

September 3 Answers

- 1) Jeremiah ended up living out the remainder of his life in the land of **Egypt**. This story is so frustrating to read! Gedaliah wouldn't listen to Johanan's warning and it cost him his **life**. Johanan wouldn't listen to Jeremiah's warning and it cost the remnant their **homeland**. The people claimed they would do whatever God told Jeremiah, but the minute he told them, they accused him of **lying**. The people declared God to be "the LORD our God," but as soon as they settled in Egypt, they began to worship the Egyptian **gods**! What can be learned from such a tragic tale? It teaches us to take the warnings of others **seriously**. It teaches us that what may seem like the smart thing to do is actually a recipe for **disaster**. It teaches us to think long and hard before we follow the **crowd**. It teaches us that the safest decision we can make is to **obey** God's will. It teaches us that living for God is always better than living for **ourselves**. It teaches us to submit when God's word conflicts with what we **want**. Have we ever sought God's guidance when what we really wanted was His approval of **our** will? There's no point in asking, "Where should we go, Lord?" if we're already halfway down the road to Egypt!