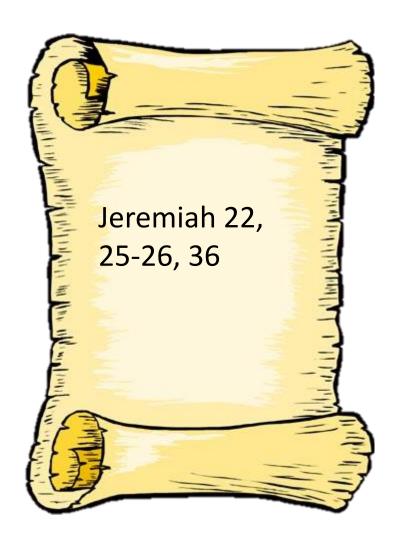




Who are the ones being punished?
What message would you give to the people left in Jerusalem?

What had Hezekiah told the people to do under the threat of the Assyrians, just 100+ years earlier?

What did they still have standing as a sign of God's presence with them?

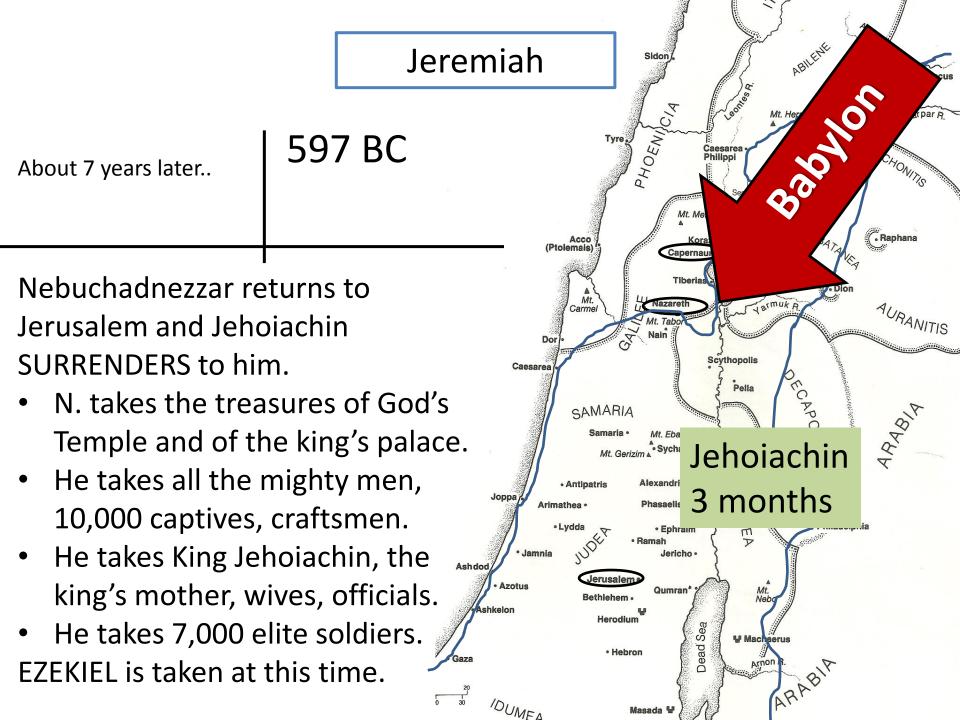


THIS is what God said: Submit to the Babylonians and come under their yoke because this is MY discipline to bring you back to Myself.

Surrender to them.

How did that message sound to the people still in Jerusalem?

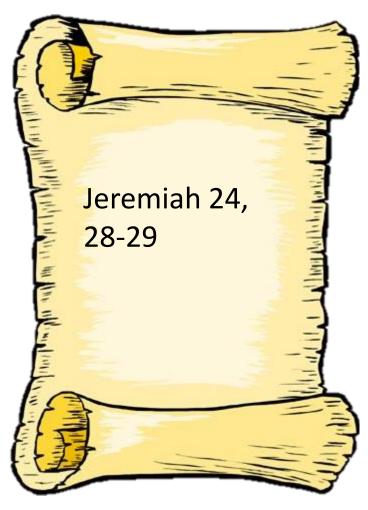
Was it what Jehoiakim wanted to hear? What was his response?





What message would you give to the people left in Jerusalem?

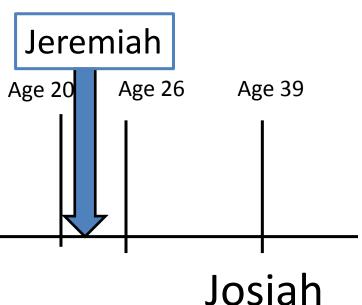
What did they still have standing as a sign of God's presence with them?



THIS is what God said to the ones still in Jerusalem:
The ones who just left are the good figs.

Those who were taken will be disciplined and respond. Those who were left will be destroyed in hardness.

THIS is what God said to the ones who had come under the yoke of His discipline by surrendering to "the Enemy." Jeremiah 29...



- Each king heard God's Word and in each case, it wasn't what they "wanted" to hear.
- Each king acted either by surrendering to what God had said or by arching their back and trying to get around the discipline.
- God's discipline was always for the purpose of breaking them from their idolatrous loves and self-reliance and drawing them back to Himself.

Jehoahaz 3 months Jehoiakim
11 years

Zedekiah 11 years

Jehoichin 3 months