

Jeremiah 41

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I. ISHMAEL'S DESTRUCTION (41:1-9)

- A. This is the 7th month of Tisri (Sept-Oct.)
- B. This is the 52nd day since the destruction of the temple (John Gill), 1
- C. Ishmael with ten men came to eat with Gedaliah
- D. He killed Gedaliah, whom the king of Babylon had made governor, 2
- E. Ishmael also killed the Jews who were with Gedaliah, men of war, 3
- F. 80 men came to worship at Jerusalem, 5
 - 1. Shaven beards - according to the law
 - 2. Clothes rent - according to the law
 - 3. Cutting themselves - Paganism
 - 4. Offerings and incense - according to the law
- G. Ishmael feigns concern for these men, 6
- H. Ishmael killed them and put them into a pit, 7-9

II. ISRAEL'S COWARDICE (41:10-18)

- A. Israel was taken captive, 10
- B. Johanan fights against Ishmael, 11-12
- C. The people follow Johanan, 13-14
- D. Ishmael escapes with eight men, 15
- E. Johanan takes the people to Egypt, 16-17
 - 1. NOTE: Chimham – a place named after a man who followed David (2 Sam. 19:37-38)
- F. Israel was afraid of the Chaldeans
 - 1. Which Jeremiah told them not to be (Jer. 40:9)
 - 2. Then they went to Egypt
 - a. See Isaiah 30:2-3; 31:1; 36:9
 - b. See Jeremiah 46:25
 - 3. Egypt is a type of the world.

Lessons We Can Learn

- 1. God's people always have enemies.
- 2. The Jews always love the temple – they believe that it is where God's name is.
- 3. Our enemies weep with us to deceive and destroy us.
- 4. We look to the world (Egypt) for help instead of the Lord.
- 5. We are needlessly afraid.