Jeremiah
A Prophet Unto the Nations

The Terror of the LORD

Jeremiah 15-17
Lesson 6

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Jeremiah’s call: Jeremiah 1:4-10
- To the nations
- To pluck up, break down, destroy, overthrow
- To build and plant

Jeremiah’s message: Jeremiah 1:11-19
- Almond branch: God is watching over His Word to perform it
- Boiling pot facing from the north: Disaster

Jeremiah’s ministry:
- Speaking to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
- Prophecies of coming wrath leading to the fall of Jerusalem
God’s Purpose for Creation

▪ Glorify Jesus Christ by His work of salvation
  ▪ A place for Christ to reign in real time and space
  ▪ “Reverse the curse” – wrath and blessing
  ▪ Genesis 3:15 – the SEED of the woman crushes the seed of the serpent, at cost
  ▪ Genesis 12:1-3 – The Abrahamic Covenant – blessing; a great nation; blessing to the nations; the SEED of Abraham

▪ The central element is the Great Nation
The Message to the Nations

- Blessing is through the great nation
- Jeremiah 3:17
- Jeremiah 4:1-4
- Jeremiah 26:6
- The redemption of nations requires the redemption of Israel
Jeremiah’s Message

- Rejection of God (2:13)
- An evil heart (17:9)
- The necessity of Divine intervention (13:23)
Outline of Jeremiah

1. Jeremiah’s call and mission (1)
2. The case against Israel (2-20)
3. Sermons in historical context (21-29)
4. Restoration/salvation (30-33)
5. Sermons in historical context (34-45)
6. Sermons about 9 nations (46-51)
7. Fall of Jerusalem (52)
The Case Against Israel (2-20)

- My people have committed two evils – forsaken Me . . .
- Did not learn from Israel – divorced
- Disaster from the north
- Temple sermon – Jerusalem/Temple will not save
- Broken Covenant – the wrath of Deuteronomy comes
- The LORD of hosts has decreed disaster against you.
- “I hate her.” (12:8)
- “The Terror of the LORD” (15-17)
No intercession
- Moses (Ex. 32:11-14)
- Samuel (1 Samuel 12:19-25)
- They need a more powerful Intercessor

A comprehensive plan of judgment
- Pestilence, sword, famine, captivity
- Sword, dogs, birds, beasts – devour and destroy
- Sin of Manasseh

No pity
- Rejected Me (15:6)
- Resisted discipline
Jeremiah’s Distress (15:10-18)

- “Woe is me!”
- Jeremiah is perplexed
- The LORD speaks comfort to His servant (15:19-21)
The Word of the LORD to Jeremiah (16:1-13)

- The terror of the LORD (8:15; 14:19; 15:8; 17:17)
- Take no wife
- No peace
- No joy
- What is the sin we have committed against the LORD our God?
A Word of Hope (16:14-21)

- A surprising Word – a greater Exodus
- The LORD answers the “forbidden prayer”
- But first . . . double penalty
- A time of blessing for the nations (16:19-21)
The Heart is the Problem (17:1-13)

- Written with the point of a diamond on their heart
- The two pathways (17:5-8)
  - Cursed man – trust in man
  - Blessed man - trust in the LORD
- The heart is deceitful above all things (17:9)
  - Not understood by man
  - Known by the LORD
- They have forsaken the Fountain of Living Water
Jeremiah’s Prayer (17:14-18)

- A call for healing for the heart
- Trusting in the LORD’S Word
- “Be not a terror to Me”
- Shame for the wicked
The Sermon at the People’s Gate (17:19-27)

- A call to keep the Sabbath
- An impossible Word
- All must obey for all of history (remember Manasseh)
- The unquenchable fire (17:4 and 27)
The Terror of the LORD

- Unavoidable – no possible escape
- Immutable Promise cannot fail
- The Divine requirement for Divine grace
- “The LORD . . . comes to judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness.” – Psalm 96:13