

**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 .....Lamentations 1-5 .....Rely on the Lord's Love

**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?..... Gen 1:28 So why this austere command to a beloved prophet? - Genesis 1:28 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>♦ Hosea 1-3. God told Hosea to marry a prostitute to illustrate Israel's unfaithfulness to God</li> <li>♦ Ezek 24. God told Ezekiel his wife would die as an illustration of Israel's soon-demise as a nation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv5-7. 'Do not show compassion!' WOW! Would Jesus do this? HE DOES IN REVELATIONS</li> </ul>
16:10-13	<p><b>What Wrong Have We Done?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God blames Israel's forefathers for forsaking Him as the reason for bringing calamity on Israel</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>• Sin causes God to withhold blessings..... <b>Jer 5:25</b></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 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 ..... <b>Deut 32:4</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• God will teach His people through catastrophes that He is God and He is their God                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Oh, that Israel and the rest of us would wake up to God's holiness before He needs to invoke discipline</li> </ul> </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>• <b>ARE THESE DECREES MEANT FOR ALL BELIEVERS OR SPECIFIC TO ISRAEL ONLY?</b> - ANSWER: These decrees are specific to Israel since they are tied to the Promised Land, but, there is a</li> </ul>

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	<p>general relevance for all believers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv9-10. Only God knows the real heart of a person – and He judges all words, thoughts &amp; deeds justly</li> </ul>
17:19-27	<p><b>Keep the Sabbath Holy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Got 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 to no avail</li> </ul>
NOTE	<p>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 other</p>
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”                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ If they live by the sword, they shall die by the sword..... Matthew 26:52</li> <li>♦ Let the wicked fall into their own devices..... Ps 10:2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- God reached His limit of patience with Israel. Warnings of Repent or Perish went out loud & clear, but were unheeded
- There will come another day when God will exhaust His patience with the world (Revelations). In the mean time, 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 the wicked will be disgraced

