

**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**

- The Jews thought they were not subject to the common lot of men because they had been chosen as a peculiar people; but there was a condition to meet – "Walk before Me and be perfect." (Gen 17:2)
- When they had become apostates, they broke the covenant.

Passage	Comments
Jeremiah 19:1-15	<p><b>Israel to be Broken and Will Not Be Repairable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. God has Jeremiah use an illustration of broken pottery to emphasis Judah's fate; and he invites the "ancients" – the elders of the people to witness the breaking of the pottery                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ If anybody had the best opportunity to turn a society around it would not be the youngest generation (20 year-olds), it would not be the up &amp; coming generation (30 year-olds), but the most mature generation (40+)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv3-5. God reiterates the sins of Judah for why He is about to destroy them                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. They forsook God</li> <li>2. They profaned God's holy place</li> <li>3. They burned incense to other gods</li> <li>4. They murdered innocents</li> <li>5. They burned their sons to Baal</li> </ol> </li> <li>• v9. Cannibalism – War-induced famine caused the Jews to feast on their children and each other - Yet, God's warning of this went unheeded</li> <li>• v15. WHY such calamity? "...because they have stiffened their necks so as not to heed My words"</li> </ul>
Note:	<p><b>Has America Stiffened Her Neck To God?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 1962, school prayer was ruled unconstitutional</li> <li>• In 1963, Bible reading in public schools was ruled unconstitutional</li> <li>• In 1973, restrictions on abortion were lifted, and abortion clinics began to permeate the nation (Roe vs. Wade)</li> <li>• In 1985, nativity scenes in public places were ruled to violate the so-called "separation of church and state"</li> <li>• In 2003, laws against homosexual sodomy were ruled unconstitutional</li> <li>• In 2004, a federal court held it was unconstitutional for a school to teach intelligent design theory as an alternative to evolution</li> <li>• In 2011, New York became the 7th state to legalize "gay" marriage—it joins DC, CT, NH, IA, VT, MA</li> </ul>
20:1-18	<p><b>Does God Deceive His Saints?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v7. Jeremiah accuses God of deceiving him                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ God seemingly does put His saints in very tough situations with little information to go on</li> <li>♦ BUT God does no wrong in the process</li> <li>♦ His ways are not our ways</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

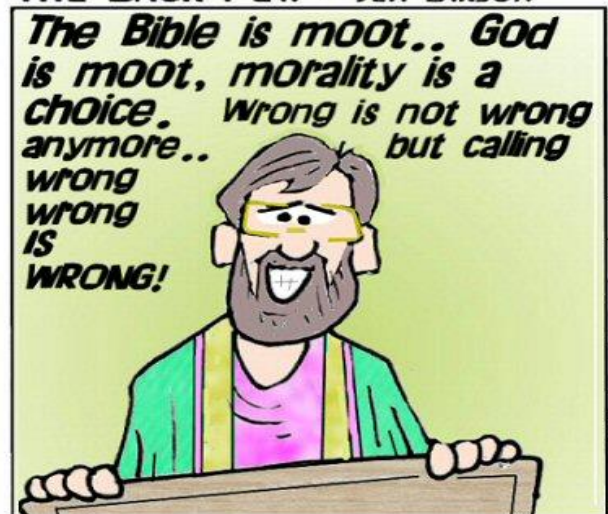
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v12. Jeremiah acknowledges God does test the righteous</li> <li>• v13. ...and God does deliver the needy from the wicked (Is this an absolute or a general truth?)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ We can say eventually, the righteous needy are delivered from the wicked (in the new Heavens), but now, and in Jeremiah's time, the needy suffer horrendously ..... Jer 21:12</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v14. Jeremiah curses the day he was born - Jeremiah continues to pour out his heart to God, and God allows it to be recorded in His word – the Good, the Bad and the Ugly – all for our admonition and learning                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ From our stand point of having limited knowledge and understanding we can wrongfully surmise God is not always honest, just and benevolent even with His own people</li> <li>♦ But if we look at things from His perspective, He is more than fair, just, and loving in all His doings to all people – no one has an excuse</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
21:1-14	<p><b>If God is Against Us, Who Can Be For Us?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv4-5, 10. God set His face against Jerusalem</li> <li>• vv8-9. Flee to the enemy to live</li> <li>• v12. God offers another remedy for the Jews – administer justice and deliver the weak from the wicked - BUT they still don't listen</li> </ul>
Note:	<p>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne ..... Psalms 89:14</p>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- God's love for His people is constantly echoed in His repeated attempts to persuade Israel to return to Him
- BUT, they don't want to return to their God – they would rather wallow in their own muck
- God's patience is long, but it is not forever
- Lesson to be learned – To avoid dire consequences return to God on His first warning and not on His last warning

**NEXT WEEK: Jeremiah 22-25.** To really know God, seek to do justice and righteousness, protect the weak, and deliver the falsely accused

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Welcome to Jeremiah's Time and to Modern Times