



Family Worship Guide: Lesson 24

Jeremiah and the Exile

Main Idea

In the years leading up to Judah's defeat, God sent the prophet Jeremiah to the people of Judah. Jeremiah urged them to repent of sin and warned of the coming exile. Though they refused, and Judah fell to Babylon, Jeremiah revealed God's new covenant that would be fulfilled in Jesus.

Scripture Readings

- ✘ **Jeremiah 1:4–5, 9–10 - God Calls Jeremiah**
- ✘ **Jeremiah 7:9–11 - Judah's Sin**
- ✘ **Jeremiah 25:8–11 - The Coming Exile**
- ✘ **Jeremiah 31:31–34 - The Promise of a New Covenant**

Lesson Review

Q Who called Jeremiah to be a prophet?

A *God called Jeremiah before he was born.*

Q What sins were the people committing?

A *They were stealing, murdering, committing adultery, and worshiping idols.*

Q Why was Judah going into exile?

A *Because they did not listen to God and refused to repent.*

Q What would happen to the land during exile?

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A *It would become a ruin and a waste.*

Q Do all members of the new covenant truly know the Lord, and why?

A *Yes. In the new covenant, God forgives their sins and writes His law on their hearts so that they truly know Him.*

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Q Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A *The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments³¹ (Deu 10:4; Mat 19:17).*

Q What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

A *The sum of the Ten Commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbour as ourselves (Mat 22:37-40).*

Family Devotion Questions

Q What were the people of Judah doing wrong?

A *They were breaking God's law — worshiping idols and living in sin while pretending everything was fine because they had the temple.*

Q How did God mercifully warn them?

A *God sent the prophet Jeremiah to speak His Word to them and call them to repent before judgment came.*



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Q Was it fair for God to punish them for their sin?

A *Yes. God had clearly told them His law and warned them many times. He is holy and just, and sin deserves judgment.*

Q What is God's new covenant?

A *It is God's promise that every member of the new covenant will be given a new heart, have their sins forgiven, and have God's law written on their hearts so that they all truly know the Lord.*

Q How does God write His law on our hearts?

A *God writes His law on our hearts by giving us new hearts through His Spirit, so that we trust in Jesus and truly love and obey God.*

Prayer

Father in heaven, You are holy and just. Judah's exile reminds us that sin is serious and that You keep Your word. Forgive us for our sins. Thank You for sending Jesus to bring the new covenant, to forgive our iniquity, and to write Your law on our hearts. Give us new hearts by Your Spirit so that we know You, love You, and obey You. In Jesus' name, amen.