

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 05 June .....Jeremiah 1 .....Accept Your Commission
- 2) 12 June .....Jeremiah 2-6 .....Get Back on Track
- 3) 19 June .....Jeremiah 7-10 .....Live Above Board**
- 4) 26 June .....Jeremiah 11-15 .....Rise above the Tide
- 5) 03 July .....Jeremiah 16-18 .....Never Say it is Hopeless
- 6) 10 July .....Jeremiah 19-21 .....Submit to Divine Discipline
- 7) 17 July .....Jeremiah 22-25 .....Keep Your Behavior in Line
- 8) 24 July .....Jeremiah 26-29 .....Settle Down
- 9) 31 July .....Jeremiah 30-33 .....Check Your Direction
- 10) 07 Aug .....Jeremiah 34-39 .....Stay True
- 11) 14 Aug .....Jeremiah 40-45 .....Follow Orders
- 12) 21 Aug .....Jeremiah -52 .....Recognize the Lord's Authority
- 13) 28 Aug .....Lamentations1-5 .....Rely 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><b>Remember the Alamo...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v3. God continues to tell His wayward children if they would only obey they would be blessed immensely                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Stop listening to lies .....vv4 &amp; 8</li> <li>♦ Stop doing wrong and start doing right .....vv5 &amp; 9</li> <li>♦ Stop hurting those weaker than you.....v6</li> <li>♦ Stop chasing false gods (materialism) .....vv6, 9</li> <li>♦ Stop thinking going to church will help you.....v10</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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"> <li>♦ Why is Israel blind to their sins?</li> <li>♦ How do we “shoot our toes off” at times or cause other self-inflicted wounds?                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mistreat a loved one?</li> <li>• Neglect time with God and His people?</li> <li>• Waste our time, money, talent, possessions?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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"> <li>♦ 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</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DON’T PRAY FOR THEM! – Wow! Doesn’t God always hear and answers prayer? Not always                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ “There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that”..... 1John 5:1</li> <li>♦ If we sin willfully after we have received the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins ... Heb 10:26</li> </ul> </li> <li>• God lays the problem at the feet of the sinners                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ vv24, 27. They refused to obey God, and refused to even listen</li> <li>♦ v26. They were proud of their sins and not humbled</li> <li>♦ v31. They digressed to the point of murdering kids</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8:1-22	<p><b>Easy-Believism, Luke-Warmness, and Greed kill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv4-5. God tries to use reason – “Don’t people get up after they fall?” Not Israel – “They willfully refuse”</li> <li>• v10. The underlying problem – GREED (materialism)</li> <li>• v11. They superficially or half-heartedly served God</li> <li>• v12. They were so accustomed to their sins they forgot how to blush, or be embarrassed for doing wrong</li> </ul>

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

**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

