**Jeremiah**

*Two Paths – Two Outcomes*

*Jeremiah 24*

Background

* 605 BC – First Invasion – Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
* 597 BC – Second Invasion
  + Parunak: The vision takes place just after the deportation of Jeconiah to Babylon, the second of the three great deportations. Those who escaped the second deportation thought of the exiles as under God’s curse, and themselves as particularly blessed. This sort of reasoning may have informed Zed’s original question in 21; in spite of all Jeremiah’s warnings, he was still hoping for deliverance, because (after all), he hadn’t been taken away captive. The message is that God’s blessing will be on those who are in the second deportation; but those in the third are under his curse.
* 586 BC – 3rd Invasion - Zedekiah
* 26 ¶ Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; 27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: 28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. (Deut 11:26-28)
* 1 ¶ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: 2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. (Deut 28:1-2)
* 9 And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: 10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. (Deut 30:9-10)
* And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. (Romans 8:28)
* Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Gal 6:7)

Obedience

* Carried Away for Their good (v 5)
* God Will Bless Them (v 6)
* Give Them the Heart (Mind) to Know Him (v 7)
* They Will Be His People (v 7)
* He Will Be Their God (v 7)
  + Not new. Just Committed.

Evil

* Removed for Their Hurt (v 9)
* Will Become a Reproach, a Proverb and a Taunt and a Curse (v 9)
* Consumed from the Land (v 10)