

Jeremiah 35 & Daniel 1 Jehoiakim & Jeremiah Lesson 18

The relationship between Jehoiakim and Jeremiah was one of constant tension. Jehoiakim tried to imprison Jeremiah early in his reign. By the 4th year, Jehoiakim had burned his scroll and tried a second time to have Jeremiah imprisoned. But the Lord protected His servant and he was allowed to go free. Imagine what it must have been like for Jeremiah when the Lord sent him again to deliver His message in Jerusalem.

1. Who was Jeremiah sent to this time and why? (Jeremiah 35:1, 2)

2. In obedience, Jeremiah gathered the whole family at the Temple and set bowls full of wine before the men. What did Jeremiah say to them? (Jeremiah 35:3-5)

3. To help gain understanding, turn to Numbers and read the Lord's instructions for a Nazirite vow. What did it mean to take a Nazirite vow? (Numbers 6:1-4 & 8)

4. Using the above information, what do you think the Lord was doing by setting these bowls of wine in front of the men?

5. How did they answer Jeremiah? (Jeremiah 35:6-9)

6. Jonadab had also told them to remain nomads living in tents. What reason did they give for being in the city of Jerusalem? (Jeremiah 35:10, 11)

7. What was so special to the Lord about Jonadab? (2 Kings 9:6,7; 10:11, 15, 16, 23-28)

8. How did the Lord use this family to teach Judah a lesson? (Jeremiah 35:12-16)

9. "Therefore" what did the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel say to:
 - Judah? (Jeremiah 35:17)

 - The Rechabite family? (Jeremiah 35:18, 19)

10. What major event took place during the reign of king Jehoiakim, just as Jeremiah had forewarned? (2 Kings 24:1a)

11. Keeping in mind that it was the Pharaoh of Egypt who made Jehoiakim king of Judah, why didn't he call upon him for help? (Jeremiah 46:1,2 & 2 Kings 24:7)

12. But after three years, Jehoiakim changed his mind. What did he do then? (2 Kings 24:1b)

13. What else was happening in Judah at the same time that may have been a factor in Jehoiakim's decision? (2 Kings 24:2)

14. Why does it say these things were happening at this point in time? (2 Kings 24:3,4)

15. What was the result of Jehoiakim's rebellion? (2 Chr. 36:6, 7)

Jeremiah had delivered these words to the people of Judah and Jerusalem: *“The Lord Almighty says this: “Because you have not listened to my words, I will summon all the people of the north and my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants and against all the surrounding nations. I will completely destroy them and make them an object of horror and an everlasting ruin. These nations will serve the king of Babylon 70 years.”*

Jeremiah 25:8-11

Nebuchadnezzar invaded Judah and forced King Jehoiakim to pay tribute to him so that he could remain on the throne. Three years later, however, Jehoiakim refused to pay tribute, which was considered rebellion. Nebuchadnezzar responded by invading Jerusalem and taking the temple treasury and its leading citizens, including King Jehoiakim, into exile. This is commonly referred to as the “first deportation.”

The First Deportation - 2 Kings 24:1

16. Who was included in Nebuchadnezzar’s first deportation? (Daniel 1:1-3)
17. What was Nebuchadnezzar looking for in this group and why? (Daniel 1:4a)
18. From Daniel 1:4b-5, describe the training with regard to:
 - Education
 - Diet
 - Length of time
 - Purpose
19. Summarize in your own words Nebuchadnezzar’s recruiting and training system?
20. Who were named as fitting Nebuchadnezzar’s criterion? (Daniel 1:6)
21. Verse 7 says the chief official *“gave them new names.”* From past lessons what does a name change say about:
 - The one who gave the name?
 - The one who received the name?

22. Define “*resolve*.”

23. What did Daniel “*resolve*”? (Daniel 1:8a)

24. What did Daniel do about his resolution? (Daniel 1:8b)

25. From this very short introduction to Daniel, what have you learned about him?

26. How did the Lord help Daniel personally? (Daniel 1:9)

27. “But,” what did the official say to Daniel’s request? (Daniel 1:10)

28. One “no” didn’t seem to stop Daniel from his resolution. What did he do then? (Daniel 1:11-13)

29. How did the guard respond to his proposal? (Daniel 1:14)

30. No record is given as to how that was accomplished. But after the 10-day test period was over, what was the result? (Daniel 1:15, 16)

31. The Lord was with these four young exiles. What help did the Lord give to them? (Daniel 1:17)

32. After three years it was graduation day. All their training had been completed; the only thing left was the final exam.

- Who presented them for “the exam”? (Daniel 1:18)

- How were they examined? (Daniel 1:19a)

- What do you think they were tested in? (See also 1:20)

- How did they do on the exam? (Daniel 1:19b)