

# 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 future** 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** (**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.