

Jeremiah 42

King James Version (KJV)

42 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

² And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, even for all this remnant; (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:) (These are non-believers in God. They asked Jeremiah to pray to his God)

³ That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do. (They don't believe in God, yet they are willing to do what He says. That's a lot more than what the Israelites were willing to do. They ignored God completely)

⁴ Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you. (Jeremiah corrects them, God is the God of all people)

⁵ Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us. (They took an oath to obey whatever God tells them to do)

⁶ Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God. (They're finally starting to catch on. Yahoveh is their God too)

⁷ And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.

Revelation-2:9 (The Elect will be locked up for ten days by antichrist before testifying before the whole world)

⁸ Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, (He will speak to all of them at once. This is to prevent anyone from misinterpreting or changing what God said)

⁹ And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him;

¹⁰ If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you. (the evil= the judgment, the punishment; they got what they deserved. But now, God was willing to give them another chance IF they do what's right)

(God is telling them to stay put and not go into Egypt. Will they?)

¹¹ Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. (Future – this is the same advice to the Elect. Don't fear antichrist when you are delivered up to witness for God. God will be with them, even if the world is not. Trust God, not man) Jeremiah-17:5

¹² And I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land. (God will see to it that the king of Babylon treats them right. They didn't murder Gedaliah. Ishmael did that)

See Luke-21:18 (In the end days, the Elect will have the same protection by God, from antichrist's threats)

¹³ But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God, (If they defy God once again)

¹⁴ Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell: (If they will lean on Pharaoh, instead of God; they think that they will be better off)

¹⁵ And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there; (If you go to Egypt against God's instructions)

¹⁶ Then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die. (The Chaldeans will get to you in Egypt. Pharaoh cannot protect you)

(God sent Nebuchadnezzar to correct Judah and Egypt. He was taking Egypt next. God called him "my servant". What will these people choose to do? Will they obey God or give in to their fears?)

¹⁷ So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them. (They asked God what they should do. HE advised them. They didn't listen. God was sick and tired of these unbelievers)

¹⁸ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

(Don't ask God for help and then ignore what He says. It's insulting to Him, just as it would be insulting to anyone of us)

¹⁹ The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day. (They asked God for advice. HE answered them as to what they need to do. They have been warned if they disobey again. They had better listen to Him and stay put in what was Judah)

²⁰ For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it. (dissembled in your hearts - they were lying to Jeremiah. Their oath means nothing. They are a bunch of frightened liars)

²¹ And now I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me unto you. (Jeremiah is calling them out for what they are. He is trying one last time to reason with them)

²² Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn. (in Egypt)