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Jerusalem Under Siege 6: 1-30

During the reign of Josiah



The certainty of **Yerushalayim's** fall before the onslaught of the enemy is now declared. **Jeremiah** gives a **near historical prophecy** showing an invading army being on **their** doorstep, and they will not be turned back. **The people's** only hope is to run from **the City**. Disaster could still be avoided. This prophecy is prior to any of Nebuchadnezzar's invasions from the north. However, this section does convey the impression that the doom about which **Yirmeyahu** had prophesied was not that far away. Would **Y'hudah** listen? Or obey?

This chapter opens with a vivid poem describing the coming of the foe from the north. The prophet calls for the people to desert Tziyon (to see link click Be - Flee for Safety People of Benjamin). Then a dialogue between Jeremiah and God takes place in the context of Judah's national complacency. And a clear statement is made that elaborate rituals are no substitute for obedience (see Bf - I Am Bringing Disaster on This People, Because They Have Rejected My Torah). Then, once again the invader from the north is presented. The chapter closes with more dialogue between God and Jeremiah in which the prophet is made a tester of metals so that he could observe and test the ways of the people. With the conclusion of the chapter we turn to the revelation of the broken covenant and the resulting judgment.

Chapter six is a review of what **Jeremiah** has said before.