

- What happens when I'm eliminated in the first round of the spelling bee on a technicality?
- What happens when marriage or nurturing children isn't possible because of circumstances in the past?
- What happens when my spouse asks for a divorce?
- What happens when unforeseen events dissolve an eldership?
- What happens when the new clinical trial is no longer available for my malady?

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1 In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 “Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. 3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.” 4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD that he had spoken to him. Jer. 36

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2Ch_34:8 *Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had cleansed the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and **Maaseiah the governor of the city**, and Joah the son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.*

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Geopolitical Tensions

- Egypt defeated at Carchemish – Jer. 46:2
- Babylon invades Judah
- First Deportation – Dan.1
 - Articles of the Temple
 - Best of the people
- The 70 years – Jer.25
- Abandonment of Josiah’s religious reforms – Jer.9

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יהוה

yeh-ho-vaw'

From H1961; (the) *self Existent* or eternal; *Jehovah*

אלהים

el-o-heem'

Plural of H433; used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme *God*

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Jer_12:3 *But you, O LORD, know me; **you see me**, and test my heart toward you.*

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Jer. 25:9 *behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the LORD, 'and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, **My servant**...*

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7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Phil 3

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**God does not call us to seek
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9 In the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before the LORD.

10 Then, in the hearing of all the people, Baruch read the words of Jeremiah from the scroll, in the house of the LORD...

16 When they heard all the words, they turned one to another in fear.

Jer. 36

Baruch Endures

*When our priorities are
set on God's mission
rather than our personal
gains, we become
participants in a victory
that transcends space
and time.*

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