides of the same coin? Can there be forgiveness without faith and obedience?