

Jeremiah

#13- Lessons From Jeremiah

Memory Verse - Hand out Scriptures to read

Jeremiah 23:5 (NKJV) *“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. .*

Isaiah 11:1–2 (NKJV) *There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,*

Jer. 2:13, 6:20, 7:1-10, Matt. 9:12, Deut. 6:5, Jer. 10:1-15, 23:1-8.

Jeremiah's Lord

How is the character of God revealed in the following texts in Jeremiah?

Jeremiah 2:13 (NKJV) *“For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

Jeremiah 5:22 (NKJV) *Do you not fear Me?’ says the Lord. ‘Will you not tremble at My presence, Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, By a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it.*

Jeremiah 11:22 (NKJV) *therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall die by famine;*

***Jeremiah 31:3** (NKJV) *The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.*

Jeremiah 3:7 (NKJV) *And I said, after she had done all these things, ‘Return to Me.’ But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.*

Rituals and Sin

Jeremiah 6:20 (NKJV) *For what purpose to Me Comes frankincense from Sheba, And sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, Nor your sacrifices sweet to Me.”*

Jeremiah 7:8–10 (NKJV) *“Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. ⁹Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, ¹⁰and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered to do all these abominations’?”*

Galatians 3:29 (NKJV) *And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

***Acts 10:34–35** (NKJV) *Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. ³⁵But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.*

John 8:39–44 (NKJV) *They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

Matthew 9:12–13 *When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.*

Religion Of The Heart

Romans 14:12 (NKJV) *So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.*

Deuteronomy 6:4–5 (NKJV) *“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

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.*

Jeremiah 12:7–8 (NKJV) *“I have forsaken My house, I have left My heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies. My heritage is to Me like a lion in the forest; It cries out against Me; Therefore I have hated it.*

***Jeremiah 17:10** (NKJV) *I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.*

Jeremiah 17:7 (NKJV) *“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.*

Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV) *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

Twilight of the Idols

Jeremiah 10:8–11 (NKJV) *But they are altogether dull-hearted and foolish; A wooden idol is a worthless doctrine. ⁹ Silver 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. ¹⁰ But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.*

¹¹ 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.”*

Deuteronomy 4:11–13 (NKJV) *“Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. ¹² And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice. ¹³ So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.*

***Exodus 20:25 (NKJV)** ²⁵ *And if you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you use your tool on it, you have profaned it.*

Daniel 2:34 (NKJV) *You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.*
 What are some of the things that we can be in danger of making into idols?
 What about things like digital devices, money, fame, even other people?

The Remnant

Haggai 2:2–3 (NKJV) *“Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying: ³ ‘Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?’*

In the story of Daniel and Esther there were attempts to annihilate God’s people but He intervened and preserved a remnant

In the closing years of Judah’s apostasy the exhortations of the prophets were seemingly of but little avail; and as the armies of the Chaldeans came for the third and last time to besiege Jerusalem, hope fled from every heart.

Jeremiah predicted utter ruin; and it was because of his insistence on surrender that he had finally been thrown into prison. But God left not to hopeless despair the faithful remnant who were still in the city. Even while Jeremiah was kept under close surveillance by those who scorned his messages, there came to him fresh revelations concerning Heaven’s willingness to forgive and to save, which have been an unfailing source of comfort to the church of God from that day to this. -Ellen G. White, 22, p. 466.

2 Kings 25:27–30

Jeremiah 52:31–34 (NKJV) *Now it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth day of the month, that Evil-Merodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison. ³² And he spoke kindly to him and gave him a more prominent seat than those of the kings who were with him in Babylon. ³³ So Jehoiachin changed from his prison garments, and he ate bread regularly before the king all the days of his life. ³⁴ And as for his provisions, there was a regular ration given him by the king of Babylon, a portion for each day until the day of his death, all the days of his life.*

Several ancient writers, Jerome and Tertullian (quoted by later historians), said that Jeremiah died in Egypt – that some Jews stoned him to death there, in Tahpanhes.

Amid the ruin wrought, Jeremiah could still declare, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed;" and his constant prayer was, "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord." Lamentations 3:22, 40. While Judah was still a kingdom among the nations, he had inquired of his God, "Hast Thou utterly rejected Judah? hath Thy soul loathed Zion?" and he had made bold to plead, "Do not abhor us, for Thy name's sake." Jeremiah 14:19, 21. The prophet's absolute faith in God's eternal purpose to bring order out of confusion, and to demonstrate to the nations of earth and to the entire universe His attributes of justice and love, now led him to plead confidently in behalf of those who might turn from evil to righteousness. {PK 461.1}