

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

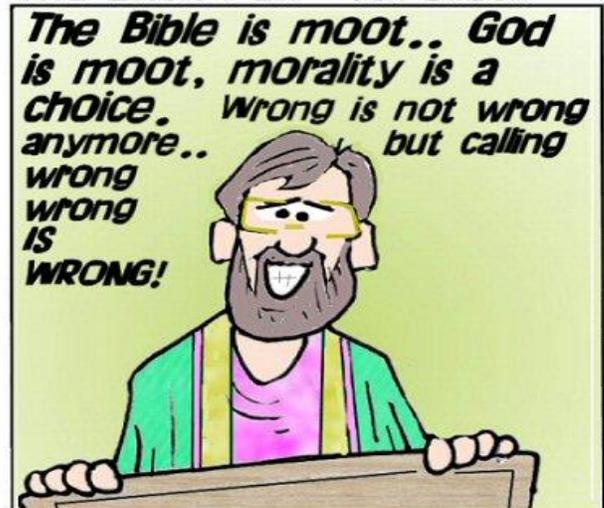
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v12. Jeremiah acknowledges God does test the righteous • v13. ...and God does deliver the needy from the wicked (Is this an absolute or a general truth?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ We can say eventually, 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 • 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"> ♦ 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 ♦ 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
21:1-14	<p>If God is Against Us, Who Can Be For Us?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv4-5, 10. God set His face against Jerusalem • vv8-9. Flee to the enemy to live • v12. God offers another remedy for the Jews – administer justice and deliver the weak from the wicked - BUT they still don't listen
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