

Jeremiah

A Prophet Unto the Nations

The Terror of the LORD

Jeremiah 15-17
Lesson 6

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A Prophet Unto the Nations

- ▶ **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)

Divine Wrath (15:1-9)

▶ 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