

The Prophets & Kings

From Rehoboam To Zedekiah

Book 1

A Daily Devotional Study Guide

Week 46

“Asking For Directions”

Study: Jeremiah 6:16-30

Reading: Proverbs 3:1-12, Psalm 37:23-40

Memory: Isaiah 40:8

When I first started using a GPS, the mapping functions weren't always the best. There was one time where I was traveling to pick up an item from someone's home and had set the GPS to take me on the shortest route. The road we were directed to travel on became more narrow and the snow became deeper. I began to question where the GPS was taking me, but continued to follow it until I realized it led me on a snowmobile trail. I was pulling a trailer behind me at the time and almost got stuck. Fortunately, I stopped before I got myself in a real mess, unhooked the trailer and found a way to turn around. I realized that I had been following the wrong directions.

Today, we are going to see how Israel was challenged to ask God for directions. He would always lead them in the right way.

What Does the Bible Say?

God challenged His children to stop and think about which direction they were traveling. This pictures travelers who are lost and aren't sure which direction to go. The best choice for them would be to carefully study the roads and the maps they had and to ask for directions that would send them on the correct path. They were to make the right choice and choose to walk down that path. If they did, they would find the peace and rest that God had desired for them to have. The way God wanted them to travel was not hard to find, but the people chose not to follow God's directions and instead wanted to find the way on their own (vs 16).

Prophets and other spiritual leaders were sent to warn them about the impending danger. They sounded the warning trumpet, just like watchmen who stood on top of the walls of a city would warn the city when impending danger was near. Instead of listening to the warning signals, they refused to pay attention to these watchmen (vs 17).

The result of this rejection was going to cause disaster to come upon them. The fruit that they were producing was going to be a result of their actions. They did not pay attention to the words of God and they chose

to reject His law. They didn't stop offering gifts to God, but God had no desire for their offerings. These were just outward acts meant to appease His anger and make themselves feel better. God didn't want gifts, but He wanted obedience. Because of their choice not to obey, God was going to put stumbling blocks in their paths, whichever way they chose to go. Many of the people were going to die in the great punishment that was headed their way (vs 18-21).

Once again, it was described how an enemy would come from the north and from a distance away. This army was going to be powerful and merciless. The reports of this army that would head to Israel would start to fill their ears, but there was nothing they could do about it. Their approach would be like the birth pains of a woman in labor where she had no choice but to go through with the delivery process. They would not be able to walk through the fields or paths outside the cities for fear of their lives and would have to shut themselves up inside city walls, waiting for destruction to come (vs 22-25).

They were called to put on the clothes of mourning and to start to lament for this bitter action that would come upon them. God told Jeremiah that he was like a tester of metals which would reveal the impurity in the metals. God wanted them to be like pure silver, but they were like impure bronze and iron. They did not meet the quality standards and were going to have to go through the purification process and be refined. They were like silver that could not be accepted because of its great impurity and the only thing that could be done with it was to be thrown in the fire to be remade (vs 26-30).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you ask for directions? In a vivid illustration God pictured the Israelites refusal to ask for His directions and, even when they did, they chose not to listen. Instead of finding the peaceful path which would be full of rest, they chose the path full of difficulties. God has a plan for you in life and His way is always best, but you need to choose to look for that way and walk in it. The end result will be far better than when you choose the path on your own.

Thought for the day

What did God tell the Israelites to do (vs 16)?

What would they find when they walked in God's path (vs 16)?

What did the people say in response (vs 16)?

How can you get directions from God for your life?

What did the people refuse to listen to (vs 17)?

What was God going to bring (vs 19)?

Why was this going to happen (vs 19)?

What did God not want (vs 20)?

How can you offer sacrifices to God, but not be pleasing to Him?

What was God going to cause to happen (vs 21)?

Where was the enemy going to come from (vs 22)?

How are they described (vs 23)?

What would happen when they would hear the reports (vs 24)?

What were they warned not to do (vs 25)? Why?

What were they told to put on (vs 26)? Why?

What did God make Jeremiah (vs 27)?

What did God say the people had become (vs 28)? What did this mean?

How was God going to refine them (vs 29)?

What did God call them (vs 30)? Why?

What lesson can you learn from this passage?

“God’s Everywhere”

Study: Jeremiah 11:1-13

Reading: Deuteronomy 27:26-28:68

Memory: Isaiah 40:8

Though I grew up in the northern suburbs of Detroit, I have lived in rural communities my entire adult life. For the first part of my adult life, the closest stoplight to our home was about 15 miles away. When I moved to Michigan, there was a stoplight about 4 miles from my home, but that was the only stoplight we had in our county. After living in rural communities for so long, I have found myself despising stoplights more and more when I travel to a larger city. I have to tell myself to be patient when I am in an area where I have to stop almost every block because of traffic lights. I thought very little about traffic lights when I was growing up in the suburbs, but now when I go back to visit, I am amazed how many stop lights there are.

Today, we are going to see that the gods that the Israelites setup were like the traffic lights of today. They were setup on almost every street and filled almost every city in Judah

What Does the Bible Say?

According to the Reese Chronological Bible (which I am somewhat following) Jeremiah 1-6 and 11-12 were written before or during some of the reformations made by Josiah. The message here in chapter 11 was directed towards Judah and Jerusalem. This message declared a curse on all those who didn’t hear the words of the covenant that God had made with Israel when He led them out of Egypt. This was a reference to the covenant found in Deuteronomy 27 and 28 where God declared all the blessings for obedience and the curses for disobedience. The people all agreed to follow this covenant at the time it was given, and the covenant was still in effect for Israel (vs 1-5).

Jeremiah was told to proclaim the Words that God had given him in all the cities of Judah and on the streets of Jerusalem. The first part of this proclamation was a call to obey the covenant that had been agreed on when God brought them up out of Egypt. God had warned them over and over what would happen if they did not keep their end of the covenant.

He constantly reminded them and encouraged them to obey, but they chose not to listen. They were stubborn and chose to follow their evil hearts and give into their evil desires. As a result, God punished them just like He said He would in the covenant (vs 6-8).

God described how He had discovered a “conspiracy” among the people of Judah. This was a reference to the deliberate choice the people made to turn against God and to turn back to the sins that God had freed them from. They chose to reject Him as God and sought after the gods of this world. They broke the covenant they had made with God and as a result God was bringing disaster upon them that they would not be able to escape from. They would cry out to God for help and deliverance once that judgement was upon them, but by then it would be too late. They would try to cry out to their false gods for help, but those gods were not real gods and had no power to deliver them. God described how the people of Judah worshiped so many different gods that it was difficult to go anywhere in Judah and Jerusalem and not see evidence of this false worship (vs 9-13).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you worship multiple gods? Most likely, the immediate answer you would have to that question is “No,” but don’t be too hasty to answer that question. The world worships so many gods as the normal part of their lives that it doesn’t seem strange and weird in our society. It takes a conscious effort on the part of believers to recognize what is right and what is wrong in the world and choose to live differently. The more you are away from the evil of the world, the more evident the evil of the world becomes. The more you are around the evil of the world, the more blurred the lines of good and evil become. This is why it is so important to go back to the Word of God as your source of truth. God was calling the people of Judah to remember the covenant they made with God. Constantly reminding yourself of the words of God will help you avoid falling into the evil of the world and will continue to remind you how God wants you to live differently than the world around you.

Thought for the day

Who was this prophecy directed towards (vs 2)?

What did God declare (vs 3)?

What was this covenant referring to (vs 4)?

What did God desire (vs 4)?

What did God want to do for His children (vs 5)?

Why did God emphasize the fact that they agreed to this covenant (vs 5)?

Where was Jeremiah commanded to proclaim the words of God (vs 6)?

What did God continually warn them to do (vs 7)?

What did the people not do (vs 8)?

How were the actions of the people described (vs 8)?

What did God do as a result (vs 8)?

How is this a warning to you?

What did God say the inhabitants of Jerusalem had done (vs 9)?

What did the people refuse to do (vs 10)?

What had they broken (vs 10)?

What was God going to do (vs 11)?

Why would God not listen (vs 11)?

What would their false gods not be able to do (vs 12)?

How did God describe the multiple idols that the people worshiped (vs 13)?

“God Protects His Children”

Study: Jeremiah 11:14-23

Reading: Daniel 3:1-25

Memory: Isaiah 40:8

I have never faced severe or extreme persecution for my faith, but there have been difficulties that have come my way as a follower of Christ. When I first took over as a senior pastor in my late 20's, I faced some opposition from people in the church. I had a lady send a letter filled with false truths about me to all the church members asking them to fire me. In another instance, I had a lady call many in the church and she complained about me in an attempt to get people worked up enough to have me fired. When I found out about these things, it was easy to worry about my reputation, future and the ministry God had called me to, but God used these things in my life to remind me that He was in control. God showed Himself faithful to me and worked in each one of these circumstances, ultimately causing great good to come out of each one.

Today, we are going to be reminded that we can trust God to take care of us as His children. When we are seeking to do His will, we may not know what others plan against us, but we can know that He is always working for our good.

What Does the Bible Say?

In a bold declaration, God told Jeremiah not to bother praying for the people of Judah when destruction would come. In stark contrast to many other references in Scripture, God declared that He would not listen to their prayers or prayers for them. God was declaring this because it would be too late once He started His judgement upon the people. They had been warned over and over again by the prophets and were also sent difficulties to try to get their attention. It would be too late once judgement came because they had been given ample opportunity before. This is very similar to what happened in the days of Noah once God shut the door. It is also referenced in the New Testament as we are told that once Jesus returns, it will be too late for many to repent (vs 14).

God compared the Israelites to a wife that had abandoned her husband

and gone after many lovers. He, as the husband, would not simply open the door and welcome her back in. Israel had rejoiced in the evil they had done and did not hide it. God compared them to a bountiful olive tree that had produced wonderful fruit. Israel had stopped bearing fruit and had dried up. They would be set on fire and consumed rather than take up space as a dead tree. God had planted them, but God was also the One who was going to destroy them. This was all because they rejected Him and would not listen to His calls to repent (vs 15-17).

God revealed to Jeremiah that there were people in his home town who wanted to kill him because of what he was prophesying. Jeremiah wasn't aware of what they were planning to do as he compared himself to a lamb that was being led to be killed. They apparently had treated him with kindness and were leading him along while all along they planned to kill him. They wanted to cut him off from the land and remove any evidence that he existed, also erasing the prophecy that he had declared. Jeremiah asked God to step in on His behalf and avenge the people who wanted to kill him (vs 18-20).

The people of Anathoth, the city where Jeremiah was from, had told Jeremiah to stop prophesying, but that is not what God wanted. God stood up for Jeremiah and declared that He was going to punish the men of the city for doing this. Their children would be killed by the enemy and would also face starvation until all of them were gone. Those who plotted against Him would be wiped from the face of the earth along with any remnants of their families (vs 21-23).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you realize that nothing is secret to God? Though the men of Anathoth were planning to harm Jeremiah and he knew nothing about it, God knew. He had told Jeremiah that he was going to protect him and that no harm would come his way. There are many other instances in Scripture that reveal that the best plans of men will fail if God wants them to. In Romans 8:31 Paul asked, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" God makes it absolutely clear that He is watching over His children. This does not mean that children of God won't be tortured or killed for their faith, but does mean that nothing will happen to God's children that is outside of His plan. No matter how much evil someone may plan against you, you can rest assured that God is on your side.

What was Jeremiah told not to do (vs 14)?

How is this different than the commands in much of Scripture (vs 14)?

Why do you think God declared He wouldn't listen (vs 14)?

Does this mean you should stop praying at times? Explain.

What does God refer to Israel as (vs 15)? Why?

What had Israel done (vs 15)?

What else did God call Israel (vs 16)?

What was He declaring with this illustration (vs 16)?

What did God say He would do (vs 17)? Why?

What did God reveal to Jeremiah (vs 18)?

How did he describe himself (vs 19)? Why?

What did the people want to do (vs 19)?

What did Jeremiah ask God to do (vs 20)?

Why do you think Jeremiah prayed this way (vs 20)?

What had the people of Anathoth declared (vs 21)?

What did God say would happen to them (vs 22-23)?

What can you learn about God from this?

Why is it so important to turn to God when difficulties come your way?

Describe a time in your life where you know God was protecting you from those who wanted to do evil to you.

“Toughen Up”

Study: Jeremiah 12:1-6

Reading: John 21:15-23, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Memory: Isaiah 40:8

I find it very interesting that my children say I am the most “scary” when I act with compassion towards them when they are hurting. In general, they tell me that they don’t want my compassion and sympathy, but they want me to tell them to “toughen up” or “shake it off.” They want their mom to be the one to reach out in compassion and they want their dad to be the one to tell them to push through it. I suppose this type of attitude comes from the many years of playing hockey together where I would challenge them to push through many of their minor scrapes and bruises. Though I have tried to be a caring and compassionate father, in general, what they desire from me as a father is to be the leader that helps them through their pain.

Today, we are going to see how God did not lovingly shower Jeremiah with promises of good to come, but told him to stand strong because things were going to get harder.

What Does the Bible Say?

It is often difficult to realize that the people the Bible talks about were actual people who went through the same emotions and feelings we do today. Passages like the one we read today help give us insight into these feelings. Yesterday, we read how God revealed to Jeremiah that there was a plot by his fellow townsmen to take his life. Jeremiah didn’t like this idea and felt that what was going on was unfair. Jeremiah complained to God about what was going on in the world he was called to minister to. Though he had preached against the evil Judah was involved in and delivered messages of judgement, he was discouraged by the fact that the wicked people seemed to be the ones who were prospering and those who took advantage of others were thriving. Jeremiah compared these people to a flourishing tree whose roots were getting bigger and whose branches were producing fruit. These people talked about God with their lips, but their hearts were far from Him (vs 1-2).

In contrast to this, Jeremiah sought to do what was right and because

of it, he was facing difficulties and hard times in life. He asked God to pull the wicked men out like shepherds would pick out sheep to be slaughtered. Jeremiah wasn’t just concerned about himself, but he knew the whole land was hurting because of these wicked men. These people lived thinking that God would not judge them since all they were experiencing was what they thought to be blessings (vs 3-4).

God responded to Jeremiah by asking him some questions. By these questions, God was challenging Jeremiah to choose to trust in Him and what He was doing. By using the illustration of a foot race compared to outrunning a chariot, God was trying to tell Jeremiah to toughen up and trust Him. There were going to be greater difficulties ahead for Jeremiah and if he was starting to grow weary through the little trials he was facing, he was going to have great difficulties with the trials that were ahead. Though the people of his city had made plans against Jeremiah behind his back, one day he would have to confront the fact that his own family was going to openly plot against him and try to deceive him (vs 5-6).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you feel discouraged when the wicked world around you seems to be prevailing? Do you let the prosperity of the wicked change your mood and cause you to want to quit your spiritual battle? When I first read Jeremiah’s complaint, I expected that God would respond to Jeremiah’s complaint with words of encouragement and a promise that He would make it all better. This is not what God did. Instead, He basically told Jeremiah to “toughen up” because he was going to experience much worse in the future. What Jeremiah was going through when he complained was mild compared with what he was going to face.

This should be a reminder to you that life as a follower of Christ is not always easy and will not always get better. It also reminds you that God knows what is going on and that God is in control. He had promised He would be with Jeremiah, but He never promised it would be easy. It is easy to want to try to encourage others by saying that things will get better, but many times what people need to be encouraged with is the fact that God will be with them no matter what they are experiencing. The hope is not that things will get better one day, the hope is that God will be with you each step of the way. Sometimes, you have to simply choose to “toughen up” and continue to battle in faith.

How did Jeremiah begin his complaint to God (vs 1)?

****The NLT translates it this way. “LORD, you always give me justice when I bring a case before you. So let me bring you this complaint:”*

According to this, how do you think Jeremiah expected God to answer his complaint (vs 1)?

What was Jeremiah’s complaint (vs 1)?

How can you see the legitimacy of his complaint when you look at society around you today?

Describe a time where you felt like Jeremiah did.

What did Jeremiah observe happening (vs 2)?

How did the people he was talking about worship God (vs 2)?

What did Jeremiah say about his life compared to these men (vs 3)?

How was Jeremiah stating that what was going on was not fair?

What did Jeremiah ask be done to these people? Do you think it was wrong or right for him to ask this?

What did Jeremiah say was happening because of the wicked men (vs 4)?

What did many people declare (vs 4)?

How is this same type of thinking still prevalent today?

What illustrations did God use in response (vs 5)?

What do you think He meant by these illustrations?

What did God say would happen to Jeremiah (vs 6)?

Why do you think God declared this rather than words of comfort?

“A Wasteland”

Study: Jeremiah 12:7-17

Reading: Ephesians 5:1-21

Memory: Isaiah 40:8

I have watched several documentaries about the history of modern day Israel. One thing that most people don’t know is that the land was pretty much a wasteland until the late 1800's when Jews started to move back into the land. There was very little farming that took place and most of the towns were small and poverty prone. It wasn’t until the Jews moved back to the land and started restoring much of the land that it started to become a much more desirable place to live. For many years, very little existed in the land because of the constant wars that ravaged around it.

Today, we are going to see how God told the people that the land would become empty and barren. What was once beautiful would become something that was ravaged. Yet, we will also see that God would not forget about His people and He would bring His people back to the land and cause it to bloom again.

What Does the Bible Say?

It appears that in the middle of the prophecy that God was giving in chapter 11, Jeremiah took some time to describe the plot against his life and his complaint to God. This prophecy picks back up in verse seven as God declared that He was going to choose to abandon His own children. This emphasized how much God loved and cared for His children and how much pain it brought Him to abandon them. Instead of responding to God’s love with love, they roared at him like a lion. They treated Him with great disrespect and disregarded His Words and His display of affection. God also compared His children to “speckled vultures.” It appears that this reference meant that there was something different about this vulture compared to other vultures. These differences caused them to be picked on by the other vultures until they would die and were eaten by other animals (vs 7-9).

Verse 10 pictured Israel as a beautiful, bountiful vineyard that started to experienced continual invasions. The vineyard could not stand up to

the constant trampling and went from something wonderful to something despised. The whole land of Israel had struggled from many years of war and decimation and only produced a fraction of what it once did when the Israelites first entered the land. The land had become desolate with very few people desiring to live in the land. What was left of the beauty of the land would be taken away by the invading armies. They would destroy every part of the land and everyone would be affected by this destruction (vs 10-12).

Though they would try what they could to continue their lives like normal, they would simply be wasting their time. All their work and effort in their own power would turn up empty. God was going to bring shame to them and all their labor would be for nought as it would all be destroyed (vs 13).

This destruction would not only come to Israel, but to many of its neighbors who had continually been a problem to them over the years. The whole region would be changed as many of the people would be taken from their nations and placed in other regions. Though this would happen to all of them, Israel would be one of the few nations that would return and re-establish themselves in their homeland. Other nations would be offered the chance to return, but only if they chose to follow God and give Israel the honor it deserved. If they chose not to turn to the God of Israel, they would suffer destruction and would be nations that no longer existed (vs 14-17).

How Does this Apply to Me?

God's desire and plan for your life is for you to flourish as a vibrant vineyard. This doesn't mean He wants you to be wealthy or always be happy, but you can live in joy and peace each and every day. He wants you to live an abundant life. Yet, when you choose to allow sin to reign in your life and to take control, you will find that abundance being taken away. Sadly, most people who start to fall away from God don't realize what is happening because they get caught up in the temporary pleasures of their sin. For a short while, the sin may feel better or seem to be a better option than following God, but the end result will be decimation and emptiness. There are many people who say "I tried religion", but didn't like it and sadly they miss out on all God has to offer. Don't let your desire for the things of the world cause your abundance of joy to turn into a wasteland. Choose each day to put off the deeds of the flesh and put on Jesus Christ.

What did God call the people of Israel (vs 7)?

What had He chosen to do (vs 7)? Why?

What did God say Israel had done (vs 8)?

What do you think was meant by this?

How did God choose to treat them (vs 8)?

What did the people act like (vs 9)?

What was going to be their end (vs 9)?

What did God compare Israel to (vs 10)?

What did God mean by that?

How have you seen the fruitful life of a person become barren?

What was going to happen to the land (vs 11)?

Why was this going to be so sad?

What was God going to use to bring this destruction (vs 12)?

What was the result of all their human efforts (vs 13)?

What was God going to do to Judah and the nations around Judah (vs 14)?

What would happen after all this took place (vs 15)?

What offer was given to the foreign nations (vs 16)?

What would happen to the nations who refused God (vs 17)?

How do you think this can apply to your personal life?

“Final Days of Josiah”

Study: 2 Kings 23:28-30, 2 Chronicles 35:20-27)

Reading: Numbers 22:1-40

Memory: Isaiah 40:8

What Does the Bible Say?

Josiah had completely transformed Judah from a nation that worshiped pagan gods into a nation that worshiped the God of Israel. He restored the Passover celebration and refurbished the temple. Things were going well for he and Judah, but this did not mean he was perfect. We are told little else about the last 13 years of his 31 year reign in Jerusalem. We know that in the 18th year of his reign, he restored the worship in the temple, but then next narrative we have about him refers to the final days of his life. King Neco of Egypt wanted to conquer Assyria, and to get there, he had to travel through Israel. For some reason, Josiah didn't like what Egypt was doing and he decided that he was going to try to stop King Neco and his forces. The king sent message to Josiah saying that he wasn't planning to do any harm to Judah and asked to be left alone and allowed to travel to Assyria. He told Josiah that he had been given a message by the God of Israel to do this and he was carrying out this plan. Josiah was warned not to interfere with the plan of God that Egypt was attempting to carry out (2 Ki 23:28, 2 Chr 35:20-21).

The author of 2 Chronicles made it clear that God was the one who did send a message to Neco, but that Josiah refused to listen to this message. It appears that Josiah failed to seek God for confirmation of the words Neco had spoken and chose to continue his plan to attack the Egyptian army. It is interesting to note that Egypt was not even traveling through much of the land



Ancient Roads in Israel

of Judah, but would have taken a route that bypassed west of most of the Judean cities (the Via Maris). We know this, because we are told that the Egyptians were in the plain of Megiddo (starred on the map), which was located in the land of Israel, northwest of Judah and Jerusalem.

In order to protect himself, or so he thought, Josiah disguised himself as a common soldier rather than dressing as a king. He thought they would be aiming to kill him if he had the royal garments on, but this tactic did not work. 2 Kings gives the idea that he was recognized and that they killed him when they saw him. 2 Chronicles tells us that he was shot with an arrow while in his chariot. He ordered that his servants take him away from the battle, so they loaded him in another chariot and started taking him to Jerusalem, but he either died on the way or shortly after arrival. This was a great shock to all the people of Judah because he was a beloved king and had done many wonderful things for the land and the people (2 Ki 23:29-30a, 2 Chr 35:22-24).

The prophet Jeremiah wrote a song of lament for the funeral of Josiah and it became a tradition in Judah for choirs to sing the songs of lament on a regular basis in honor of the king. We have no record of this lament, but it is estimated that the book of 2 Chronicles was written sometime between 450-430 B.C., almost 200 years after the death of Josiah. This song was still being sung at that time. Record of other events were written down in books that have since been lost so we know only what is found in 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles (2 Ki 23:30, 2 Chr 35:25-27).

How Does this Apply to Me?

There are a couple of interesting observations that can be made from today's reading. One is that God chooses at times to speak to and use unbelievers. There are a handful of instances in Scripture where God does this and it is important to realize that God is not just limited to using those who believe in Him. Another observation is that King Neco was convinced that the God of Israel had called him, but there is no record of Josiah asking God to confirm this. It appears that Josiah simply thought he was telling a lie and chose to fight him regardless of what he said. Perhaps if Josiah would have simply taken time to ask God about this, his life would have been spared and he could have reigned for much longer. Sometimes God will use unbelievers to accomplish His plan and what they say or do should not simply be disregarded. Take time to ask God for direction or leading realizing that He could be using others, even unbelievers, to help you on your spiritual journey.

2 Chronicles 35

What had Josiah done up to this point in his life?

Who decided to go and fight against Assyria (vs 20)?

What do you know about the nations of Egypt and Assyria?

What did Josiah decide to do (vs 20)?

What message did Neco send to Josiah (vs 21)?

Why do you think that Neco was convinced that God spoke to him?

What did Neco say would happen if Josiah didn't listen (vs 21)?

What did Josiah not do (vs 22)?

Why do you think it was easy for Josiah not to listen?

****When the Assyrians attacked Jerusalem during the time of Hezekiah, they stood outside the city walls declaring all the things that God had said, but they were making this up to deceive the people. It was very common for lies to be spread in order for kings to get their way.*

What did Josiah do in an attempt to protect himself (vs 22)? Why?

What happened to Josiah (vs 23)?

Where did his servants take Josiah (vs 24)?

How did the people respond to his death (vs 24)?

What did Jeremiah do for Josiah (vs 25)?

What tradition did this start (vs 25)?

How does this reveal the type of life that Josiah lived?

How do you want to be remembered after your death?

Memory Verses

Isaiah 40:1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God? 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. The LORD has spoken!" 6 A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.