

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: January 1, 2020**  
**Jeremiah 14:1-16**

1. What is happening in verse 1? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How does God describe this through Jeremiah in verses 2-6?
  - a. Judah mourns, her cities languish; they wail for the land, and a cry goes up...
  - b. There is no water in the cisterns (an underground reservoir for rainwater.)
  - c. The ground is so dry that it has cracked.
  - d. Even animals desert their own children because there is not enough food for all to survive.
3. What is the significance of this? Why is it important in the story of Judah that we are studying in the book of Jeremiah?
  - a. It illustrates just how overarching the difficult times had become for God's people.
  - b. This is a part of the consequence of sin that the people of Judah are now experiencing.
  - c. The well is empty just as our lives are when we chose sin over God.
  - d. Because of the decisions that Judah has made to wander from God, they have separated themselves from the living water. (John 4:10-13)
4. How does Jeremiah seem to respond to this difficult judgement, according to verses 7-9?
  - a. He does not deny the sin of Judah, but still cries out for mercy.
  - b. He declares that God is the Savior in times of distress, even those of our own making.
  - c. He begs God to remember that these people bear his name (see Exodus 32:11-14).
5. How does God describe the people in response to this request, according to verse 10?
  - a. "They greatly love to \_\_\_\_\_; they do not \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_."
6. How would God describe you? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Why does God tell Jeremiah not to pray for the people and that he won't listen to their cry, according to 11-12?
  - a. Well, obviously God is not the merciful God that we thought he was.
  - b. If God's commands are for our own good, it would not be merciful to take away the consequences of disobedience...that would only cause us to continue on that path without change.
  - c. God recognizes true repentance...but the people only cry out to him when they are experiencing consequences...they want to be saved from the consequences without actually changing.
  - d. They are sorry they got caught, not sorry they did it!
8. How does Jeremiah respond, according verse 13?
  - a. He blames it on the false prophets.
  - b. He notes that one reason that the people won't change is that there are people saying they are ok and they don't have to change "in the name of the Lord."
9. What does God say in response to this, according to verses 14-16?
  - a. He seems to agree.
  - b. He points out that these things are not from Him.
  - c. He pronounces judgement on the false prophets.
  - d. There will also be consequences for those who followed them...it will be by the proven falsehood of the words of these prophets that it will be shown who is a true and false prophet.
10. How will you know the true prophets from the false ones? \_\_\_\_\_