

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 300 – The Word Came Through My Name Is The Lord (Jeremiah 16:1-21)

1. Why did God tell Jeremiah not to marry or have children?

Because children in this captivity would die grievous deaths: *“The word of the Lord came also unto me, saying, Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place. For thus saith the Lord concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land; They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth”* (**Jeremiah 16:1-4**).

- During times of persecution, judgment, etc.; godly wisdom says not to marry and have children (**Luke 21:22-23**, **Luke 23:28-29**, and **I Corinthians 7:6-8**; **I Corinthians 7:26-27**).
- Grievous [diseased; Strong’s # 8463] deaths (**Jeremiah 14:17-19**).
- No lamenting for the dead (**Jeremiah 25:32-33**).
- No burials (**Jeremiah 7:30-34**).
- Their bodies spread like dung (**Zephaniah 1:17**).

2. What did God tell Jeremiah concerning the house of mourning and the house of feasting?

Not to go into either to mourn or celebrate for God was removing lamentation and joy: *“For thus saith the Lord, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the Lord, even lovingkindness and mercies. Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them: Neither shall men tear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink. For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride”* (**Jeremiah 16:5-9**).

- Ezekiel had a command, though far harder in the fleshly relation he had, but one in which he was instructed not to mourn (**Ezekiel 24:15-24**).
- God had taken away peace and that is a telling statement about the people (**Isaiah 48:22** and **Isaiah 57:21**).
- God had also removed lovingkindness and mercy, which also is a telling statement (**Numbers 14:18** and **Isaiah 9:13-17**).
- Both great and small were to die (**Isaiah 24:1-3** and **Amos 6:8-11**).
- No cuttings or baldness for dead (**Leviticus 19:28** and **Deuteronomy 14:1**).

- A possible consideration for cup of consolation (**Proverbs 31:4-7**).
- No feasting either (**Psalms 26:4-5**, **I Corinthians 5:11-13**, and **Ephesians 5:11**).
- No joy to be seen or heard (**Isaiah 3:16-26**, **Jeremiah 7:34**, and **Jeremiah 25:10-11**).

3. When Jeremiah would shew these things to the people, what was their response?

“And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the Lord pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the Lord our God” (Jeremiah 16:10)?

- Like many of all times, they are taking the victim role. This is NOT right (**Lamentations 3:39-40**).
- Coming out of captivity the right mindset is that they got less than deserved (**Ezra 9:13-14**).

4. How was Jeremiah supposed to answer the questions of the people?

With these words: “Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the Lord, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me: Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour” (Jeremiah 16:11-13).

- Your fathers started this (**Isaiah 65:7**).
- Their punishment and restoration had long been an ongoing pattern (**Psalms 106:35-48**).
- This generation was WORSE than their fathers (**Jeremiah 7:25-26**) as the progression of sin is as such (**II Timothy 3:13**).
- The fact that they had evil hearts says it all (**Hebrews 3:12**).
- Therefore, God was to cast them out of their land (**Joshua 23:15-16**).
- Where He would show them no favor (**Jeremiah 14:8-12**).

5. Rather than being remembered for bringing the children of Israel from Egypt, what was going to be the new remembrance concerning His deliverance?

That He brought them from the land of the north and the lands where He had driven them: “Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers” (Jeremiah 16:14-15).

- It was a past expectation of God's people to remember coming out of Egypt (**Exodus 13:3**).
- The message of coming out of captivity and again into the land is memorable even unto us, for out of their captivity came our Savior (**Micah 4:9-5:3**; cf. **Matthew 2:4-6**). See also: **Jeremiah 23:5-8**

6. How much effort was God going to put forth to find His people?

Look everywhere for them: *"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks"* (**Jeremiah 16:16**).

- **Luke 15:1-10**

7. How much can be hidden from God?

Nothing: *"For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes"* (**Jeremiah 16:17**).

- **Job 34:21, Proverbs 5:21, Proverbs 15:3, Ecclesiastes 12:14, Revelation 2:2, Revelation 2:9, Revelation 2:13, Revelation 2:19, Revelation 3:1, Revelation 3:8, and Revelation 3:15**

8. Before the children of Israel are restored, how much would they pay for their sins?

Double: *"And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things"* (**Jeremiah 16:18**).

- Double for their sins, as He is a just judge (**Deuteronomy 32:4**), but with a light at the end of the tunnel (**Isaiah 40:1-3**).

9. Would God cause anyone other than Israel to learn from these things?

Yes, the Gentiles: *"O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit. Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods? Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The Lord"* (**Jeremiah 16:19-21**).

- The Gentiles would see God's judgment on Israel and KNOW that He is the Lord (**Deuteronomy 29:19-29**).
- God is the source of strength and refuge for the faithful (**Psalms 18:1-2**).
- The fathers of Israel did that which had no profit (**Isaiah 44:10**).
- They made gods that were not gods (**Psalms 115:3-8**).
- They were going to be taught who is God (**Ezekiel 6:1-10**).