



## Introduction

*God promises to restore the people of Israel after he has punished them in captivity.*



## Questions

1. What does the LORD say he will do in days to come?
2. What does the LORD say he will do, so that Israel needn't be afraid or dismayed?
3. What does the LORD say will happen to those who devour Israel and are their adversaries?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 and 2** God tells Jeremiah to write down all his words in a book
- **v 3 to 7** There will be a time of trouble for Israel and Judah but they will be saved out of it
- **v 8 and 9** They will no longer serve strangers but they will serve the LORD their God and his king
- **v 10 to 15** God will bring Israel from captivity but meanwhile they are being punished for their sins
- **v 16 to 24** Israel's adversaries will suffer but Israel will return from captivity and again be established in their land as God's special people (see theme)

**Timeline** 570 BC (see below)



## Theme

### The Jews are God's witnesses

*The Jews were chosen by God because of his promises to their ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.*

Their continuing existence is witness to God and his purpose:

*Isaiah 43 verses 10 to 12*

Their selection was confirmed at Sinai and involved the nation's obedience to God's laws:

*Exodus 19 verses 5 and 6*

As a kingdom of priests, their role as God's witnesses should have been to show to other nations the benefit of keeping God's laws:

*Deuteronomy 4 verses 6 to 8*

Moses warned the people that they would be scattered if they disobeyed God:

*Deuteronomy 28 verse 64*

Their witness to God would be seen in their punishment and also in their continued existence despite being scattered among all nations:

*Jeremiah 30 verses 10 and 11*

Their punishment and subsequent blessing is a continuing witness to God at work in the world:

*Ezekiel 36 verses 23 and 36*



## Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3, Q 2: v 10 and 11, Q 3: v 16

## Bible timeline

