

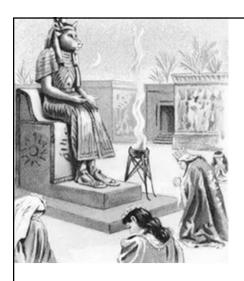
## Jeremiah

Leading in a Corrupt World

Chapters 3-7

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- Summary of Week 1 Class
- Jeremiah called as a prophet before he was in the womb
- 20-30-years old Priest from Anatoth
- King Josiah...was 21-years old
- Jeremiah was to oppose the people, priests, kings and officials of land
- He was to proclaim God's WORD to the nation and Judah.
- For the forsaking of the LORD and worshipping of Idols



- Summary of Jeremiah Chapter 3
- God presents picture of "Marriage" between Himself and Israel and Judah
- Israel and Judah are pictured as harlots
- As a result God has withheld rain
- The "worship" of Baal and Asthoriah is associated with ritual prostitution under "Green Trees" and "High Hills"
- God Asks Israel to acknowledge their sin (vs. 12-13)
- God promises restoration to Israel as the Husband (vs. 14-20)
- Salvation only comes from the LORD vs.23



- Eph 5:31-33
- (31) "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."
- (32) This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.
- (33) However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

- Jer 3:1-5
- (1) "If a man divorces his wife and she goes from him and becomes another man's wife, will he return to her? Would not that land be greatly polluted? You have played the whore with many lovers; and would you return to me? declares the LORD.
- (2) Lift up your eyes to the bare heights, and see! Where have you not been ravished? By the waysides you have sat awaiting lovers like an Arab in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your vile whoredom.
- (3) Therefore the showers have been withheld, and the spring rain has not come; yet you have the forehead of a whore; you refuse to be ashamed.
  - (4) Have you not just now called to me, 'My father, you are the friend of my youth--
  - (5) will he be angry forever, will he be indignant to the end?' Behold, you have spoken, but you have done all the evil that you could."



- Jer 3:6-10
- (6) The LORD said to me in the days of King Josiah: "Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and there played the whore?
- (7) And I thought, 'After she has done all this she will return to me,' but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it.
- (8) She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the whore.
- (9) Because she took her whoredom lightly, she polluted the land, committing adultery with stone and tree.
- (10) Yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to me with her whole heart, but in pretense, declares the LORD."

- Jer 3:11-15
- (11) And the LORD said to me, "Faithless Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.
- (12) Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, "'Return, faithless Israel, declares the LORD. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, declares the LORD; I will not be angry forever.



- (13) Only acknowledge your guilt, that you rebelled against the LORD your God and scattered your favors among foreigners under every green tree, and that you have not obeyed my voice, declares the LORD.
- (14) Return, O faithless children, declares the LORD; for I am your master; I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.
- (15) "'And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.



# The Kingdom of God



#### Isa 2:1-4

((2) It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

(3) and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

(4) He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

#### Jer 3:16-20

(16) And when you have multiplied and been fruitful in the land, in those days, declares the LORD, they shall no more say, "The ark of the covenant of the LORD." It shall not come to mind or be remembered or missed; it shall not be made again.

- (17) At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the LORD, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart.
- (18) In those days the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers for a heritage.





- Jer 3:21-25
- (21) A voice on the bare heights is heard, the weeping and pleading of Israel's sons because they have perverted their way; they have forgotten the LORD their God.
- (22) "Return, O faithless sons; I will heal your faithlessness." "Behold, we come to you, for you are the LORD our God.
- (23) Truly the hills are a delusion, the orgies on the mountains. Truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel.
- (24) "But from our youth the shameful thing has devoured all for which our fathers labored, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.
- (25) Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonor cover us. For we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."



- Summary of Jeremiah Chapter 4
- God promises restoration if the nation repents. Break up the fallow ground..Repent
- Blessings will follow Israel
- The other options is Judgment from the North
- Fierce Judgment is promised
- Regardless of Judgment, God will not make a "Full End" (vs.27)
- There is no hope in outward appearance.





- Jer 4:1-4
- (1) "If you return, O Israel, declares the LORD, to me you should return. If you remove your detestable things from my presence, and do not waver,
- (2) and if you swear, 'As the LORD lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness, then nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory."
- (3) For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: "Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.
- (4) Circumcise yourselves to the LORD; remove the foreskin of your hearts, O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds."





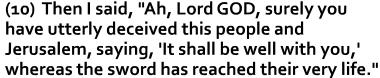
#### Jer 4:5-8

- (5) Declare in Judah, and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say, "Blow the trumpet through the land; cry aloud and say, 'Assemble, and let us go into the fortified cities!'
- (6) Raise a standard toward Zion, flee for safety, stay not, for I bring disaster from the north, and great destruction.
- (7) A lion has gone up from his thicket, a destroyer of nations has set out; he has gone out from his place to make your land a waste; your cities will be ruins without inhabitant.
- (8) For this put on sackcloth, lament and wail, for the fierce anger of the LORD has not turned back from us."

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 (9) "In that day, declares the LORD, courage shall fail both king and officials. The priests shall be appalled and the prophets astounded."



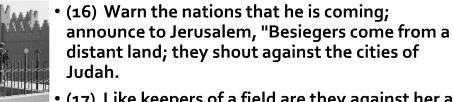
- (11) At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, "A hot wind from the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse,
- (12) a wind too full for this comes for me. Now it is I who speak in judgment upon them."



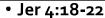




- Jer 4:13-17
- (13) Behold, he comes up like clouds; his chariots like the whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles-- woe to us, for we are ruined!
- (14) O Jerusalem, wash your heart from evil, that you may be saved. How long shall your wicked thoughts lodge within you?
- (15) For a voice declares from Dan and proclaims trouble from Mount Ephraim.



(17) Like keepers of a field are they against her all around, because she has rebelled against me, declares the LORD.



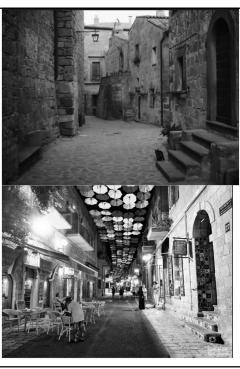
- (18) Your ways and your deeds have brought this upon you. This is your doom, and it is bitter; it has reached your very heart."
- (19) My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh the walls of my heart! My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep silent, for I hear the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.
- (20) Crash follows hard on crash; the whole land is laid waste. Suddenly my tents are laid waste, my curtains in a moment.
- (21) How long must I see the standard and hear the sound of the trumpet?
- (22) "For my people are foolish; they know me not; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are 'wise'--in doing evil! But how to do good they know not."



- Jer 4:27-31
- (27) For thus says the LORD, "The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.
- (28) "For this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above be dark; for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back."
- (29) At the noise of horseman and archer every city takes to flight; they enter thickets; they climb among rocks; all the cities are forsaken, and no man dwells in them.
- (30) And you, O desolate one, what do you mean that you dress in scarlet, that you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold, that you enlarge your eyes with paint? In vain you beautify yourself. Your lovers despise you; they seek your life.
- (31) For I heard a cry as of a woman in labor, anguish as
  of one giving birth to her first child, the cry of the
  daughter of Zion gasping for breath, stretching out her
  hands, "Woe is me! I am fainting before murderers."

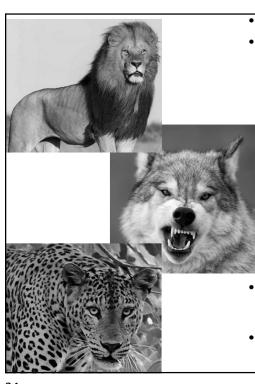


- Jeremiah is challenged to find the righteous in Jerusalem (vs. 1-3)
- Jeremiah seeks the righteous among the great men vs. 4-5
- Judgment on the nation is the only option
- God promises to not make a complete end...
- Lack of understanding is the cause of judgment
- The priest and prophets are pictured as fat and sleek..Prophets lie and priests rule by their own power



• Jer 5:1-5

- (1) Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look and take note! Search her squares to see if you can find a man, one who does justice and seeks truth, that I may pardon her
- (2) Though they say, "As the LORD lives," yet they swear falsely.
- (3) O LORD, do not your eyes look for truth? You have struck them down, but they felt no anguish; you have consumed them, but they refused to take correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to repent.
- (4) Then I said, "These are only the poor; they have no sense; for they do not know the way of the LORD, the justice of their God.
- (5) I will go to the great and will speak to them, for they know the way of the LORD, the justice of their God." But they all alike had broken the yoke; they had burst the bonds.



• Jer 5:6-11

 (6) Therefore a lion from the forest shall strike them down; a wolf from the desert shall devastate them. A leopard is watching their cities; everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many, their apostasies are great.

(7) "How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me and have sworn by those who are no gods. When I fed them to the full, they committed adultery and trooped to the houses of whores.

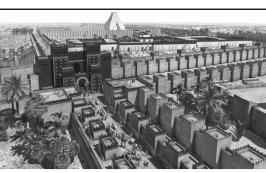
(8) They were well-fed, lusty stallions, each neighing for his neighbor's wife.

(9) Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the LORD; and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?

 (10) "Go up through her vine rows and destroy, but make not a full end; strip away her branches, for they are not the LORD's.

• (11) For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have been utterly treacherous to me, declares the LORD.

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#### Jer 5:12-17

(12) They have spoken falsely of the LORD and have said, 'He will do nothing; no disaster will come upon us, nor shall we see sword or famine.

(13) The prophets will become wind; the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them!"

(14) Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: "Because you have spoken this word, behold, I am making my words in your mouth a fire, and this people wood, and the fire shall consume them.

(15) Behold, I am bringing against you a nation from afar, O house of Israel, declares the LORD. It is an enduring nation; it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor can you understand what they say.

 (16) Their quiver is like an open tomb; they are all mighty warriors.

 (17) They shall eat up your harvest and your food; they shall eat up your sons and your daughters; they shall eat up your flocks and your herds; they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees; your fortified cities in which you trust they shall beat down with the sword."







- Jer 5:18-23
- (18) "But even in those days, declares the LORD, I will not make a full end of you.
- (19) And when your people say, 'Why has the LORD our God done all these things to us?' you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve foreigners in a land that is not yours."'
- (20) Declare this in the house of Jacob; proclaim it in Judah:
- (21) "Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not.
  - (22) Do you not fear me? declares the LORD. Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it.

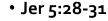
(23) But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away.





- Jer 5:24-27
- (24) They do not say in their hearts, 'Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.'
- (25) Your iniquities have turned these away, and your sins have kept good from you.
- (26) For wicked men are found among my people; they lurk like fowlers lying in wait. They set a trap; they catch men.
- (27) Like a cage full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; therefore they have become great and rich;





- (28) they have grown fat and sleek. They know no bounds in deeds of evil; they judge not with justice the cause of the fatherless, to make it prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy.
- (29) Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the LORD, and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?"
- (30) An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land:
- (31) the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes?

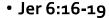




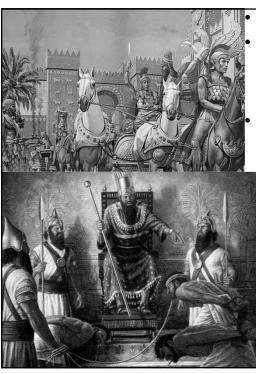
- Summary of Jeremiah Chapter 6
- The coming destruction from Babylon is described
- God's word is despised by the people
- The nation is described a covetousness, prophet and priest
- A false hypocritical "religious" attitude is described
- Judgment is promised on the nation
- Jeremiah is described as an assayer...one who tests the Metal's purity



- Jer 6:12-15
- (12) Their houses shall be turned over to
   others, their fields and wives together, for I
   will stretch out my hand against the
   inhabitants of the land," declares the LORD.
  - (13) "For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely.
  - (14) They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace.
  - (15) Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown," says the LORD.



- (16) Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'
  - (17) I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Pay attention to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not pay attention.'
  - (18) Therefore hear, O nations, and know, O congregation, what will happen to them.
  - (19) Hear, O earth; behold, I am bringing disaster upon this people, the fruit of their devices, because they have not paid attention to my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it.



Jer 6:20-23

 (20) What use to me is frankincense that comes from Sheba, or sweet cane from a distant land? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices pleasing to me.

(21) Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will lay before this people stumbling blocks against which they shall stumble; fathers and sons together, neighbor and friend shall perish.'"

(22) Thus says the LORD: "Behold, a people is coming from the north country, a great nation is stirring from the farthest parts of the earth.

(23) They lay hold on bow and javelin; they are cruel and have no mercy; the sound of them is like the roaring sea; they ride on horses, set in array as a man for battle, against you, O daughter of Zion!"

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Jer 6:27-30

(27) "I have made you a tester of metals among my people, that you may know and test their ways.

(28) They are all stubbornly rebellious, going about with slanders; they are bronze and iron; all of them act corruptly.

- (29) The bellows blow fiercely; the lead is consumed by the fire; in vain the refining goes on, for the wicked are not removed.
- (30) Rejected silver they are called, for the LORD has rejected them."





- Summary of Jeremiah Chapter 7
- Jeremiah is told to go the gates of Jerusalem...To the Temple ..
- He is to proclaim God's judgment
- He shows the people the option...Blessing and Cursing
- Family has partaken in the apostasy
- Even in the Temple of the LORD





- Jer 7:1-4
- (1) The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:
- (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 men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD.
- (3) Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place.
- (4) Do not trust in these deceptive words:
   'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.'





- Jer 7:5-9
- your deeds, if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another,
- (6) if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm,
- (7) then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.
- (8) "Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail.
- (9) Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known,





- Jer 7:10-13
- (10) and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered!'--only to go on doing all these abominations?
- (11) Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it,
   declares the LORD.
  - (12) Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of my people Israel.
  - (13) And now, because you have done all these things, declares the LORD, and when I spoke to you persistently you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer,



- Jer 7:14-17
- (14) therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, and in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.
  - (15) And I will cast you out of my sight, as I cast out all your kinsmen, all the offspring of Ephraim.
- (16) "As for you, do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you.
- (17) Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

### Background on Ezekiel

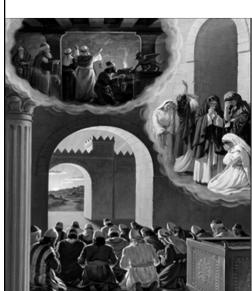


- Taken into Babylon in 597 BC
- Proclaim God's Judgment to the Jewish Captives in Babylon
- Daniel is also in Babylon,

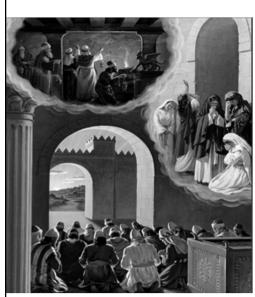




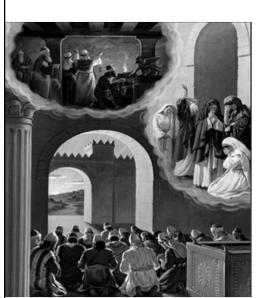
- Eze 8:1-3
- (1) In the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, with the elders of Judah sitting before me, the hand of the Lord GOD fell upon me there.
- (2) Then I looked, and behold, a form that had the appearance of a man. Below what appeared to be his waist was fire, and above his waist was something like the appearance of brightness, like gleaming metal.
- (3) He put out the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my head, and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the gateway of the inner court that faces north, where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy.



- Eze 8:4-9
- (4) And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the vision that I saw in the valley.
- (5) Then he said to me, "Son of man, lift up your eyes now toward the north." So I lifted up my eyes toward the north, and behold, north of the altar gate, in the entrance, was this image of jealousy.
- (6) And he said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel are committing here, to drive me far from my sanctuary? But you will see still greater abominations."
- (7) And he brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, there was a hole in the wall.
- (8) Then he said to me, "Son of man, dig in the wall." So I dug in the wall, and behold, there was an entrance.
- (9) And he said to me, "Go in, and see the vile abominations that they are committing here."



- Eze 8:10-18
- (10) So I went in and saw. And there, engraved on the wall all around, was every form of creeping things and loathsome beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel.
- (11) And before them stood seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, with Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan standing among them. Each had his censer in his hand, and the smoke of the cloud of incense went up.
- (12) Then he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each in his room of pictures? For they say, 'The LORD does not see us, the LORD has forsaken the land."
- (13) He said also to me, "You will see still greater abominations that they commit."



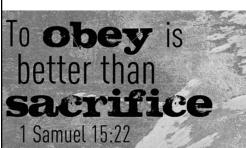
- (14) Then he brought me to the entrance of the north gate of the house of the LORD, and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.
- (15) Then he said to me, "Have you seen this, O son of man? You will see still greater abominations than these."
- (16) And he brought me into the inner court of the house of the LORD. And behold, at the entrance of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men, with their backs to the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east, worshiping the sun toward the east.
- (17) Then he said to me, "Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations that they commit here, that they should fill the land with violence and provoke me still further to anger? Behold, they put the branch to their nose.
- (18) Therefore I will act in wrath. My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity. And though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them."



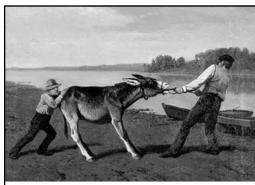
Jer 7:18-21

(18) The children gather wood, the fathers kindle fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven. And they pour out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger.

- (19) Is it I whom they provoke? declares the LORD. Is it not themselves, to their own shame?
- (20) Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, my anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place, upon man and beast, upon the trees of the field and the fruit of the ground; 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 the flesh.



- Jer 7:22-25
- (22) For in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to your fathers or command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.
- (23) But this command I gave them: 'Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.'
- (24) But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.
- (25) From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day.



Jer 7:26-29

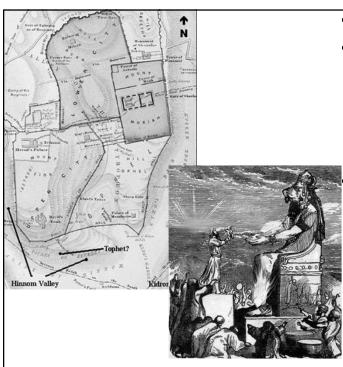
- (26) Yet they did not listen to me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.
- (27) "So you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you. You shall call to them, but they will not answer you.
- (28) And you shall say to them, 'This is the nation that did not obey the voice of the LORD their God, and did not accept discipline; truth has perished; it is cut off from their lips.
- (29) "'Cut off your hair and cast it away; raise a lamentation on the bare heights, for the LORD has rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.'

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• Jer 7:30-32

- (30) "For the sons of Judah have done evil in my sight, declares the LORD. They have set their detestable things in the house that is called by my name, to defile it.
- (31) And they have built the high places of Topheth, 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 mind.
- (32) Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when it will no more be called Topheth, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they will bury in Topheth, because there is no room elsewhere.



- Jer 7:33-34
- (33) And the dead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the air, and for the beasts of the earth, and none will frighten them away.
  - (34) And I will silence in the cities of Judah and in 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 become a waste.