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# **The Book of JEREMIAH**

## **Chapters 6 – 10**

**“Instruction – Queen of Heaven – Knowledge – Wisdom – Truth”**

### **Chapter 6 - “Be Instructed, O Jerusalem!”**

- (v1-9) Disaster appears from the north**
- (v10-15) Rejection of the Word of the LORD**
- (v16-21) Hear, O earth!**
- (v22-30) Lamentation & Rejection**

### **Chapter 7 - “Amend Your Ways & Your Doings!”**

- (v1-15) Temple worshippers called to repent**
- (v16-20) Queen of heaven—idolatry**

**(QUEEN OF HEAVEN)** - The Jews were worshiping Ishtar, an Assyrian and Babylonian goddess also called Ashtoreth and Astarte, the wife of Baal or Molech. Because these deities symbolized generative power, their worship involved prostitution. This fertility goddess to whom the Israelites, especially the women, offered sacrifice and worship in the days before the fall of the southern kingdom of Judah (Jer 7:18; 44:17-19,25). In the time of Jeremiah, many people in Jerusalem and other cities of Judah worshiped the queen of heaven. Their worship included burning incense and pouring out drink offerings to her (Jer 44:17). This was obviously a form of idolatry, but it is not clear exactly which pagan god was worshiped. Cakes were also baked in honor of the "queen of heaven" (Jer 7:18). These cakes may have been in the shape of stars, crescent moons, or the female figure. The worship of this goddess was one of the evils that brought God's judgment upon Judah (Jer 7:20). (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Copyright © 1986, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

- (v21-34) Truth has perished—Valley of Slaughter**

### **Chapter 8 - “My People Do Not Know the Judgment of the LORD!”**

- (v1-3) Death chosen rather than life**
- (v4-7) Perpetual backsliding**
- (v8-12) Religious Corruption**
- (v13-17) God’s consuming judgment**
- (v18-22) “And we are not saved!”**

### **Chapter 9 - “Who is the Wise Man Who Understands?”**

- (v1-6) The Evidence For Judgment**
- (v7-16) They walked according to their own dictates**
- (v17-22) Mourning, Wailing, Death**
- (v23-26) Behold, the Days are Coming**

### **Chapter 10 - “The LORD is the True God!”**

- (v1-10) Idolatry**
- (v11-18) God vs. Idols**
- (v19-25) Shepherds have become dull-hearted**