

August 25 Questions

- 1) On January 27, 589 BC, Nebuchadnezzar began the _____ and final siege of Jerusalem (cf. Ezek 24). The tragedy is that it didn't need to happen. It could have been avoided if Zedekiah and the people had listened to God. This teaches us: "He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck, will suddenly be _____ beyond healing" (Prov 29:1). The same day that Jerusalem was besieged, God told Ezekiel that his _____ was going to die, and she died that evening. God did not allow him to mourn, and when the people asked what it meant, God told them that he was about to _____ the temple: "The pride of your power, the desire of your eyes and the delight of your soul" (Ezek 24:21). Just as Ezekiel's cherished wife had been taken from him, the people's cherished temple would be taken from them. Ezekiel was a _____ testimony to the exiles; everything in his life communicated God's message of coming judgment. This shows us what it means to be _____ of God. Are we willing to suffer personal loss in order to minister to others? When Nebuchadnezzar lifted the siege of Jerusalem to deal with Pharaoh Hophra's army, Zedekiah thought the city had been saved (cf. Jer 37:5-10). Do we allow circumstances to bring _____ into our minds about the certainty of God's word? Do we remain steady and faithful even when it looks like God's promise has failed?