

Jeremiah #7- The Crisis Continues

Memory Verse - **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

Jeremiah 9:24 *'But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,' says the Lord.*

Jer 9:1-26, Jer. 10:1-15, Rom. 1:25, Jer 26:1-24, Acts 17:30, Acts 5:34-41.

Let Him Who Boasts . . .

Jeremiah 9:1-26 (NKJV) *Oh, that my head were waters, And my eyes a fountain of tears, That I might weep day and night For the slain of the daughter of my people! ...*

Knowing God

Jeremiah 9:3 (NKJV) *"And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. They are not valiant for the truth on the earth. For they proceed from evil to evil, **And they do not know Me,**" says the Lord.*

Jeremiah 9:6 (NKJV) *Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; Through deceit **they refuse to know Me,**" says the Lord.*

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NKJV) *Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; ²⁴But let him who glories glory in this, **That he understands and knows Me,** That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.*

John 17:3 (NRSV) *And this is eternal life, that they may **know** you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

***Matthew 7:22-23** (NRSV) *On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?' ²³Then I will declare to them, 'I never **knew** you; go away from me, you evildoers.'*

Hosea 4:6 (NKJV) *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.*

The Judgment

Hosea 4:3 (ESV) ³ *Therefore the land mourns, and all who dwell in it languish, and also the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, and even the fish of the sea are taken away.*

Jeremiah 9:10-13 (NKJV) ¹⁰*I will take up a weeping and wailing for the mountains, And for the dwelling places of the wilderness a lamentation, Because they are burned up, So that no one can pass through; Nor can men hear the voice of the cattle. Both the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled; They are gone. ¹¹"I will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, a den of jackals. I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant." ¹²Who is the wise man who may understand this? And who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord has spoken, that he may declare it? Why does the land perish and burn up like a wilderness, so that no one can pass through? ¹³And the Lord said, "Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it, **Jeremiah 4:23-27** (NKJV) *I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; And the heavens, they had no light. ²⁴I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, And all the hills moved back and forth. ²⁵I beheld, and indeed there was no man, And all the birds of the heavens had fled. ²⁶I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, And all its cities were broken down At the presence of the Lord, By His fierce anger. ²⁷For thus says the Lord: "The whole land shall be desolate; Yet I will not make a full end.**

Judges 10:16 (NKJV) *So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the Lord. And His soul could no longer endure the misery of Israel.*

***Isaiah 63:9** *In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them all the days of old.*

Creatures or the Creator? **Jeremiah 10:1-15**

Jeremiah 10:2-5 (NKJV) ² *Thus says the Lord: "Do not learn the way of the Gentiles;*

Leviticus 18:3-4 *You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God.*

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 (NKJV) ¹⁷ *Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." ⁶"I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty." **Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.***

***Deuteronomy 4:19** (NKJV) *And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the Lord your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.*

Deuteronomy 17:2–3 (ESV) *“If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing his covenant,³ and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden,*

Jeremiah 10:11 (NKJV) *Thus you shall say to them: “The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens.”*

Jeremiah 10:3–5 (NKJV) *For the customs of the peoples are futile; For one cuts a tree from the forest, The work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. ⁴They decorate it with silver and gold; They fasten it with nails and hammers So that it will not topple. ⁵They are upright, like a palm tree, And they cannot speak; They must be carried, Because they cannot go by themselves. Do not be afraid of them, For they cannot do evil, Nor can they do any good.”*

Jeremiah 10:8–9 (NKJV) *But they are altogether dull-hearted and foolish; A wooden idol is a worthless doctrine. ⁹Silver is beaten into plates; It is brought from Tarshish, And gold from Uphaz, The work of the craftsman And of the hands of the metalsmith; Blue and purple are their clothing; They are all the work of skillful men.*

A Call to Repentance

Jeremiah 26:1–6 (NKJV) *In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the Lord, saying, ²“Thus says the Lord: ‘Stand in the court of the Lord’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord’s house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word. ³Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.’ ⁴And you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord: “If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, ⁵to heed the words of My servants the prophets whom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending them (but you have not heeded), ⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.” ’ ’ ’*

2 Chronicles 6:37–39 (NKJV) *yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, ‘We have sinned, we have done wrong, and have committed wickedness’; ³⁸ and when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and toward the temple which I have built for Your name: ³⁹ then hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.*

***1 Kings 8:34** (NKJV) *then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You gave to their fathers.*

Ezekiel 14:6 (NKJV) *“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations.*

Matthew 3:1–2 (NKJV) *In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”*

Luke 24:46–47 (NKJV) *Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

***Acts 17:30** (NKJV) *Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,*

The Call for Death

Jeremiah 26:10–11 (NKJV) *When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the Lord’s house. ¹¹ And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, “This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.”*

***Jeremiah 38:4** (NKJV) *Therefore the princes said to the king, Please, let this man be put to death, for thus he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man does not seek the welfare of this people, but their harm.”*

Amos 7:10 (NKJV) *Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words.*

Jeremiah's Escape

Jeremiah 26:16 (NKJV) *So the princes and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, “This man does not deserve to die. For he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God.”*

Jeremiah 26:17–19 (NKJV) *Then certain of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying: ¹⁸ “Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts:*

*“Zion shall be plowed like a field,
Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins,
And the mountain of the temple
Like the bare hills of the forest.” ’*

¹⁹ *Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah ever put him to death? Did he not fear the Lord and seek the Lord’s favor? And the Lord—relented concerning the doom which He had pronounced against them. But we are doing great evil against ourselves.”*

Sabbath Possible Judgment

Jeremiah 17:24–27 (NKJV) ⁴ *“And it shall be, if you heed Me carefully,” says the Lord, “to bring no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work in it, ²⁵ then shall enter the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, accompanied by the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain forever. ²⁶ And they shall come from the cities of Judah and from the places around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin and from the lowland, from the mountains and from the South, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and incense, bringing sacrifices of praise to the house of the Lord. ²⁷ “But if you will not heed Me to hallow the Sabbath day, such as not carrying a burden when entering the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.” ’ ”*