

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: April 22, 2020
Jeremiah 33

1. What was going on in Jeremiah's life now, according to 33:1? _____

2. What did God say this time, according to 33:2-5?
 - a. Call to me and I will answer you...
 - b. I will tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.
 - c. He says that since they have torn down the houses and the royal palaces in order to fight against the Babylonians (against the instructions of God), they will be filled with the dead bodies of the people...
 - d. I will hide my face from this city because of all its wickedness.

3. What does God tell Jeremiah in 33:6-9, as he continues?
 - a. Nevertheless...
 - b. I will bring health and healing to the city.
 - c. I will heal my people and let them enjoy abundant peace and security.
 - d. I will bring Judah and Israel back from captivity and will rebuild them as they were before.
 - e. I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me.
 - f. Then, this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it.

4. How can we reconcile these two seemingly opposing prophecies?
 - a. We can't. God must only be angry and he must hate his people.
 - b. We can't. God must only bring prosperity and heal his people.
 - c. God loves his people. He did not love their disobedience and disregard for him. There is punishment for disobedience (sin), but the purpose of that punishment on this earth is to bring about repentance and change. He still has plans for the future he wants to give us when we choose follow his plans.

5. There is an instruction/affirmation/reminder in verse 11 that is found throughout the Old Testament scriptures. It seems to tie together the current desolation with the hope of the future that God has for his people. How can we apply this to our lives and situation?

6. The prophesy in 33:14-16 was seen before in chapter 23. How does this prophesy help us apply the promises in this text to our life today? _____

7. What is 33:17-26 telling us about God's reliability and faithfulness to his promises (even if people around us seem to question it)? _____

8. Are you trusting in God, even when you can see the evidence of the promise yet? ____