

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 05 JuneJeremiah 1Accept Your Commission
- 2) 12 JuneJeremiah 2-6Get Back on Track
- 3) 19 JuneJeremiah 7-10Live Above Board**
- 4) 26 JuneJeremiah 11-15Rise above the Tide
- 5) 03 JulyJeremiah 16-18Never Say it is Hopeless
- 6) 10 JulyJeremiah 19-21Submit to Divine Discipline
- 7) 17 JulyJeremiah 22-25Keep Your Behavior in Line
- 8) 24 JulyJeremiah 26-29Settle Down
- 9) 31 JulyJeremiah 30-33Check Your Direction
- 10) 07 AugJeremiah 34-39Stay True
- 11) 14 AugJeremiah 40-45Follow Orders
- 12) 21 AugJeremiah -52Recognize the Lord's Authority
- 13) 28 AugLamentations1-5Rely on the Lord's Love

INTRODUCTION

- What can a parent do when they have a child who is willfully uncontrollable and incorrigible?
- What is left for God to do to get Israel to repent and follow after things He delights in, such as Love, Truth, Justice, & Righteousness? They refuse to listen!
- Israel has morally declined so bad God tells Jeremiah “do not pray for them” – It is a waste of your time
- So, now what?

Passage	Comments
Jer 7:1-34	<p>Remember the Alamo...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v3. God continues to tell His wayward children if they would only obey they would be blessed immensely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Stop listening to liesvv4 & 8 ♦ Stop doing wrong and start doing rightvv5 & 9 ♦ Stop hurting those weaker than you.....v6 ♦ Stop chasing false gods (materialism)vv6, 9 ♦ Stop thinking going to church will help you.....v10 • God tells Israel they are hurting themselves, not Him, and they are “shooting themselves in the foot” .vv6, 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Why is Israel blind to their sins? ♦ How do we “shoot our toes off” at times or cause other self-inflicted wounds? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mistreat a loved one? • Neglect time with God and His people? • Waste our time, money, talent, possessions? • vv12-15. God tells Israel – ‘remember the Alamo’ – in this case “Shiloh” – God allowed the Philistines during the time of Samuel to wipe out his earlier temple complex at Shiloh and capture the Ark because of the sins of Israel 1Samuel 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God promised to do the same to the Jews of Jeremiah’s day if they do not repent – and they didn’t, so He did • DON’T PRAY FOR THEM! – Wow! Doesn’t God always hear and answers prayer? Not always <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ “There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that”..... 1John 5:1 ♦ If we sin willfully after we have received the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins ... Heb 10:26 • God lays the problem at the feet of the sinners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ vv24, 27. They refused to obey God, and refused to even listen ♦ v26. They were proud of their sins and not humbled ♦ v31. They digressed to the point of murdering kids
8:1-22	<p>Easy-Believism, Luke-Warmness, and Greed kill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv4-5. God tries to use reason – “Don’t people get up after they fall?” Not Israel – “They willfully refuse” • v10. The underlying problem – GREED (materialism) • v11. They superficially or half-heartedly served God • v12. They were so accustomed to their sins they forgot how to blush, or be embarrassed for doing wrong

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9:1-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Is anyone ashamed for speeding on the roads anymore? Some drivers only get embarrassed when they get caught and receive a ticket <p>What More Can God Do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Jeremiah – the weeping prophet, weeps for sinners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Do we cry for the lost? Should we? • v6. Through deceit they refuse to know God!HOW? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ They were willfully greedy and believed a lie that more money & things were the answers to their problems • vv7, 15, 16. What else can God do? WIPE OUT! • v24. If only sinners would repent and know that God is a God who loves loving-kindness, justice and righteousness
10:1-25	<p>Consider the Ways of the Wicked</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv5,11. The wicked perish, so why join them or fear them? • v12. Consider God who made the universe effortlessly • vv14, 21,23. Man is stupid, devoid of knowledge, and must rely on GODProverbs 3:5-10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Those who don’t seek God do not prosper .. Psalms 1

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- God’s remedy for wayward Israel is the same for all of us – STOP SINNING and START OBEYING
- Consider the cost and consequences. Basically, “come now, and let us reason together about this”Isaiah 1:18

NEXT WEEK: Jeremiah 11-15. Twice Jeremiah is told not to pray for his beloved people. The sequence God looks for is:

- ✓ Repentance
- ✓ Return to Me,
- ✓ Then I will bless you and deliver you

