

BIBLE READING LIST FOR AUGUST 13-20

<p><u>August 14</u> II Chronicles 34-35</p>	<p>Judah was in increasing danger because of their sinning against their God. As was the case in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:11-13), man's first reaction is to blame someone else. And as is all too often the case, they blamed the preacher (the prophet Jeremiah) who was sent first to warn them of coming judgment and later to tell the reason for the judgment so they could amend their ways and once again enjoy God's blessings.</p>
<p><u>August 15</u> II Kings 23 Lamentations 1</p>	<p>The same thing was seen in Ahab when he blamed Elijah for the drought (I Kings 18:17) because he had been sent to warn that it was coming (I Kings 17:1).</p>
<p><u>August 16</u> Lamentations 2-4</p>	<p>Part of Jeremiah's warning had been counselling the people to surrender to Nebuchadnezzar so Jerusalem would not be destroyed because God was not going to deliver them. The wicked king call that treason and put Jeremiah in prison. "Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison" (Jeremiah 37:15). Later he was once again imprisoned. "For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house" (Jeremiah 32:2).</p>
<p><u>August 17</u> Lamentations 5 Jeremiah 26:1-27:11; Jeremiah 35</p>	<p>He stayed there until the warning of captivity was fulfilled. "So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was there when Jerusalem was taken" (Jeremiah 38:28).</p>
<p><u>August 18</u> Daniel 1 Jeremiah 25</p>	<p>Was Jeremiah a traitor? We can see his heart for Jerusalem in the Book of Lamentations as we read it this week. "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger" (Lamentations 1:12). He had said and done all that he did out of faithfulness to his God and love to his people.</p>
<p><u>August 19</u> Jeremiah 36, 45-47</p>	<p>We today have to denounce the sin of our people in an effort to avoid God's judgment and restore God's blessings to our land. We will likewise be misunderstood and maligned. Some may even eventually be put in prison. When these things happen, we can take Jeremiah as God's example for us. Faithfulness to Him and love to our country may make some Jeremiahs out of us, but don't denounce such people as haters.</p>
<p><u>August 20</u> Jeremiah 48:1-49:33</p>	<p>Lamentations shows us that such people may be the ones with the most love and the most sorrow over what is happening.</p>