

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL Section Review**

**Judah, From Isaiah to Exile**

**Jeremiah and the Promise of Renewal**

■ **10/5: Jeremiah 1:6-10; 26:8-9, 12-15**

Jeremiah called in last days and  
arrested for his prophecy

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### Jeremiah and the Promise of Renewal

#### ■ 10/12: Jeremiah 7:1-11,21-23

Jeremiah speaks out against the idolatry of the Temple and reminds the people of what God truly wants

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# Judah, From Isaiah to Exile Jeremiah and the Promise of Renewal A Family's Example

## Jeremiah 35:5 – 11

640 - 608	Josiah (Son)	Good/Good	Huldah (2 Kings 22:8-20; 2 Chronicles 34:15-28) <b>Habakkuk</b> <b>Zephaniah</b> <b>Jeremiah</b> <b>Ezekiel</b> (Lamentations)	2 Ki 22-23 2 Ch 34-35
608	Jehoahaz (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 23 2 Ch 36
608 - 597	Jehoiakim (Son of Josiah)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 23-24 2 Ch 36
597	Jehoiachin (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 24-25 2 Ch 36
597 - 586	Zedekiah (Son of Josiah)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 24-25 2 Ch 36
Judah into Babylonian captivity - 586 BC				
586-450			<b>Jeremiah</b> <b>Haggai</b> <b>Zechariah</b> <b>Malachi</b>	

# Background

- The Rechabites (also Recabite, Rekabite) were a nomadic people group known for their strict rules to abstain from wine, from building houses, from sowing seed, and from planting vineyards

# Background

- The Rechabites were faithful to abide by these rules through the generations, all the way from the time of Jehu (**2 Kings 10:15**) to the time of Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 35:8–10**)—over 200 years.

# Lesson Text

## **JEREMIAH 35:5 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> Then I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, "Drink wine."



# Lesson Text

## **JEREMIAH 35:6 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> But they said, "We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'You shall drink no wine, you nor your sons, forever.





# Lesson Text

## **JEREMIAH 35:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> You shall not build a house, sow seed, plant a vineyard, nor have any of these; but all your days you shall dwell in tents, that you may live many days in the land where you are sojourners.'



# Lesson Text

## **JEREMIAH 35:8 - 9 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> Thus we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters, <sup>9</sup> nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; nor do we have vineyard, field, or seed.



# Lesson Text

## JEREMIAH 35:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.



# Commentary: Faithfulness

- The Rechabites were descendants of Rechab (or Recab or Rekab), a Kenite and thus related to the Midianites and Moses' family by marriage (**Judges 1:16**)

# Commentary: Faithfulness

- Rechabites' strict rules were put in place by a descendant of Rechab named Jehonadab (or Jonadab) who also helped rid Israel of Baal-worship after the time of King Ahab (2 Kings 10:15-27)

# Lesson Text

## JEREMIAH 35:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> But it came to pass, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, 'Come, let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans and for fear of the army of the Syrians.' So we dwell at Jerusalem."



## \*Bonus Text

### JEREMIAH 35:12-13a (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>13</sup> "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,





## \*Bonus Text

### JEREMIAH 35:13b (NKJV)

13 “Will you not receive instruction to [b]obey My words?” says the Lord.





## \*Bonus Text

### JEREMIAH 35:14a (NKJV)

14 “The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed;



## \*Bonus Text

### JEREMIAH 35:14b (NKJV)

14 for to this day they drink none,  
and obey their father's commandment.  
But although I have spoken to you,  
rising early and speaking, **you did  
not [c]obey Me.**



## \*Bonus Text

### JEREMIAH 35:15a (NKJV)

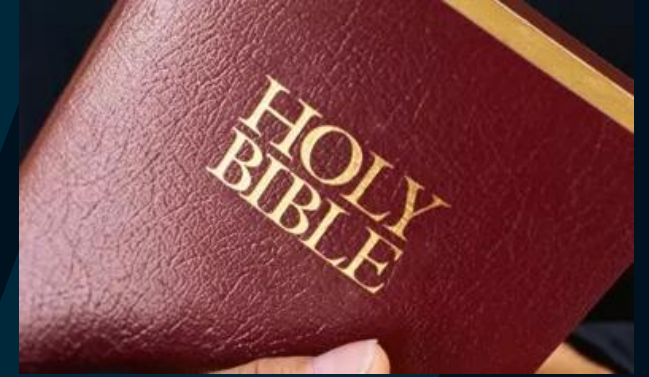
<sup>15</sup> I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, 'Turn now everyone from his evil way, amend your doings,



## \*Bonus Text

### JEREMIAH 35:15b (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> and do not go after other gods to serve them; then you will dwell in the land which I have given you and your fathers.' But you have **not** inclined your ear, **nor obeyed Me.**



# Commentary: Other's Example

- God will use examples of other people and things in nature on how we should approach him.
- E.g., Jesus uses the examples of birds and flowers to address our concerns of worry (Matthew 6:25 – 33)

## Commentary: Other's Example

- We have a people who do not serve the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but show they are willing to obey human authority
- In contrast, those who follow God – who have less stricter rules have an issue following Him

## Commentary: Other's Example

- Even today, there are religions with far stricter rules of conduct – e.g. Nation of Islam, Holiness Pentecostals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons who appear to be truer to their values than some in more mainstream churches today

# Commentary: What God Wants

- The practice of religion cannot save us, but the faithfulness to it serves as an example of how serious we should obey what God wants – and what does He want from us?



# Commentary: What God Wants

- **Leviticus 19:18** – to love your neighbor as you love yourself
- **Deuteronomy 10:18** – care for others(widows, orphans, strangers)
- **Zechariah 7:9-10** – compassion
- **Isaiah 1:17** – seeking justice

# Commentary: What God Wants

- **Micah 6:4** – do justly, love mercy, walk humbly
- **Matthew 25:31-46** – care for others(hungry, homeless, naked, prisoners)
- **James 1:27** – compassion and to not conform to the world

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## Scripture References

**Proverbs 21:3**

**1 Samuel 15:22**

**Hosea 6:6**

***Obedience is better  
than sacrifice***

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# *Church School Creed*

Our Church School must grow & grow  
And we must help to make it so  
Every member a Christian  
Every Christian a worker  
Every worker trained  
A worker that will not be ashamed  
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

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# *Church School Benediction*

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN