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## Jeremiah 43.

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### **Jeremiah finishes speaking the Words of the LORD.**

Jeremiah 43:1 ----- <sup>1</sup>When Jeremiah finished speaking to all the people all these words of the LORD their God, with which the LORD their God had sent him to them,

This refers back to Jeremiah's words in the previous chapter (Jer 42:7-22).

### **Johan and the People with him call Jeremiah a Liar.**

Jeremiah 43:2-4 ----- <sup>2</sup>Azariah the son of Hoshai and Johan the son of Kareah and all the insolent men said to Jeremiah, "You are telling a lie. The LORD our God did not send you to say, 'Do not go to Egypt to live there,' <sup>3</sup>but Baruch the son of Neriah has set you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may kill us or take us into exile in Babylon." <sup>4</sup>So Johan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces and all the people did not obey the voice of the LORD, to remain in the land of Judah.

### **In the Previous Chapter.**

Johan and the people with him absolutely agreed to do exactly what the LORD through Jeremiah told them to do, whether they liked what they heard or not they told Jeremiah they would obey the LORD (Jer 42:5-6) and now they are calling Jeremiah a liar and doing the exact opposite of what the LORD told them to do. This is amazing, everything Jeremiah told the people of Judah has come to pass, yet they still do not believe he is a prophet of God.

Baruch was Jeremiah's trusted friend who wrote everything  
Jeremiah spoke on a scroll.

### **The People go to Egypt.**

Jeremiah 43:5-7 ----- <sup>5</sup>But Johan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces took all the remnant of Judah who had returned to live in the land of Judah from all the nations to which they had been driven— <sup>6</sup>the men, the women, the children, the princesses, and every person whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan; also Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah. <sup>7</sup>And they came into the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of the LORD. And they arrived at Tahpanhes.

Johan and the commanders took everyone from the nations they had been scattered into and who Nebuzardan (Captain of the guard of Babylon) had left with Gedaliah (Babylon's appointed Judean governor) to Egypt, Jeremiah and Baruch went with them, no-one obeyed the LORD.

It seems strange that Jeremiah went with the people knowing it was against the LORD'S will, but Jeremiah cared about the people and being a prophet of the LORD it was his ministry to be with the people regardless of their obedience. Remember he spent nearly 23 years proclaiming God's word to them before the fall of Jerusalem and they constantly remained rebellious to the LORD, yet Jeremiah never forsook the people.

Jeremiah remained faithful to the LORD and to the people even amongst their gross sins and rejection of the LORD'S word, thus he is doing the same now, (though probably reluctantly) and Baruch his trusted friend and his scribe would know that the LORD had called him to be with Jeremiah to support and write for him in his ministry as the LORD'S prophet.

## The Word of the LORD comes to Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 43:8-10 ----- <sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes: <sup>9</sup>"Take in your hands large stones and hide them in the mortar in the pavement that is at the entrance to Pharaoh's palace in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah, <sup>10</sup>and say to them, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will set his throne above these stones that I have hidden, and he will spread his royal canopy over them.

### The LORD tells Jeremiah to: -

Take large stones and hide them in the entrance of Pharaoh's palace in Egypt, in the sight of Johanan, the commanders and all the people of Judah who had fled from Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon (against the LORD'S will) to Egypt believing they would be able to live in safety and peace and say to them that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon will set will his throne above the stones that Jeremiah has hidden in the entrance of the Pharaoh's palace.

In simple language the LORD is telling the people Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon will conquer Egypt and all the people of Egypt will become his servants.

Jeremiah 43:11-13 ---- <sup>11</sup>He (Nebuchadnezzar) shall come and strike the land of Egypt, giving over to the pestilence those who are doomed to the pestilence, to captivity those who are doomed to captivity, and to the sword those who are doomed to the sword. <sup>12</sup>I shall kindle a fire in the temples of the gods of Egypt, and he shall burn them and carry them away captive. And he shall clean the land of Egypt as a shepherd cleans his cloak of vermin, and he shall go away from there in peace. <sup>13</sup>He shall break the obelisks of Heliopolis, which is in the land of Egypt, and the temples of the gods of Egypt he shall burn with fire."

### The LORD tells the people Nebuchadnezzar will: -

- Go to war against Egypt and people will die because of pestilence (probably because of all the dead and decaying bodies).
- Take people into captivity.
- Slaughter people in war.
- Conquer the people of Egypt.
- Leave Egypt in victory.
- Burn the temples of the gods of Egypt.
- Destroy the obelisks of Heliopolis.

**Obelisk;** is a pillar of stone, especially one built as a monument, that has a square base and sides that taper like a pyramid towards a pointed top.

**Heliopolis;** means city of the sun, it is a city near the S end of the Delta of the Nile and the site of a Temple to the sun which was built by Amenophis 1. It was a very old and holy city, with a learned school of priests.

**Conclusion;** had the people obeyed the word of the LORD that Jeremiah spoke to them and remained in the land they were in instead of fleeing to Egypt, they would have been on the winning side and lived in safety and peace.

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