

## **Spiritual Significance of Covenants - Jeremiah 34**

- Message to Zedekiah v. 1-7
  - Jerusalem is toast/ i.e. history
  - Zedekiah—Here's your history!
- A Covenant to free Hebrew slaves proclaimed by Zed v. 8-10
  - Why do it?
- A Covenant Broken v. 11
  - Why do it?
    - Greed
- The Significance of a Broken Covenant v. 12-16
  - The first time v. 12-14
    - after coming out of Egypt - God's reminder
- Covenant made before and with God v. 15
  - a solemn oath taken in the temple
  - doing the right thing - yes!
- The second time v. 16
  - they perjured themselves
  - they profaned God's name
- The Punishment for Covenant Breaking v. 17-22
- one failed release - deserves another
- NEB's coming back because I'm sending him

## **Picture of Faithfulness - Jeremiah 35**

- Rechabite loyalty to Jonadab 1-11
  - 2 Kings 10:15-28; 2 Kings 24:1-5
  - 250 years of faithfulness to Jonadab
    - Pure obedience to a man
    - Produces a life style worship
- A biting rebuke for Judah's disloyalty v. 12-15
  - Faithfulness is possible
  - A call to repentance
- Judah CondemnedC Rechabites Rewarded v. 16-19
  - Condemnation to Judah
  - Commendation to the Rechabites for faithfulness
  - Punishment to Judah
  - Eternal reward - to Stand before the Lord in priestly ministry, forever