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# **BLESSED AND BURDENED**

*Jeremiah 36-45*

**“Baruch atah Adonai Elohenu, melek ha’olam”  
Translated: Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the Universe**

**MAIN  
IDEA**

Fearing God forever is **the blessing** we hold on to as He guides us through life's burdens.

1

The **Blessing** and Burdens **before** Destruction

**JEREMIAH 36:3 (ESV)**

It may be that that house of Judah will hear all the disaster  
that I intended to do to them,

**JEREMIAH 36:3 (ESV)**

so that everyone may turn from his evil way,  
and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

**JEREMIAH 36:9 (ESV)**

all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before the Lord.



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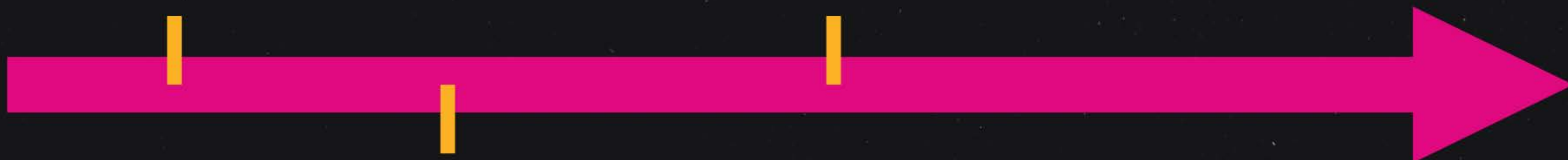
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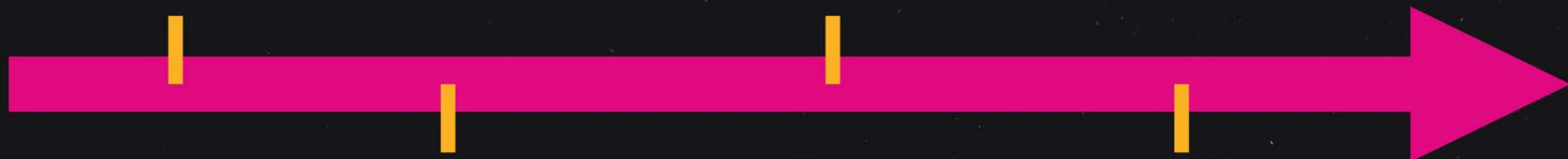
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**607 - 586 B.C.**

Fall of Jerusalem and a series of Babylonian Exiles



**JEREMIAH 36:24 (ESV)**

yet, neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments.

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

**Is there anything or anyone in my life I am allowing to have such an influence on me that is keeping me away from The Blessing to Fear God Forever?**

**What pains have the burdens of life put on me that are hindering me from living to Fear God Forever?**

2

The **Blessing** and Burdens **during** Destruction

**JEREMIAH 37:3 (ESV)**

Please pray for us to the Lord our God.



**JEREMIAH 42:2-3 (ESV)**

Let our plea for mercy come before you, and pray to the LORD your God for us, for all this remnant—because we are left with but a few,

**JEREMIAH 42:2-3 (ESV)**

as your eyes see us— that the LORD your God may show us the way  
we should go, and the thing that we should do.

**JEREMIAH 42:5-6 (ESV)**

May the LORD be a true and faithful witness against us  
if we do not act according to all the word

**JEREMIAH 42:5-6 (ESV)**

with which the LORD your God sends you to us.

**JEREMIAH 42:5-6 (ESV)**

Whether it is good or bad, we will obey the voice  
of the LORD our God to whom we are sending you,

**JEREMIAH 42:5-6 (ESV)**

that it may be well with us when we obey  
the voice of the LORD our God.

**JEREMIAH 43:1-3 (ESV)**

When Jeremiah finished speaking to all the people  
all these words of the LORD their God,

**JEREMIAH 43:1-3 (ESV)**

with which the LORD their God had sent him to them,  
Azariah the son of Hoshaiah and Johanan the son of Kareah



**JEREMIAH 43:1-3 (ESV)**

and all the insolent men said to Jeremiah,  
“You are telling a lie. The LORD our God did not send you to say,

**JEREMIAH 43:1-3 (ESV)**

'Do not go to Egypt to live there, but Baruch the son of Neriah has set you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans,

**JEREMIAH 43:1-3 (ESV)**  
that they may kill us  
or take us into exile in Babylon.

## **APPLICATION QUESTION**

**What are the idols in my life that are tempting me to run back to Egypt?**

### **APPLICATION QUESTION**

**How has God shown me compassion while He was disciplining me for my sin?**

3

The **Blessing** and Burdens **after** Destruction

**JEREMIAH 45:3 (ESV)**

Woe is me! For the LORD has added sorrow to my pain.  
I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.

### **JEREMIAH 45:4-5 (ESV)**

Thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD: Behold, what I have built I am breaking down, and what I have planted I am plucking up—



**JEREMIAH 45:4-5 (ESV)**

that is, the whole land.

And do you seek great things for yourself?

**JEREMIAH 45:4-5 (ESV)**

Seek them not, for behold, I am bringing disaster upon all flesh, declares the LORD.

**JEREMIAH 45:4-5 (ESV)**

But I will give you your life as a prize of war  
in all places to which you may go.