

Helpful preparatory reading: Jeremiah 27:1 – 29:32; 40:1 – 44:30

1. Describe the Ezekiel's portrayal of the siege of Jerusalem to the captives. (4:1-3)
  
2. Why is Ezekiel told to lay on his side for 430 days? What do you think the significance of the duration is?
  
3. What does Ezekiel eat during this time? What does the amount and type of food signify to the captives?
  
4. Explain the "hairy" situation God puts Ezekiel through and its meaning. (Chapter 5)
  
5. What purpose would these judgments upon Jerusalem serve regarding the surrounding nations?
  
6. Just as God said he would mete out judgment to Israel we also, if rebellious, can find ourselves in a similar condition.
  - a. In wrath, where will he remember mercy?
  
  - b. In punishment, where do you see his love?
  
  - c. How will renewal come out of such stinging rebukes?