









We Like Options!





Exiles taken from Judah to Babylon (597 & 586 BC)

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THE BABYLONIAN EMPIRE c. 600 BC

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We Want Answers!



Jer.42:1 Then all the army officers, including Johanan son of Kareah and Jezaniah son of Hoshaiiah, and all the people from the least to the greatest approached

2 Jeremiah the prophet and said to him, "Please hear our petition and pray to the LORD your God for this entire remnant. For as you now see, though we were once many, now only a few are left.

3 Pray that the LORD your God will tell us where we should go and what we should do."

We Really Want Answers!



Jer. 42:4 "I have heard you," replied Jeremiah the prophet. "I will certainly pray to the LORD your God as you have requested; I will tell you everything the LORD says and will keep nothing back from you."

- 5 Then they said to Jeremiah, "May the LORD be a true and faithful witness against us if we do not act in accordance with everything the LORD your God sends you to tell us.
- 6 Whether it is favorable or unfavorable, we will obey the LORD our God, to whom we are sending you, so that it will go well with us, for we will obey the LORD our God."

Here Are Your Answers!



1. Stay in this Land v.10

Do not go to Egypt v. 19

2. Do not fear the Babylonian king

Trust God to help you v.11,12

3. If you insist on going to Egypt,

you will die there by the

sword, famine, and plague

v.15-19

We Don't Like Your Answers!



- 2 Azariah son of Hoshaiah and Johanan son of Kareah and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, "You are lying! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, 'You must not go to Egypt to settle there.'
- 3 But Baruch son of Neriah is inciting you against us to hand us over to the Babylonians, so they may kill us or carry us into exile to Babylon."
- 4 So Johanan son of Kareah and all the army officers and all the people disobeyed the LORD's command to stay in the land of Judah.

We'll Take Our Options!

1. Where to Live?

Stay Here? NO!

We Are Going To Egypt!

2. Who to Trust?

God's promise of protection? NO!

Egypt is Safe!

3. Who to Worship?

LORD God of Israel? NO!

The Queen of Heaven helps us!



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1. How to Live?
2. Who to Trust?
3. Who to Worship / Serve?

