

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: April 15, 2020
Jeremiah 32

1. When did the prophesy in Jeremiah 32 take place (see 32:1-2 and remember our discussions of the last kings of Judah in the Bible Study for Jeremiah 22)?
 - a. In the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah (eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar).
 - b. During the time when the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem.
 - c. Probably about a year before the fall of Jerusalem.

2. Where was Jeremiah during this time, according to 32:3? _____

Why was Jeremiah imprisoned, according to 32:3-5? _____

3. Was Jeremiah wrong or lying? Yes_____ No_____
Have you ever been mistreated, ridiculed, or ostracized because you communicated a truth that somebody didn't like? Yes_____ No_____
If yes, were you tempted to regret or even recant what you had said? Yes_____ No_____ Why?

4. Do you like what Jeremiah has been saying to us in our studies? Yes_____ No_____ Explain.
Would you say that you resemble Jeremiah more or Zedekiah? _____

5. What happens in 32:6-8?
 - a. The Lord tells Jeremiah that Hanamel, the son of his uncle Shallum would come to him.
 - b. Hanamel came to Jeremiah, just as the Lord had said
 - c. Hanamel told Jeremiah to buy a field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.
 - d. It appears that Jeremiah is being asked to fulfill what is laid out as part of the responsibility of a kinsman redeemer (See Leviticus 25:23-34 or Ruth 4).

6. How, according to 32:9-14, did Jeremiah respond? _____

7. Why, according to 32:15, 42-44, was this action so significant?
 - a. Who would buy a field in a country that was about to be taken captive...Nebuchadnezzar won't honor any deeds of property when Babylon rules Judah!
 - b. God was promising that after the captivity, Israel and Judah will again be under the same law they had previously been under and property/inheritance rights will again be honored.
 - c. Above all, this was a step of faith for Jeremiah that what God was promising would come true.
 - d. This is another sign that God had not completely given up on his people and he would bring grace.

8. Would you have bought the field? Yes_____ No_____ Really? Are you taking those kind of faith steps right now? _____