



God has to punish Jerusalem



In this passage Jeremiah addresses a very important point. Not only that Jerusalem was utterly destroyed, but the inhabitants were no longer able to perform their worship.

The centre of Jerusalem, the temple, was destroyed, and this had bitter consequences. If a Jew wanted to sacrifice, there was no longer an altar there. Even worse: God had become like an enemy for His own people (v5).

Can you imagine how hard it must have been for God to punish His people so severely? But He had to do it in order to bring them to an understanding with regard to their sins.

The judgment filled old and young alike with consternation (v10).



04. List eight things which the Jews lost because of the divine judgment.

05. Who destroyed Jerusalem?



The elders and priests were the spiritual and political leaders of the people. They had an especially great responsibility towards God.



Remember that you are responsible before God for what He has entrusted to you!

04. Suggestion: The people had lost: glory, pastures, fortified cities, palaces, temple, city walls, gates and bolts, visions of prophets, authorities. 05. God did it, through the hand of the Babylonians.