

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: February 26, 2020
Jeremiah 22

1. Where, according to 22:1, does God instruct Jeremiah to go? _____

2. What does God instruct Jeremiah to prophesy to the king of Judah and his people, according to 22:2-5?
 - a. Do what is just and right.
 - b. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed.
 - c. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.
 - d. Do not shed innocent blood in this place.
 - e. If you follow these commands, you will come through these gates in glory...and if you don't, the palace will become a ruin.

3. What, according to 22:8-9, will be the response to people who wonder why this has happened? _____

4. How is this related to God's command through Jeremiah in 22:2-5?
 - a. Well, if we seek God, he cares about his people.
 - b. God calls us to selflessness, so when we choose not to follow God, there is often a selfish motive. Even today, many people seek a church "that makes them feel good" or that "aligns with their own beliefs."
 - c. The character and nature of the God of the Bible is a God who did not have to create, who did not have to sacrifice His Son for us, who initiates relationship with we who do not deserve it...and then calls us to act the same toward one another. This is an unusual God. Those who choose not to do so often choose in favor of other "gods" who allow for our self-centered behavior.

5. Who is God talking about through Jeremiah in 22:11?
 - a. Josiah (who reigned for 31 years)
 - b. Shallum or Jehoahaz (who reigned for 3 months and then was captured and taken to Egypt...see 2 Kings 23:34)
 - c. Jehoiakim, brother of Jehoahaz (who became king in place of his brother and reigned for 11 years)
 - d. Jehaiachin (who reigned for 3 months & 10 days and was replaced by his uncle Zedekiah by Nebuchadnezzar II)
 - e. Zedekiah (who was the last king of Judah before the exile, the uncle of Johoiachin, brother of Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim)

6. What does God say about Shallum, according to 22:11-12? _____

7. Who is God talking about in 22:18? _____

8. Who, according to 22:24, do we find that God is ultimately talking to? _____

9. What metaphor are we reminded of in 22:28? _____

10. How does this prophesy and warning apply to you?
 - a. I'm a king.
 - b. I have a choice as to how I live and treat others.
 - c. My priorities are important to God. He will take care of me if I put I follow Him and treat others right, but he brings punishment on those who choose to take care of themselves at the expense of others.