

Jeremiah 6

Jesus

I. Impending Destruction

1 "O you children of Benjamin, Gather yourselves to **flee** from the midst of Jerusalem! **Blow the trumpet** in Tekoa [stockade], And **set up a signal-fire** in Beth Hacerem [House of the Vineyard]; For disaster appears out of the north, And great destruction. 2 I have likened the daughter of Zion To a **lovely and delicate woman**. 3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come to her. They shall pitch their tents against her all around. Each one shall pasture in his own place."

Lavish Lifestyles led to a False Sense of Safety. God offers a way to live. Leave your homes...

W/Every Temptation is a Way of Escape within God's Word [1 Cor 10:13]

- Judah was commanded to leave Jerusalem and live
- Judah will again be commanded to leave Jerusalem and live

Matthew 24:15 [AC] is coming so] when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place", 16 "then let **those who are in Judea flee to the mountains**. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

Way of Escape? Believe God's Word and Live
For the Jews here/In Tribulation: Leave Jerusalem or Die

What will we do when God's Word seems counterintuitive to logic?
A. Do what He says

4 [Nebuchadnezzar speaks as God commands] "Prepare war against Judah; Arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe to us, for **the day goes away**, For the shadows of the evening are lengthening. 5 Arise, and let us go by night, And let us destroy her palaces." 6 For thus has the LORD of hosts said: "Cut down trees, And build a mound against Jerusalem. This is the city to be punished. She is full of oppression in her midst.

The LORD is Preparing Babylon: Speaking in the Ear of Nebuchadnezzar
Prepare war against My people. Why? ...

7 As a fountain wells up with water, So she **wells up with her wickedness**. Violence and plundering are heard in her. Before Me continually are **grief and wounds**. 8 Be instructed, O Jerusalem, Lest My soul depart from you; Lest I make you desolate, A land not inhabited."

Instead of Righteousness ...Fountains of Wickedness Gushing Out of Jerusalem
Instead of Joy/Healing ...Grief/Sickness are Spilling out before Me continually

So Receive Instruction Jerusalem...

9 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "They shall thoroughly glean as a vine the remnant of Israel; As a grape-gatherer, put your hand back into the branches." 10 To whom shall I speak and give warning, That they may hear? Indeed their **ear is uncircumcised** And **they cannot give heed**. Behold, the **word of the LORD is a reproach to them; They have no delight in it.**

Judah Heard/Denied God's Word too Many Times

When the Word of Healing is regarded as the Disease...that individual or nation is finished [NJC]

11 Therefore I am **full of the fury** of the LORD. **I am weary** of holding it in. "I will pour it out on the children outside, And on the assembly of young men together; For even the **husband shall be taken with the wife**, The aged with him who is full of days. 12 And their houses shall be turned over to others, Fields and wives together; For I will stretch out My hand Against the inhabitants of the land," says the LORD. 13 "Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, **Everyone is given to covetousness**; And from the **prophet even to the priest**, Everyone deals falsely.

Colossians 3:5 ...put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and **covetousness, which is idolatry**. 6 (H)Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience...

Covetousness is Idolatry: Idolatry is a Demonic Portal
False Prophets: Greedy for Adulation/Exaltation/Adoration

Led by Demons and Deceiving people away from the LORD

14 They have also **healed the hurt of My people slightly**, Saying, '**Peace, peace!**' **When there is no peace**. 15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; **Nor did they know how to blush**. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, **They shall be cast down," says the LORD.**

- False-Prophets committing abomination
- Abomination: Preaching Peace not Judgment

Healing Slightly/Superficially/Temporarily. Electrical tape over check engine light
People pleasing rather than God pleasing at the Expense of Truth/People's Good

Jeremiah 5:31 The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; And **My people love to have it so**. But what will you do in the end?

v 15 They shall be cast down says the LORD

16 Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, And **ask for the old paths**, where the **good way** is, And walk in it; Then you will find **rest for your souls**."

- Skinny Jean/Perfect goatee guy paid \$20,000 to speak? Hear something new
- What if there is nothing new? Nothing new under the sun?

If it's new it's not true/ If it's true it's not new. Listen to good solid dead guys
JV McGee/Chuck Smith/Chuck Missler

Men that knew the Old Paths/Where the Good Way is and How to get there
In the Simple yet deep truths of God we find Rest for our Souls

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, (and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For **My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**"

2 Corinthians 1:12 ...we conducted ourselves in the world in **simplicity** and godly sincerity,

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the **simplicity that is in Christ.**

Luke 10:39 [Mad Martha] had a sister called Mary who also **sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.**

Walk on the Old Path following the Good Way through His Word
The Way leading to the Intimacy/Beauty of a Simple yet Deep Relationship w/Jesus

16b ...But they said, '**We will not walk in it.**'

1 Samuel 8:19 [A king will be bad for you. Don't have a king] Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "**No, but we will have a king over us**"

God said no you said yes and here you are
God said yes you said no and here you are

17 Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, '**We will not listen.**' 18 Therefore hear, you nations, And know, O congregation, what is among them. 19 Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people— The **fruit of their thoughts**, Because they have not **heeded My words Nor My law, but rejected it.** 20 For what purpose to Me Comes frankincense from Sheba, And sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, Nor your sacrifices sweet to Me."

- God is giving the world a heads up through Jeremiah

When you observe My people being destroyed by Babylon it will not be an accident or that I could not protect them, it will be because they did not listen to My Word...so take heed. [NJC]

Rejecting God's Word makes fertile soil for the fruit of our own thoughts

Wicked thoughts lead to wicked actions/Wicked actions lead to
Judgment/Pain/Abandonment...

21 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, **I will lay stumbling blocks** before this people, And the fathers and the sons together shall fall on them. The neighbor and his friend shall perish."

Stumbling Blocks: Babylonians
Fathers/Sons/Neighbors/Friends together watching their worlds fall apart

22 Thus says the LORD: "Behold, a people comes from the north country, And a great nation will be raised from the farthest parts of the earth. 23 They will lay hold on bow and spear; **They are cruel and have no mercy**; Their voice roars like the sea; And they ride on horses, As men of war set in array against you, O daughter of Zion."

Jeremiah sees the future as clear as day
The enemy will be Cruel/Have No Mercy. Video plays...

24 We have heard the report of it; **Our hands grow feeble. Anguish has taken hold of us, Pain as of a woman in labor.** 25 Do not go out into the field, Nor walk by the way. Because of the sword of the enemy, **Fear is on every side.** 26 O daughter of my people, **Dress in sackcloth And roll about in ashes!** Make mourning **as for an only son**, most bitter lamentation; For the plunderer will suddenly come upon us.

They will one day mourn as for an only son but not this day
Jeremiah watches the video before the fact/Writes Lamentations after the fact

27 "I have set you as an assayer and a fortress among My people, That you may know and test their way. 28 They are all **stubborn rebels**, walking as **slanderers**. They are **bronze and iron**, They are all **corrupters**; 29 The bellows blow fiercely, The lead is consumed by the fire; The smelter refines in vain, For the wicked are not drawn off. 30 People will call them rejected silver, **Because the LORD has rejected them.**"

I have sent you Jeremiah to test My people as a smelter tests Silver for dross

- **Assayer:** heb. *bāḥôn* lit. Inspector of metals
- **Fortress:** Stronghold.

A fortress to *make available* a shelter for those who trust in Me
A fortress to *make accountable* those who refuse My protection

- **Stubborn Rebels** likened to Bronze/Iron unable to be purified
- **Dross was not removed:** IOWs Repentance was not entertained

Remove/Repent/Return: They said no
There would be no happy ending to this story

Jeremiah 7

Jesus

- **Manasseh** most wicked King of Judah
- Grandson **King Josiah** became King at 8
- **At 18** he began the reform to undo all Manasseh had done
 1. Found the Law of the LORD
 2. Restored the Temple
 3. Destroyed false gods/Groves
 4. False alters removed from temple

After Josiah Restored the Temple

God calls Jeremiah to go to the Temple with a Message to the People

I. Trusting in Lies

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 2 **"Stand in the gate of the Lord's house,** and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the Lord!' "

Go to My Temple/Proclaim My Word to My People

3 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: **"Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.** 4 Do not trust in **these lying words,** saying, **'The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are these.'**

Deceivers hiding in plain sight. Wolves in sheep's clothing
In/Among God's people speaking lies

Acts 20:29 ...after my departure savage wolves will come in **among you,** not sparing the flock. 30 Also from **among yourselves** men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

- **False Prophets:** No need to repent. Temple will never be destroyed
- **Jeremiah:** Only if you repent will the Temple not be destroyed

Direct Confrontation w/False Prophets
Do not trust their lies but repent and live

5 **"For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute judgment** between a man and his neighbor, 6 **if you do not oppress the stranger,** the fatherless, and the widow, and do not **shed innocent blood** in this place, or walk after **other gods** to your hurt, 7 **then I will cause you to dwell in this place,** in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

God's Appeal to Amend their Ways [Direction] and Doings [Practice]

Lit. Make yourself happy by turning around/doing right

- **Appoint** Righteous Leaders
- **Care** for the Vulnerable
- **Protect** the Innocent
- **Seek** Me above all...

Do these things/Repent and I will Relent

8 "Behold, **you trust in lying words** that cannot profit. 9 Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, 10 **and then come and stand before Me** in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations'?"

Mark of a False Prophet? Condoning sin to justify sin
E.g. Perverts justify perverts. Make laws to allow what God calls sin

Romans 1:32 ...knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also **approve of those who practice them.**

Jeremiah 23:14 Also I have seen a horrible thing **in the prophets of Jerusalem**: They commit adultery and walk in lies; **They also strengthen the hands of evildoers**, So that no one turns back from his wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to Me, And her inhabitants like Gomorrah. [I.e. Ripe for judgment]

11 Has this house, which is called by **My name**, become a **den of thieves** in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, **have seen it,**" says the Lord.

False Prophets condone sin to justify sin
False Prophets condone sin for personal gain; i.e. more followers/money

- Jeremiah/Jesus both confronted thieves at the Temple

Matthew 21:13b ..."It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but **you have made it a 'den of thieves.'** "

Sin Saturday/Church Sunday...As if God does not see?

12 "But go now to **My place which was in Shiloh**, where I **set My name** at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.

- **Shiloh:**
 1. Religious center in Israel for 400 yrs
 2. Tabernacle/Altar of God was there

The archaeological evidence shows that Shiloh was destroyed twice over — once by the Philistines and once when the Assyrians carried the northern tribes into captivity. When

Jeremiah told the people to go to Shiloh he was telling them to **go to the place where God is not.** [Ryken]

13 And now, because you have done all these works," says the Lord, "and **I spoke to you**, rising up early and speaking, but you **did not hear**, and **I called you**, but you **did not answer**, 14 therefore I will do to the house which is called by My name, in which you trust, and to this place which I gave to you and your fathers, **as I have done to Shiloh**. 15 And **I will cast you out** of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren—the whole posterity of Ephraim.

You sinned. I called. You ghosted Me

- **Therefore** as North Destroyed/Removed

1. This place will also be destroyed
2. You will be removed to Babylon

Early every morning I sent you a Prophet
Wisdom cried in the Streets but you chose to listen to lies...

Proverbs 1:24 Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded. 25 Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke, 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, 7 When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. 28 "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. 29 Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the Lord,³⁰ They would have none of my counsel *And* despised my every rebuke. ³¹ Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies. ³² For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them; ³³ But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

Wisdom cried in the Streets. They chose to listen to lies
That they might Continue in Sin/Disregard the Warnings

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that the **light has come into the world**, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

16 "Therefore **do not pray for this people**, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for I will not hear you. 17 Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? 18 The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the **queen of heaven**; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger. 19 Do they provoke Me to anger?" says the Lord. "Do they not provoke themselves, to the shame of their own faces?"

Do not pray for this people. Do something else
Their sin has calcified into what they have become

- **Queen of Heaven:** False demonic deity

Portrayed as Feminine.

A spirit of seeking to usurp Authority Structure of God

- **In Scripture:** Asherah/Semiramis/Jezebell
- **In Extra-biblical:** Venis, Adonis, Ushas, Vishnu, False-Mary of Roman Catholicism

Families forsaking God together for the idols of the world

IOWs Making time for anything but worship; e.g. Family time w/Queen of Heaven

Little Cakes baked for Queen of Heaven followed by Perversion

When Idolatry replaces the Living God...Expect God to Respond with Pain

20 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, My anger and My fury will be poured out on this place—on man and on beast, on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground. And **it will burn and not be quenched.**" 21 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "**Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat meat.** 22 For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices.

Burnt Offerings meant be Totally Consumed

Now eaten w/no regret or guilt but to provoke God to anger

IOWs If I say yes you say no. If I say no you say yes?

Rebellion is made Manifest by Disobedience

Disobedience declares to the world we believe *God is not Good*

23 But this is what I commanded them, saying, '**Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.**'

God's Heart to Mankind?

Obey My voice that it *may be well with you*. E.g. Don't eat from that tree

24 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but **followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.**

Choose to Sin...Choose to Suffer

- **Followed:** lit. Walked in the dictates of an evil heart

Stubbornly acting on Feelings/Imaginations not the Word of God

We can go further/Do better/Become stronger by leaving God's ways behind

25 Since **the day that your fathers came out** of the land of Egypt **until this day**, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, **daily rising up early** and sending them. 26 Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They **did worse than their fathers.**

The more I loved you the more you hated Me?

2 Corinthians 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent on your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, **the less I am loved.**

You do worse than your Father's did...

27 "Therefore you [Jeremiah] shall speak all these words to them, **but they will not obey you.** You shall also call to them, but **they will not answer you.**

As the Prophets before you rose up early in the morning
You will speak/They will not listen. You will call/They will not hear

What does a completely calcified/dead heart look like for a nation? ...

II. Valley of Slaughter Judgment on Child Sacrifice

28 "So **you shall say to them,** 'This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the Lord their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.'

Autopsy Revealing the Nations cause of Death

- You do not Obey My Word
- You do not Receive My correction
- You do not Speak My Truth

The Only Remedy is Repentance but can you? ...

29 Cut off your hair and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the desolate heights; for the Lord has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath.' 30 For the children of Judah have done evil in My sight," says the Lord. "They have set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, **to pollute it.** 31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to **burn their sons** and their **daughters in the fire,** which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.

Literal Idols in My Temple? *To Pollute it Purposefully*
Children Sacrificed in the Valley of Hinnom? *To Provoke Me Personally*

- **Tophet:** Lit. Place of Fire
- **Hinnom:** Lit. Lamentation

When Idolatry replaces the Living God...Expect God to Respond with Fire
The Queen of Heaven/Spirit of Jezebel is still active today

August 10,2026 Dem Gov **Maura Healey** signs sweeping Massachusetts bill
Allowing abortions up to birth

32 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "when it will no more be called Tophet, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the **Valley of Slaughter**; for they will bury in Tophet until there is no room. 33 The corpses of this people will be food for the birds of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth. And no one will frighten them away.



34 Then I will cause to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. For the land shall be desolate.

You will be given up because of your Apathy toward the Sanctity of Human Life
Valley of Lamentation will be the Valley of your Slaughter

The cities will be silent because only dead bodies will remain...

Revelation 18:23 The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for **by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.**

To America: Repent/Obey My voice/It will be well with you

Realize/Conclude/Know: I am both Willing/Able to Restore
It's on us to repent...Can we still repent? Do we still even know how to blush?