

The Siege of Jerusalem

1. Carefully read through 2 Kings 25:1-3; Jeremiah 52:4-6; 37; 34:1-7; 32:1-5; 38; 39:15-18; 32:6-33:26. Highlight with different colors the words spoken by different people. Underline in yellow each time the name of God is used. Underline in green each time a place is named. Underline in blue each time a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any other repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Jeremiah 38:9, "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city."
3. Create your own detailed outline of 2 Kings 25:1-3; Jeremiah 52:4-6; 37; 34:1-7; 32:1-5; 38; 39:15-18; 32:6-33:26.
4. How long does the siege of Jerusalem last?
5. What does Zedekiah ask Jeremiah to do (Jeremiah 37)? What does the Babylonian army do? What will the Babylonian army do? Why is Jeremiah arrested?

6. Who questions Jeremiah while Jeremiah is in prison? What does Jeremiah request?

7. Why does Jeremiah buy a field (Jeremiah 32:6-33:26)?

8. Why do the officials want to kill Jeremiah (Jeremiah 38; 39:15-18)? How does Zedekiah respond to their request?

9. Who rescues Jeremiah? What promise does Zedekiah make to Jeremiah? What is Zedekiah concerned about? What does Jeremiah tell Zedekiah to do? Why? What will happen to the Ethiopian eunuch?

10. Why does Jeremiah buy a field? What is it worth? What point does he make?