

NOTES ON JEREMIAH

This is not a commentary on Jeremiah. Rather, it is a compilation of notes by Dan Arbogast on Jeremiah.

Israel's prophets were sent with a fourfold message from God.

1. Israel's failure
2. The warning
3. The consequences if not heeded
4. Israel's future in the kingdom

All of this intertwined with the prophets credentials.

Jeremiah 16:1,2 Jeremiah was not married

Jeremiah 30:1,2 36:2 commanded to write

Jeremiah 27:2 – 28:10 Jeremiah's yoke

He was called by many the weeping prophet. Ref. Jeremiah 8:18 9:1,10 13:17 22:16 and 10:19 along with Lamentations by Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1:1 Jeremiah was the son of a priest

Chapter one: The servants call verses 1- 5 The servants complaint verse 6 The command verses 7- 9 The commission verse 10 The comfort verse 8, 17-19

The Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah during the reign of king Josiah, king of Judah in his 13th year of his reign, until the captivity of Israel in Babylon. (1:2,3)

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

This verse needs to be examined. God's word tells us more in one verse than the most brilliant men can tell us in volumes.

1. God is eternal. He knows the beginning from the end. He knows every one throughout history even before they were born. He knew Jeremiah before he was born. He knew Jeremiah and He chose Jeremiah to be His prophet before Jeremiah was born. (ref. Psalm 22:9 139:13 – 16 Job 33:4 Acts 9:15 also John 2:24,25 Christ knows all men.)
2. Therefore abortion is murder. We are taking the life of one of God's children. Someone He created, and He knows. We are also killing a person who would have lived to be a preacher, a prophet, or a doctor who would have found a cure for our many diseases.
3. When God chooses men for a purpose, they cannot refuse. (Jeremiah 1:7 John the Baptist Luke 1:15,16 The apostles John 15:16 Paul the apostle Acts 9:6 22:9 -21 23:1)
4. God chose Jeremiah “a prophet unto nations and kingdoms” (Jeremiah 1:5,10)

Jeremiah was not just a prophet sent to Israel, he was a prophet to all nations and kingdoms, and, ‘it is in effect today!!’ (Jeremiah 1:5,10)

PROTECTION

Jeremiah 1:8 Be not afraid of their faces; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:18,19 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land.

And they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

When the Lord sets a person apart for service He promises protection. However, there is at least one requirement. We must proclaim His name. It begins with the simple gospel. (Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin)

Israel was supposed to look forward to their Savior, and accept His payment for their sin. But like the present so-called church, they refused the message.

Therefore, the Lord sent prophets like Jeremiah to warn Israel and Judah of the wrath of God.

In Matthew chapter ten Christ sent the disciples to the lost sheep of Israel. He gave a command in verses 26 – 31 He told His disciples “fear them not.” The same thing He told Jeremiah. Then He said.....

Matthew 10:32,32 Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father, who is in heaven.

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father, who is in heaven.

He is talking to His disciples. How can you witness for Christ without using His name. The Jew who believed in Christ would not witness because they were afraid of being rejected. (John 12:42,43) Therefore, the warning in Romans chapter ten.

Romans 10:11 For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Jesus Christ the Lord put the words in Jeremiah’s mouth, then He told Jeremiah to spread the word, He said they would fight against him, but He told Jeremiah He would protect him.

He promised the same thing to His disciples. Go to Israel and confess my name, and I will confess you before my Father in heaven; For divine protection from the enemy. Then, in Romans chapter ten we are told not to be ashamed of Christ and witness for Him call on Him for divine protection.

In Jeremiah 1:17 and 18 Jeremiah is commanded to speak the word and not be afraid, then in verse 19

Jeremiah 1:19 And they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

“Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (delivered)

Why would they fight against Jeremiah? Because in verse 10 he was to tear down and destroy the lie and build and plant the truth.

Then in verses 11 through 16 he was to warn them of the future judgment coming upon Israel.

Vs. 11,12 The almond tree blooms early. Signifying God would perform His word soon.

Vs. 13 The boiling pot signifying tensions have reached a boiling point.

Vs. Northern kingdoms would attack and rule over Israel and Judah, which is God's judgment against false religion.

Chapter Two

Israel, like religious humanity today, seems to think God needs their help in their salvation. Therefore, they devise religious actions in order to please God.

It will not work. Faith is what pleases God. Faith in His finished work on the cross is what pleases God.

Religion believes they can do something to be sinless. Recently a man said something to me that makes perfect sense. "You're not a sinner because you sin, you sin because you're a sinner."

He is absolutely right. We were born sinners. We will not eradicate sin from our lives until we are dead.

Man made religion does not please God. In every dispensation, faith in the death, burial, and resurrection, of Christ for forgiveness of sin is what pleases God.

Israel forgot that simple message. (ref. Isaiah 65:1-7 Jeremiah 1:16 Jeremiah 2:7,8,13,19 and many more)

The reason for every problem in a nation is departing from God. Israel is no different than any other nation. We begin with confessing our belief in God, and then we depart from God, and then God departs from us, and then we need someone like Jeremiah to warn us of our failure.

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Jeremiah 2:3 Israel was holiness unto the Lord, and the first fruits of his increase; all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 2:7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat it's fruit and it's goodness, but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the Lord, thy God, when he led thee by the way.

Jer. 2:3 God told Abraham he would “bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee” ref. also Isaiah 41:11,12 54:15-17 Jeremiah 30:15,16

Only God has the right to judge his people; Israel. See Psalm 81,82, 83 Israel's problem and why, and their enemies.

Israel is the first fruits unto God. See also Revelation 6:6 14:4

Jer. 2:7 Every problem in a nation is because of departing from God. The United States is a perfect example. It begins with calling God a liar and falling into false religion, and ends with every evil imagination that follows.

Jer. 2:13 Jesus Christ is the fountain of living waters. (John 4:5-14)

Also, the Bible, the Word of God is referred to as water. See John 3:5 15:3 Ephesians 5:26 1 John 5:7,8

And, no wonder, because water is the essence of life.

Jer. 2:17 Israel asked for it, and they are still living under it:.... Along with the rest of the world today.

Jeremiah 2:28 But where are thy gods that thou hast made? Let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble; for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

Jeremiah 3:6 The Lord said also unto me in the days of Josiah, the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? She is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot

Jeremiah 3:9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. (trees)

Jeremiah 3:14a Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord;

Jeremiah 3:22a Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings;...

Jeremiah 3:22b-25 (note)

Jeremiah 3:19b And I said, Thou shalt call me, My Father, and shalt not turn away from me.

Jer. 2:28 Where are the idols in time of need? Jesus Christ is the only God who rose from the dead in order to provide salvation. Consider all the statues in many churches.

Jer. 3:6 Throughout the prophets, Israel's false religion is called, 'harlotry,' 'whoredom,' 'adultery,' and is likened to Babylon, which will be discussed in later chapters.

Jer. 3:9 Stones; stocks (trees)
Notice also that false religion defiles the land.

Jer. 3:14 – 25 These are the things Israel must do in order to inherit the kingdom.

Note: vs. 22 "Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord, our God."

Israel must acknowledge that the Lord is God, and the only way of salvation. (see Mark 1:14, 15 and compare with Romans 10:1-4)

There is only one heavenly Father.
Matthew 23:8,9

Jeremiah 4:1,2 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the Lord, return unto me; and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

And thou shalt swear, the Lord liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

Jeremiah 4:5a Declare in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem, and say, Blow the trumpet in the land.....

Jeremiah 4:6b..... for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

Jeremiah 4:7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate, and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

Jeremiah 4:14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

Jeremiah 4:18a Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee;.....

Jer 4:1 God formed the nation of Israel to be a light and an example to the Gentile nations. They failed. Instead, they adopted the religions of the nations around them. They are called abominations.

Jer. 4:2 If they would confess that the Lord is, truth, judgment, and righteousness, then the nations, (Gentiles) would come to Israel's God

Jer. 4:5 In this case the trumpet means to sound the alarm, there is war coming and destruction. (ref. 4:19,20,21)

NOTE: It might seem ironic that the trump of God blows when he gathers His church together. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

Jer. 4:6b,7 Notice, once again, it is the Lord God Himself who sends the evil. (vs. 6b)

Jer. 4:7 The lion is Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. (ref. Daniel 7:4)

The destroyer of the nations is none other than Satan. (ref. Isaiah 14:4-6)

Jer. 4:14 The word vain in verse 14 means profitless. False doctrine is without profit. (see 1 Corinthians 15:2-17 the word vain is used 5 times and it means (empty; profitless;)

Jer. 4:18a False doctrine will eventually bring evil.

Various portions of Jeremiah 4:

Vs. 14 That thou mayest be saved

Vs. 16 Watchers come from a far country.

Vs. 19 Thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Vs. 20 Destruction upon destruction is cried.

Jeremiah 4:23 I beheld the earth and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.

Jeremiah 4:27,28 For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate, yet will I not make a full end.

For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black, because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

Jeremiah 5:1 Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in its broad places, if you can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth, and I will pardon her.

Jeremiah 5:3a O Lord, are not thine eyes upon the truth?

Three times in Jeremiah 4 the sound of the trumpet is the alarm of war. God has prepared Babylon for war against Israel. Because Israel, like every nation throughout history, refuses to accept salvation, and Almighty God by faith.

In verse 16 the word watchers means *guard; protect; maintain;..*

NOTE: In Daniel 4:13 the word watchers is a different word.

In Genesis 3:1-6 Satan deceived Eve with four little words. “Yea hath God said.” Throughout history man has been questioning God’s word. Israel is no different. Salvation is always by faith in a Savior, who will give Himself a sacrifice for our sins.

Israel, like every religious denomination, believed they needed to be religious. God calls it harlotry; wickedness; evil; and a lie.

Jer. 4:23 The earth became dark and void because of Satan.

Jer. 4:24-28 Someday the earth will suffer again because of the influence of Satan.

Jer. 5:1 Then and now!

Jer. 5:3a The word of God, the Bible, is the truth. John 17:17 Psalm 158:2

Jeremiah 5:7 How shall I pardon thee for this? Thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods; when I fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots houses.

Jeremiah 5:10 Go up upon her walls, and destroy, but make not a full end; take away her battlements; for they are not the Lord's.

Jeremiah 5:18 Nevertheless, in those days, saith the Lord, I will not make a full end with you.

Jeremiah 5:25 Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.

Jeremiah 5:30,31 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means, and my people love to have it so; and what will ye do in the end of it all?

Jeremiah 6:10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, the ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken; behold, the word of the Lord is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

Jer. 5:7 Israel was about to be attacked and taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon. They were warned by God's prophets.

Yet, the Fathers keep teaching the children lies about false gods, and idol worship. Note: harlots houses

Jer. 5:10 There is no defense without the Lord.

Jer. 5:11-17 Just like Israel and Judah, the United States of America, and the rest of the world, has denied the God of the Bible, and established our own religions.

Therefore, there is no pardon.

Jer. 5:18 Israel will never be completely destroyed.

Jer. 5:25 Calling God's Word a lie is sin and iniquity, and withholds the good things of verse 24.

Jer. 5:30,31 and 6:10 "the priests bear rule by their means." That means they lay burdens upon the people, or, religious observances. (see Matthew 23:1-36) The truth is a reproach. (vs. 6:10)

NOTE: Consider religion today. Faith in the payment of Christ for our sins is not taught in our churches. (ref. John 3:15,16 6:47)

Jeremiah 6:11a Therefore, I am full of the fury of the Lord; I am weary with holding in;.....

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the Lord, Stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk in it, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it.

Jeremiah 6:17b Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

Jeremiah 6:18:a Therefore hear, ye nations, and know,.....

Jeremiah 6:19,20 Hear, O earth, behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.

Jeremiah 7:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

Jer. 6:11a If you have any knowledge of the Bible, God's word, It cannot be contained, it must be let out. (2 Timothy 4:2 2 Peter 2:19-22)

Jer. 6:16 Israel rejected the first rest of salvation, and the second rest of service. (ref. Matthew 11:28-30 Hebrews 3 and 4)

Jer. 6:17b,18a Therefore, hearken to the sound of the trumpet. A warning of coming judgment. Not only is Israel warned, but all nations.

The warning is for then and now!

Jer. 6:19,20 "Hear O earth." Throughout history God has proclaimed the warning to the world.

If not, He will send evil among a nation, even the fruit of their thoughts.

Because any nation that rejects the Word of God is subject to severe discipline from God

Notice He does not like burnt offerings and sacrifices.

Jer. 7:1 It would do the world good to listen to the O.T. prophets, as well as the N.T. writers.

Jeremiah 7:4 Trust not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these.

Jeremiah 7:8 Behold, ye trust in lying words that cannot profit.

Jeremiah 7:18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

Jeremiah 7:28 But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord, their God, nor receiveth correction; truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

Jeremiah 7:31 And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.

Jeremiah 7:32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be called Topheth, nor the Valley of the son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they shall bury in Topheth, till there be no place.

Jer.7:4,8 If it does not agree with the Bible, it is a lie.

Jer. 7:4 In the New Testament, the church is the temple of the Lord. (ref. John 14:16,17 Romans 8:9 1 Corinthians 2:12 3:16,17 6:11,19,20 Ephesians 2:21,22 Colossians 1:27)

Jer. 7:18 (also Jer. 44:14-30) The queen of heaven is probably Ashtoreth. The sad part however, is the involvement of the whole family, and the ceremony.

Jer. 7:1- 34 The Lord reveals to Jeremiah his disgust with Israel, His people, His chosen nation, and His plan to deal with them.

In 7:16 God says pray not for this people!

NOTE: vs.28 every nation is made up of individuals. Israel failed as a nation, yet, there were many who followed the Lord.

Jer. 7:31,32 The word Hinnom means slaughter. It does not seem to be a family name. The valley of the son of Hinnom, really means the valley of the children of slaughter. Hinnom became a place to make sacrifices to gods.

Tophet = a place of burning.

Solomon built altars to Chemosh and Molech in Hinnom and Topheth. ! kings 11:1-14.

Kings Ahab and Manasseh made their

Jeremiah 7:34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, for the land shall be desolate

Jeremiah 8:8,9 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is vain.

The wise men are ashamed; they are dismayed and taken, Lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?

Jeremiah 8:18 When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me.

Jeremiah 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

children run through the fire at Hinnom, as an offering to the many gods. Therefore, the name “Valley of the children of slaughter.

King Josiah, one of the few good kings in Israel destroyed the high places, and the abominations and altars to the gods. (2 Kings 23:1-30 2 Chronicles 33:25-35:27)

Yet, the valley continued to be a place of fire for rubbish, and the dead that no one would claim. In the New Testament Christ referred to the now known Valley as Gehenna, when He gave reference to eternal hell. (Matt. 5:22,29,30)

Jer.2:34 In the Old Testament Israel was the bride. Now, in the present age, the bride is made up of everyone who trusts Christ as their Savior, Jew and Gentile. It is also called the Church, the body of Christ. (Isaiah 61:10 1 Cor. 12:14 Ephesians 2:16-22 Rev.21:2 22:17)

Jer. 8:8,9 The Word of God rejected by the wise. Ref. Romans 1:18 -23 1 Corinthians 2:4-15

Jer. 8:18 Jeremiah's feelings revealed.

Jer. 8:20 The harvest of souls! In the spring we plant seeds (God's Word) in harvest time we reap the harvest.

Jeremiah 9:3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies, but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 9:15a Therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts.....

Jeremiah 9:16a I will scatter them also among the heathen.....

Jeremiah 9:25 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will punish all then who are circumcised with the uncircumcised.

Jeremiah 10:2 Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

Portions of Jeremiah 10:3 through 10:9 vs. 3.....for one cutteth a tree...vs. 4 They deck it with silver and with gold..... vs. 5 They are upright like the palm, but speak not;.....be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.....vs. 9.... They work of the workman and the hands of the founder....

Jer. 9:3 Religion will spread a false doctrine, especially from the pulpit, but the truth is lost.

The evil in this verse is the evil of false religion. Israel is not the only people to blame, the entire world is guilty.

Jer. 9:15,16 God did scatter Israel among the nations, beginning with Assyria and Babylon. (ref. 2 Chronicles 36:6-21)

Jer. 9:25 All humanity has sinned against God. Jew and Gentile alike. Therefore, all those who reject the gospel of Christ will be punished.

Jer. 10:2-9 People are always seeing a weather event as a sign, from either the true God, or one of their false god's.

The reference in verses 3 through 9 is to gods, or rather false gods made of stone and wood and covered in gold and silver, with blue and purple colors.

But they cannot speak or move. (ref. Acts 19:23-38 also Isaiah 40:18-20)

The Jehovah Witness use these verses in order to condemn Christmas and the decorating of the tree.

However, we do not worship a tree, as the J.W. tries to imply.

Jeremiah 10:12,13 He hath made the earth by his power; he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

Jeremiah 10:16 The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things, and Israel is the rod of his inheritance; The Lord of hosts is his name.

Jeremiah 10:24,25a O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not upon thy name....

*Jeremiah 11:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,
Jeremiah 11:2a Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah,*

In Jeremiah 10:1-11 God tells Jeremiah to warn Israel of the futility of their idols.

Jer. 10:12,13 Then He reminds them of His power in creation. God the Father, God the Son, (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit created all things. (ref. Genesis 1:1 John 1:1-10 Colossians 1:16,17 Hebrews 1:3,10)

Jer. 10:16 His name is Jesus Christ the Lord; He is the Lord of hosts. (ref. John 8:58 Revelation 1:8,11 22:13,16 Jesus Christ is the eternal God)

Jer. 10:24,25a Sometimes, because we are sinners by nature, we need correction.

However, because we are God's children, we have a right to ask for correction, but hopefully not in His anger. (ref. Psalm 6:1 38:1 Proverbs 3:11,12)

Jer. 11:1,2a The entire Bible is the word of God. Jeremiah, like all the prophets was sent with a warning.

Jeremiah 11:19 But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter, and I knew not that they had devised devices (plots) against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with it's fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be no more remembered

Jeremiah 11:20b..... let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

Jeremiah 12:1,2 Righteous art thou, O Lord, When I plead with thee; yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments, Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? Why are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root; they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit; thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reigns.

Jeremiah 12:10a Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard,

Jeremiah 13:17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore (bitterly), and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive.

Jer. 11:19 This is a good example of how many people hate the truth, and will do anything to stop it. Even if it means killing the one with the message. (ref. Hebrews 11:32-40 with Matthew 21:45,46)

The apostles were imprisoned, beaten, and martyred for proclaiming the truth. (Acts 4:1-21 13:44-45)

The religious leaders of Christ's day hated the truth, and would have murdered Him if they could have.

(That is why we call on the Lord. Romans 10:9-13 Psalm 116:---- for protection)

Jer. 17:1,2 Have you ever wondered why the wicked seem to live forever, and without any problems, and in prosperity. Jeremiah did. And so did Habakkuk. (Habakkuk 1:1-4)

The fact is, without faith in Christ, no one is really happy.

Also God holds His people to account. (Hebrews 10:26-31)

Jer. 12:10a It's the same today. The shepherds, pastors, have false messages.

Jer. 13:17 When Jeremiah realized how far Israel had fell from the truth, he also realized how angry God was, and the consequences of Israel's failure.

Jeremiah 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

Jeremiah 14:1 The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth.

Jeremiah 14:11-15 Then said the Lord unto me, Pray not for this people for their good.

When they fast, I will not hear their cry, and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

Then said I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.

Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name. I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke unto them; they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of naught, and the deceit of their heart.

Therefore, thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall these prophets be consumed.

Jer. 13:23 The fact is we are all sinners, and nothing can alter that. Yet evil, is sin in high gear and effects everyone. That is why God calls false religion evil.

Jer. 14:1 The dearth was a drought. God is not obligated to bless any nation that rejects Him. (Deuteronomy 28: -- ----)

Jer. 14:11 Notice the difference in Psalm 122:6,7. Why? Peace in Jerusalem will be during the 1000 year kingdom when Christ is the King.

Jer. 14:12-15 In Matthew 7:15-23 Jesus gives a warning concerning false prophets. "You shall know them by their fruits." Also in Matthew 23 He condemns Israel's religious leaders.

Nothing has changed. Religion is a lie.

Remember Isaiah 8:19,20 if it is not according to the word of God, there is no light in them.

NOTE: Israel is the Lord's chosen nation, and they always will be. Yet, because of mans incurable religious nature, God must discipline His own.

The present day church is no different.

Jeremiah 15:3,4 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the Lord; the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.

And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 15:11 The Lord said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart; for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

Jeremiah 15:20,21a And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brazen wall; and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee to save thee and deliver thee, saith the Lord.

I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked.....

Jer. 15:3,4 Manasseh was one of the most evil kings that ruled in Jerusalem. He caused his children to run through the fire as a sacrifice to false gods. (ref. 2 Kings 20:20-21:18 2 Chronicles 32:32-33:20)

At this time in history Israel is living in the (diaspora, or, dispersion) according to prophecy.

Israel, along with the rest of the world, must go through the seven year wrath of God. The sword, the famine, the beasts, will make life miserable..

Jer. 15:11 At the end of the seven years, Christ will set up His kingdom for a thousand years, and a remnant of Israel will be saved alive out of the tribulation, and into the kingdom. (ref. Isaiah 1:9 Malachi 3:1 Romans 11:5)

Jer. 15:16 Gods word may be sweet to absorb, but bitter to live by. (ref. Revelation 10:8-11)

Jer. 15:20,21a We are saved by faith in the finished work of Christ. Jeremiah was saved by faith.

It takes faith in the fact Christ will protect us as we serve Him and call on Him for protection. (Matthew 10:15-34 Psalm 116:1-19)

Jeremiah 16:14,15 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt

But, the Lord liveth, who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all lands where he had driven them; and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers

Jeremiah 16:19a O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction,

Jeremiah 17:5-7 Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

For he shall be like the heath (shrub) in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed is the man who trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

Jeremiah 17:13 O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they who depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.

NOTE: Jer. 16:12 is an answer to the false doctrine of the generational curse. (ref. Exo. 20:5 Num.14:18 Deut. 5:9 Isaiah 65:7 The children learn what they are taught)

Jer. 16:14,15 God has scattered across the entire earth, into many nations, “among all people.” (Deut. 28:63,64,65)

Someday he will gather His nation of Israel, and bring them back into their land forever. (Deut. 30:1-7)

Jer. 16:19a But first, the world, including Israel, must endure the seven year wrath of God.

Jer. 17:5-7 Notice that a man who trusts in man his heart “departs” from the Lord. Trusting in man is trusting in the world. (ref John 16:33)

First we trust Christ as our Savior. Then we trust Christ as our provider, and protector.

Trusting in sinful man is foolish. (ref. also Jer. 27:9,10 Psalm 118:8,9)

Jer. 17:13 Jesus Christ the Lord is the fountain of living waters, and the hope of Israel, and the hope of every Christian. (Jer. 2:13 John 4:5-14)

Jeremiah 18:1-3a The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

Then I went down to the potter's house.....

Jeremiah 18:5 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

Jeremiah 18:6a O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? Saith the Lord.....

Jeremiah 18:7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom; to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it, Jeremiah 18:8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

Jeremiah 18:18a,b Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against (plots) against Jeremiah;..... and let us not give heed to any of his words.

Jeremiah 18:a Give heed to me, O Lord,.....

Jeremiah 18:23 Yet, Lord, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me, forgive not their iniquity,

Jer. 18:1-6 The message is simple. Almighty God is the creator and sustainer of all things.

If the potter is not happy with his work, he is at liberty to destroy it and start over.

The Lord God is the potter. Israel, like every other nation is the work of the Potter, God Himself.

Jer. 18:7 Once again, in Jeremiah 18:5-17 the Lord sends Jeremiah to Israel with the message. Either turn from your evil, (false religion) or receive the evil God has framed against you. (vs. 11)

Nothing has changed in all these many centuries. The evil that exists in the world is the result of false religion. Religion calls Christ a liar, and is a slap in His face. (ref. evil John 7:7 Galatians 1:3)

Jer. 18:18,19 The servants call for deliverance. We have already looked at the servants call for protection.

Jer. 18:18-23 The religious, lost, world hates the truth.

Jeremiah 19:2 And go forth into the Valley of the son of Hinnom,..... And proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee.

Jeremiah 19:6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that this place shall no more be called Topheth, nor The Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but The Valley of Slaughter.

Jeremiah 19:15 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all it's towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, Because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

Jeremiah 20:1 Now Pashur, the son of Immer the high priest, who was also chief governor in the house of the Lod, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

Jeremiah 20:2a Then Pashur smote Jeremiah, the Prophet, and put him in the stocks.....

Jeremiah 20:3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks, Then said Jeremiah unto him, The Lord hath not called thy name Pashur, but Magor-missa bib.

Jer. 19:2 Because of all the abominations that took place in Hinnom, it was only fitting that Jeremiah would proclaim God's word from there.

Jer. 19:6 Frankly, I do not know when that day is. If we read the Bible, we already call it the Valley of Slaughter.

Jer. 19:15 Nothing has changed in all this time. Humanity has hardened their hearts against the Bible, Jesus Christ , and the cross of Calvary.

Therefore, we should expect the evil!

Jer. 20:1- 3 Pashur, like most religious leaders throughout history, hated the truth, and the one who brings it.

Therefore, Pashur smote Jeremiah and bound him in the stocks.

In verses 3-6 we see the future of those who hate the truth.

NOTE: Babylon is mentioned for the first time in Jeremiah, and is mentioned 160 times in Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 20:7a O Lord, thou hast deceived me.....

Jeremiah 20:19 Whence came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame.

Jeremiah 21:1a The word which came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, when King Zedekiah sent unto him pashur.....

Jeremiah 21:4a Thus saith the Lord God of Israel.....

Jeremiah 22:30 Thus saith the Lord, Write this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days; for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

Jeremiah 23:5,6b Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth

.....he shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness.

Jer. 20: In Jeremiah chapter twenty He was persecuted by a man named Pashur, and put in the stocks for all to see. Then in verses 7 thru 18 Jeremiah began to feel sorry for himself, as many of us often do, and began to blame the Lord.

Jer. 21:1 King Zedekiah sent Pashur and Malchijah to Jeremiah to inquire about Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

God's answer was that He would bring Babylon against Israel, and He would not defend Israel.

(read vs. 5,8,9 When God is angry with a nation, there is no fighting against it)

Jer. 22:30 God pronounces the punishment of the kings of Israel and Judah. (Zedekiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, and Jehoiachin)

They would be punished if they resisted the Babylonians, which is the will of God.

Jer. 23:5,6 Is the prophecy of Christ reigning in the kingdom. (Luke 1:32,33)

The orthodox Jew believes the Messiah and King will be just a man. Then why does Jeremiah call Him "The Lord Our Righteousness."

Jeremiah 23:11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 25:9,11 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and Nebuchadrezzar, the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Jeremiah 25:12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

Jer. 23:9-40 Is a warning against false doctrine. Both to the false prophet and those who believe the false prophet.

Jeremiah chapter 23 through 40 is God's warning against religious lies and the result. (Matthew 7:15-20)

NOTE: compare every religion to the Bible; God' Word.

NOTE: Jer. 23:30 is the answer to "what is the burden of the Lord"?

Jer. 25:9,11, 12 Jeremiah chapter 25 is the prophecy of the 70 year captivity of Israel.

Daniel realized the seventy years were complete. (Daniel 9:2)

"He understood by books."

Babylon and the carrying away to Babylon are important Old Testament teachings. (see Matthew 1:11,12,17)

God used Nebuchadnezzar to punish Israel and Judah for departing from the truth and establishing religious practices. (see 25:3 – 8)

It is extremely important to note vs. 13 & 29, because Almighty God will endure being called a liar for only so long.

Then He will bring evil upon the entire world If necessary.

Jeremiah 25:29 b Ye shall not be unpunished; for I will call a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts

Jeremiah 26:2 Thus saith the Lord, Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word;

Jeremiah 26:8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had left off speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

Jeremiah 26:9b.....And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

Jeremiah 26:10a When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the Lord.....

Jeremiah 26:11 Then spoke the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city all the words ye have heard.

Jer. 25:12 – 38 Is the Lord's promise of bringing evil, and a sword against the entire world

Vs. 12 "punish the king of Babylon" ref. Daniel chapter five.

Vs. 31 refers to the wrath of God, or, the seven year tribulation.

Vs. 31 – 38 refers to the preacher with a false message.

Jer. 26:2 Just because we are in a church and call it worship, does not mean we are pleasing God.

Also, we are commanded not to add to, or take away from the word of God. (ref. Deuteronomy 4:2 12:32 Proverbs 30:5,6 Revelation 22:19)

Jer. 26:8 It seems amazing to me how people hate the truth so much they will kill the messenger who brings it.

Notice in vs. nine they were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord!!

And in verse ten note, the king's house and the house of the Lord; What about separation of church and state.

Jer. 26:11 Once again, notice the religious community and the political community think Jeremiah should be dead because he brought the truth from Almighty God.

Jeremiah 27:2 Thus saith the Lord to me, Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck.

Jeremiah 28:1bHananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, Spoke unto me in the house of the Lord, in the presence of priests and of all the people.....

Jeremiah 28:15 Then said the prophet, Jeremiah, unto Hananiah, the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah, the Lord hath not sent thee, but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

Jeremiah 29:4 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all who are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon,

Jeremiah 29:8 For thus saith the Lord of hosts; the God of Israel, let not your prophets and your diviners, who are in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

Jeremiah 29:10 For thus saith the Lord, After seventy years are accomplished at Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return even unto this place.

Jeremiah's yoke is a type of being in bondage to false religion. (ref. Matthew 11:28-30 Galatians 5:1)

Jeremiah chapter 28 the false prophet.

What is a false prophet? Anyone who, "makes people trust in a lie!"

Hananiah was a false prophet. Everything must be compared to the Word of God, which is the truth. (ref. Isaiah 8:19,20)

Satan is at the center of false doctrine and false prophets. (ref. 2 Corinthians 4:1-4 11:13-15)

Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets." (ref. Matthew 7:15-20)

NOTICE the word 'diviners' in Jeremiah 29:8 and the words, 'familiar spirits,' and, 'wizards' in Isaiah 8:19)

A lie comes from Satan and his demons who influence and control lost humanity. (2 Corinthians 4:3,4 11:13-15 1 Timothy 4:1-5)

Note: Jeremiah had been warning the leaders of Israel of being taken captive into Babylon. They refused to listen.

Chapter 28 was the final warning. In chapter 29 they are in captivity.

God also told Israel their captivity would last for seventy years. (Ref. Jeremiah 25:11,12 29:30)

A life span is approximately 70 years according to Psalm 90:9-12

Therefore, seventy years would be a generation.

Also, at the end of seventy years He would punish the King of Babylon.

He did, but He did not punish Nebuchadnezzar, He punished his son Belshazzar. (see Daniel chapter five)

Babylon is important in Jeremiah. The word is used close to 300 times and 151 times in Jeremiah alone.

In Jeremiah 29:15-20 God warns Israel because they did not listen to Jeremiah and remained in Jerusalem, they would be punished.

(here read Jeremiah 29:20-32 concerning the false prophets and their punishment about prophesying lies in Jerusalem.)

Jeremiah 30:1-15 refers to Israel's future. They will return to the Lord in the kingdom, (vs. 1-3) after they are punished during the tribulation, (vs. 11-13)

All the nations who have hated Israel will be punished. (30:16,20,23,24)

Jeremiah 31 Because God loved Israel He will gather them from all over the earth and they will be His people. (vs. 1,7 in the kingdom)

Jeremiah 31:15 was fulfilled in Matthew 2:16-18. It was Satan's attempt to kill the Christ child. (see Revelation 12:3,4)

Jeremiah 31:31-34 The Lord said He would write the law in Israel's heart and forgive their sins and remember their iniquity no more. (at the Cross and the shed blood of Christ. (see Revelation 1:5)

Jeremiah 32 through 39 deal with 5 subjects. Israel's failure. The captivity, or, invasion of Babylon. Jeremiah's imprisonment. Israel's future restoration in the kingdom. The time of the Gentiles.

Only verses that are necessary will be quoted

Jeremiah 32:30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 32:34 But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.

(ref. also 32:23 32:29 32:31-33,35 35:13-17 36:2,3)

Jeremiah 32:1-3 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house.

For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord, behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

(Ref. Jeremiah in prison 32:1-3 33:1 37:12-21)

Throughout Jeremiah and all the prophets is one theme; the failure of Israel. They worshipped idols. They performed rituals to strange gods.

They simply would not serve God by faith.

All Israel had to do is believe, by faith, God would raise up a Savior who would pay their sins. The Messiah/

Because Jeremiah prophesied of the coming invasion of Babylon and Israel's captivity, he was cast into prison by king Zedekiah.

Because of Israel's abominations they would be taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar into Babylon, and Jeremiah would be punished for telling the truth.

It seems the entire world hates the word of God. The apostles were put in prison by the Romans at the request of the Jews.

God told Jeremiah to inform Israel they would be taken captive by the king of Babylon. They refused to believe it. He also informed them not to resist the Chaldeans, Babylonians, it would be futile.

Jeremiah 32:6,7 And Jeremiah said, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine.

Jeremiah 32:9,10,11 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncles son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver.

And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took the witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances.

So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and the custom, and that which was open.

Jeremiah 32:14,15 Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

Jer. 32:6-44 Jeremiah must have been perplexed. The Lord said that Babylon was going to take Israel captive into Babylon.

Israel was about to lose their sovereignty as a nation. Their cities were about to be burned, and yet, God wanted him to purchase a piece of land.

(read Jeremiah 32:19-25)

There were three requirements to purchase the land. Jeremiah had to be willing. He had to be a kinsman. He had to have the money.

Someday Jesus Christ will open the title deed to the land. (Revelation 5:1-14) He is the kinsman, He paid the price with His blood, and He was willing to go to the Cross for the sins of the world, and to redeem the land that was promised to Israel. (see Deuteronomy 1:6-8)

The times of the Gentiles began with the captivity of Israel under Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon.

That means the world is under gentile rule until Israel is back in the kingdom. (see Luke 21:24 Romans 11:25)

However, the world must endure seven years of the wrath of God, or, the tribulation.

Jeremiah 37:15 Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe, for they had made that the prison.

Jeremiah 37:16 When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days,

Jeremiah 37:17 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out; and the asked him secretly in his house, and said, is there any word from the Lord? And Jeremiah said, There is : for, said he, thou shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

Jeremiah 38:6 Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon..... And they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

Jeremiah 38:7,8,9a Now when Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the kings house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;

Ebed-Melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying,

My Lord the king, these men have done evil.....

The princes, or those of authority, hated Jeremiah because of his constant prophecy concerning Babylon and the captivity. (37:8-11)

Therefore, they put him in the dungeon. The dungeon was the tunnels and caverns under the city that carried raw sewage out of the city.

Because of the siege of Babylon there was a shortage of water to carry off the sewage.

The only thing left in the dungeon was 'mire.'

Finally, the Ethiopian eunuch had compassion on Jeremiah and went to the king on his behalf. (here read Jeremiah 38:7-13)

It seems the word of God, the truth, is an abomination to world leaders. But to mere slaves and the common person it is worth making intercession for.

In the book of Acts the Apostles suffered persecution from Jews because of the Word of God. (Acts 4:1-22 5:17,18 and many more)

King Zedekiah was a typical hypocrite. He refused to listen to Jeremiah, yet, in secret, he would ask Jeremiah if there was any word from God. (Jeremiah 37:16-21)

Jeremiah 39:1,2 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up.

Zedekiah 39:4a,5a And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, they fled.....

But the Chaldeans army pursued after them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho.

Jeremiah 39:6-8 Then the king of Babylon slew all the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.

Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes. and bound him in chains, to carry him to Babylon.

And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.

NOTE: There were two kings in Israel. There was the northern king in Israel and the southern king of Judah. (see 1 Kings 11:1---)

NOTE: There were also two deportations into Babylon. The first was under king Jehoiakim, and his son Jehoiakin .

The second deportation was under king Zedekiah (see 11 Kings 24:1 – 25:12 Daniel 1:1)

Those in Judah should have listened to Jeremiah and the Word of God. They were promised it would be well with them if they would have listened.

Instead, all the nobles and princes that wanted Jeremiah dead, were killed by Nebuchadnezzar and army.

Zedekiah was blinded by Nebuchadnezzar, which is only fitting because Zedekiah was blind and deaf to the truth.

Many people will wind up in hell because they are deaf and blind to the Word of God.

Jeremiah 40:1-4a The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The Lord thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place.

Now the Lord hath brought it, and done according as he hath said; because ye have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which were upon thy hand.....

Jeremiah 40:5bSo the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go.

Jeremiah 40:9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shapan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans; dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

In chapter thirty eight the Ethiopian Eunuch had compassion on Jeremiah when everyone else in Judah wanted him dead for speaking God's word.

Then, when they were carried away captive, and Jeremiah was in chains when they were taken, the captain of the guard also had compassion on Jeremiah.

It should be remarkable to the student of the Bible that Nebuzar-adan knew more about the God of Israel than the Israelites.

Notice he said to Jeremiah, "The Lord thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place."

And in verse three, "the Lord hath brought it according as he hath said, "

A Gentile knew more than all Judah and Israel.

And the captain of the guard let Jeremiah loose and gave him food and a reward and let him free. Because he knew Jeremiah was the Lord's prophet.

Read 40: 9 very carefully and see what conclusion you find.

THE HISTORICAL JEREMIAH

Jeremiah prophesied to the southern tribe of Judah beginning in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah. (Jer. 1:1-3 approx. 654 B.C.)

He prophesied in Judah until the eleventh year of Zedekiah. (Jer. 1:3 39:2 approx. 586 B.C.)

The king of Babylon besieged Jerusalem, and tore down the walls, and destroyed the temple, leaving behind a remnant of the Jews.

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, appointed a man by the name of Gedaliah governor over Judah. (Jeremiah 40:9)

It was at this time that evil Ishmael rose up and slew Gedaliah and carried away many of those who were with Gedaliah. (Jer. 41:1-10)

Then Johanan, one of the scattered remnants, heard of the evil that Ishmael had done, pursued Ishmael, and freed the people who were with him. But Ishmael escaped to the Ammonites. (Jer. 42:11-15)

Johanan and the remnant were ready to go into Egypt because they feared the Chaldeans would be angry because Ishmael slew Gedaliah.

They came to Jeremiah and asked him to pray for their decision to enter Egypt. (Jer. 42:1-6)

NOTE: Why not go to the Lord with your own prayers?

Jeremiah received the word from the Lord after ten days. (Jer. 42:7 the Lord does things on His time, not ours)

They were warned by Jeremiah, by the word of the Lord, not to enter Egypt. (Jer. 42:8-22 esp. vs. 19)

Jeremiah 43:1-3 And it came to pass that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the Lord their God; for which the Lord their God had sent him to them, all these words.

Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshai, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the Lord our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there.

But Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

Is it any wonder Almighty God is disillusioned with humanity.

First of all, these people were hypocrites. Whatever the Lord says we will do. They knew they were going into Egypt no matter what Jeremiah said.

Second, why did they not go to the Lord in prayer themselves. Maybe it is because they knew the Lord would not answer their prayers, or, if he did, they would not like the answer.

Third, also notice how would it be possible for the Chaldean to put them to death, and carry them away captive?

Humanity has not changed in all these years. Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47)

Self righteous, religious humanity, says that is not good enough. We must do something to help Jesus save us.

So they entered Egypt. (Jer. 43:7)

Jeremiah 43:8 through 44:30 God give the result of disobedience.

Also in Chapters 46 through 49 He gives to Jeremiah His declaration against all Gentile nations.

Jeremiah 44:4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.

Jeremiah 44:5 But they hearkened not,.....

(also read verses 9, 13, and 17)

God's judgment on the Gentiles.

Jeremiah 1:10 See I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Jeremiah 46:1 The word of the lord which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles.

God sent Jeremiah to tear down and destroy false religion and to build and plant the truth.

Then beginning in chapter 46 he pronounces judgment on the Gentile nations.

First upon Egypt. (Jer. 46)

Then Upon Philistia and Tyre (Jer. 47)

Next upon Moab (Jer. 48)

The Ammonites (Jer. 49:1-6)

Against Edom (Jer. 49:7-22)

Against Damascus (Jer. 49:23 – 27)

Against Kedar (Jer. 49:28-33)

Against Elam (Jer. 49:34-39)

Finally against Babylon and Chaldea. This prophecy will be fulfilled in the book of Revelation during the tribulation, or, the wrath of God.

Jeremiah has devoted two chapters to the judgment of Chaldea and Babylon.

Isaiah has devoted chapter thirteen and fourteen, and Revelation has devoted Revelation 14:8 16:19 chapters 17 and 18 to the doom of Babylon.

There are two Babylon's mentioned in Scripture. Babylon the place, and Babylon the ideology.

Babylon had it's origin in the Land of Shinar. (Genesis 10:10,11 11:2)

Nimrod was a mighty hunter against the Lord. (Gen. 10:8,9) The beginning of his kingdom was Babel. (Gen. 10:10,11)

His kingdom was a type of a federation of government and religion mingled together. Or, a one world government, or as George Bush senior said, "We are looking for a one world order."

God saw what the imagination of man can do. So He came down and scattered them upon the face of the earth and confounded their language.

Genesis 10:10,11 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

OUT OF THAT LAND!

Shinar was named Chaldea. Chaldea was also called Babylon. Today it is present day Iraq. The ideology of a one world order, a federation of politics and religion still exists in the minds of world leaders.

The gods of Babylon will be judged and destroyed during the seven year wrath of God.

Jeremiah chapter 52 is a Summary of the reign of Zedekiah and his dealing with Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

