

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 04 Jun 2023 ..... Jeremiah 01 ..... Prepares
- 2) 11 Jun ..... Jeremiah 02-06 ..... Judges
- 3) 18 Jun ..... Jeremiah 07-10 ..... Personal
- 4) 25 Jun ..... Jeremiah 11-15 ..... Exclusive
- 5) **02 Jul ..... Jeremiah 16-18 ..... Shapes**
- 6) 09 Jul ..... Jeremiah 19-25 ..... Rules
- 7) 16 Jul ..... Jeremiah 26-29 ..... Present
- 8) 23 Jul ..... Jeremiah 30-33 ..... Redeems
- 9) 30 Jul ..... Jeremiah 34-35 ..... Worthy
- 10) 06 Aug ..... Jeremiah 36-39 ..... Speaks
- 11) 13 Aug ..... Jeremiah 40-45 ..... Trustworthy
- 12) 20 Aug ..... Jeremiah 46-52 ..... Just
- 13) 27 Aug ..... Lamentations 01-05 ..... Good

**INTRODUCTION**

- Should we pray for the Hitler's and bin Laden's of the world to meet untimely & gruesome deaths, or should we pray they would warm up to the Gospel – or both?

Passage	Comments
Jer 16:1-9	<p><b>“You Must Not Marry”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-4. God commanded Jeremiah not to marry as an example to the Jews of how their women and children would die horribly in a war-torn country</li> <li>• Do we have a contradiction in Scripture? Didn't God command man to be fruitful and multiply? ..... <a href="#">Gen 1:28</a> So why this austere command to a beloved prophet? - <a href="#">Genesis 1:28</a> is a general command. God's specific command can override or negate a general command</li> <li>• Other times where God uniquely directed marriages:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <a href="#">Hosea 1-3</a>. God told Hosea to marry a prostitute to illustrate Judah's unfaithfulness to God.</li> <li>♦ <a href="#">Ezek 24</a>. God told Ezekiel his wife would die as an illustration of Judah's soon-demise as a nation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv5-7. 'Do not show compassion!' WOW! Would Jesus avoid showing compassion? HE DOES IN REVELATION.</li> </ul>
16:10-13	<p><b>What Wrong Have We Done?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God blames Judah's forefathers for forsaking Him as the reason for bringing calamity on Judah</li> <li>• Yet the Jews of Jeremiah's day were noted for being more wicked than their forefathers – Hence the reason for bringing the calamity on their generation</li> <li>• Recall that sin causes God to withhold blessings ..... <a href="#">Jer 5:25</a></li> </ul>
16:14-21	<p><b>Better Days are Coming – But Not Today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv14-15. Again, we see a promise of all Israel being fully restored within their promised land</li> <li>• God says He will repay them double for their sins!                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ How can God be fair and just if He delivers twice the amount of discipline required? Or is this a colloquialism for rendering complete justice?</li> <li>♦ Yes to both. God will render complete justice and He will not be accused of being unjust ..... <a href="#">Deut 32:4</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• God will teach His people through catastrophes that He is God and He is their God</li> <li>• Oh, that Judah and the rest of us would wake up to God's holiness before He needs to invoke discipline</li> </ul>
17:1-18	<p><b>Prosperity Lost Due to Sin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v3. God will give their treasures to someone else</li> <li>• v4. Through their own fault they will lose their wealth</li> <li>• v5. Cursed is the one who trusts in Man</li> <li>• vv7-8. Blessed is the one who trusts in God – he will not be afraid when economic drought comes – he will still be fruitful</li> <li>• ARE THESE DECREES MEANT FOR ALL BELIEVERS OR SPECIFIC TO ISRAEL ONLY? - ANSWER: These decrees are specific to Israel since they are tied to the Promised Land, but there is a general relevance for all believers</li> <li>• vv9-10. Only God knows the real heart of a person – and He judges all words, thoughts, and deeds justly</li> </ul>

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17:19-27	<p><b>Keep the Sabbath Holy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God wanted the Jews to be meticulous about not working on the Sabbath so they can be blessed</li> <li>• v27. Violate the Sabbath and Jerusalem becomes dust</li> <li>• Why does God put so much emphasis on the Sabbath?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Just because God can</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Because God wants to see His people suffer and fail</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> God wants His people to set aside a time to reflect on His holiness, goodness, mercy, and greatness</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> None of the above</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All the above?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
18:1-17	<p><b>We Are but Clay in the Potter's Hand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v6. Israel is nothing but clay in God's hands; BUT they are not robots, &amp; they are accountable for their sinful actions</li> <li>• vv7-10. God sets up &amp; destroys nations as He sees fit</li> <li>• vv11-12. REPENT or PERISH - One more warning that went unheeded</li> </ul>
NOTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is so omniscient &amp; so sovereign He can accomplish His will on earth no matter what paths we choose to take in life, along with billions of others</li> </ul>
18:18-23	<p><b>Jeremiah Prays for His Enemies to Perish</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King David prayed similar prayers for his enemies to perish. <b>Is such praying proper for us today?</b></li> <li>• It is quite biblical and within the will of God to pray for people to "reap what they sow" and to fall into God's wrath:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ If they live by the sword, they die by the sword .. <a href="#">Mat 26:52</a></li> <li>♦ Let the wicked fall into their own devices ..... <a href="#">Ps 10:2</a></li> <li>♦ May evil hunt the violent man speedily ..... <a href="#">Ps 140:11</a></li> <li>♦ Let me see Thy vengeance on them ..... <a href="#">Jer 11:20; 20:12</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- God reached His limit of patience with Israel and Judah. Warnings to Repent or Perish went out loud & clear, but were unheeded
- There will come another day when God will exhaust His patience with the world (Revelation). In the meantime, we should be spreading the message to REPENT or PERISH

**NEXT WEEK: Jeremiah 19-21.** Jeremiah laments being deceived by God for higher purposes only God knows – but Jeremiah dutifully accepts his position in life knowing full well God is using him, and one day the wicked will be disgraced



**GOD IS NOT** a distant powerless deity watching the chaos of this world with indifference from his Heavenly box seats.  
**John 3:16, Jer 29:11, Mt. 10:26-32**