

Prophets Proclaim God's Lasting Love



CHAPTER 23 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 23**.

In Jeremiah's time, the people were worshiping false gods. When God called Jeremiah to speak for him, he at first told God that he was too young to be a prophet.

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Jeremiah was allowed to stay in Jerusalem after the conquest. Through him, God told the people he intended to establish a new covenant with the Israelites.

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At the time of Jeremiah's call, Josiah was king of Judah. He was a good and faithful king, and he led a reform movement after a scroll of the Book of Deuteronomy was found during his reign.

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The prophet that God called in Babylon was a priest named Ezekiel. He preached to the first exiles.

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Jeremiah warned that if the people did not stop doing evil, the Temple would be destroyed and Jerusalem would be burned to the ground. The people did not believe Jeremiah. They beat Jeremiah and had him arrested, but he remained firm.

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Ezekiel had many visions and preached messages of hope to the Exiles in Babylon. In one vision, he saw the glory of God and was told to eat a scroll of the Word of God, which tasted like honey. He also had visions of the restoration of Israel, such as one of bones coming back to life.

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After the people were conquered by the Babylonians, Jeremiah warned them that things would get worse if they rebelled. When the Babylonians attacked again, the Israelites lost the Temple and all their wealth.

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During the Exile, the people no longer had a Temple, so they gathered in synagogues. Synagogues were places where the people could study and worship.

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