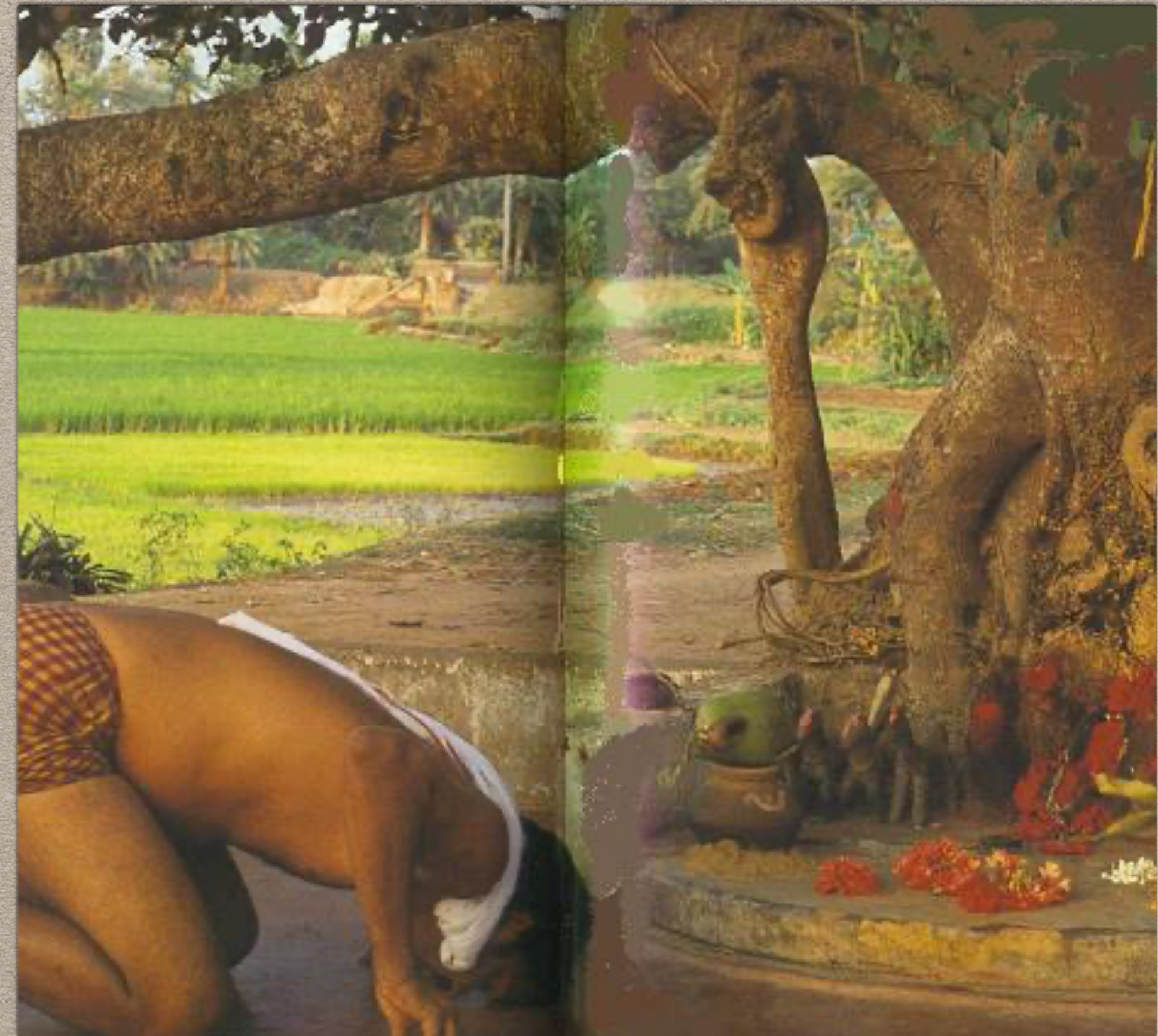


JEREMIAH

IDOLATRY & THE BROKEN COVENANT - JEREMIAH 10-11

DO NOT WORSHIP TREES LIKE THE GENTILES

- What example is given of the ways of the Gentiles?
 - Idols crafted from trees, decorated with silver and gold and nailed to a stand so it will stay upright
- Why were they not to be afraid of trees as idols?
 - Because they are inanimate objects that "CAN DO NO HARM, NOR CAN THEY DO ANY GOOD"

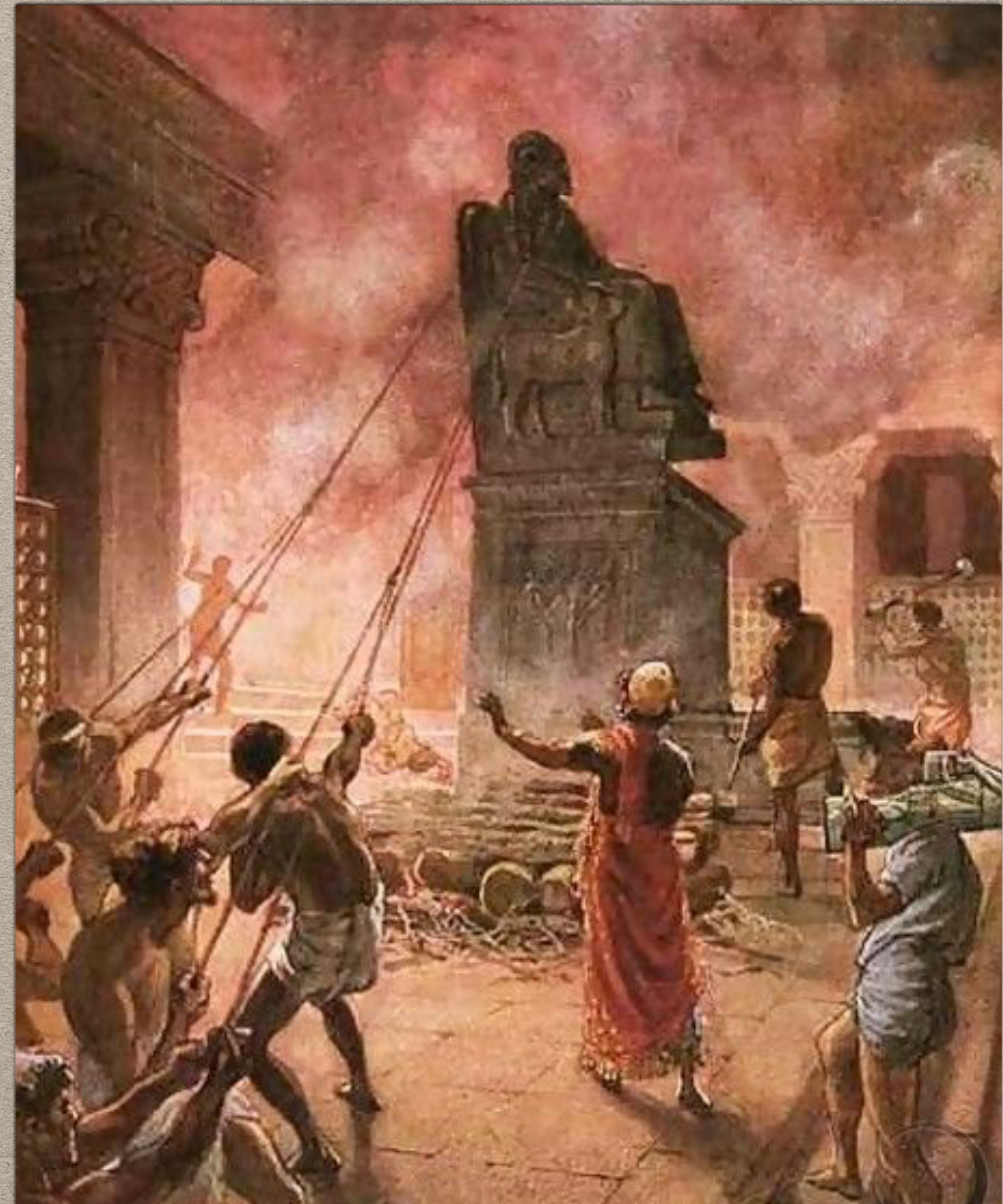


“THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU, O LORD...”

- Among the nations, who is like the LORD?
 - None
 - He is the “KING OF NATIONS”
 - There is no wise man in any nation like YHWH
 - YHWH is the TRUE GOD, the LIVING GOD, the EVERLASTING KING
 - YHWH controls both heaven and earth and the nations CANNOT ENDURE HIS INDIGNATION

OTHER GODS SHALL PERISH FROM THE EARTH

- Which gods would perish from the earth?
- The gods that DID NOT MAKE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH
- Men tire of the things made by their hands and destroy them and move on, or leave them and time and nature consume them.
- YHWH is eternal, no beginning, never ending.



THE NATURE OF THE LORD OF HOSTS

- What has YHWH done that demonstrates his superiority over the false gods?
 - He created our existence.
 - He set the laws of nature into motion
 - The wisdom of men is nothing compared to Him, and idols are merely the works of men.
 - YHWH is the **MAKER OF ALL**

CAPTIVITY IS COMING

- Why would the shepherds not prosper and their flocks be scattered?
- They had become stupid and did not seek the LORD.
- A great commotion from the north would make the cities and countryside of Judah a "haunt of jackals"



THE LORD KNOWS WHAT IS BEST

- What is it not in man to do for himself.
 - Men can not find their own way without God
 - Men cannot direct their own steps in life without God to guide them

A REQUEST TO THE LORD TO POUR OUT HIS FURY ON THE GENTILES INSTEAD OF JUDAH

- What does Jeremiah request of the LORD?
- That He discipline him with justice, and not anger
- That He pour His wrath out on the Gentiles - those who do not know Him and do not call on His name - because they have destroyed Israel



- Hebrews 10:30-31

WHEN WAS THE COVENANT GIVEN THAT JEREMIAH IS REFERRING TO?

- When God led their forefathers from captivity and slavery in the land of Egypt
- He did so to confirm an oath which He gave to their forefathers that He would give them a land flowing with milk and honey - the **VERY LAND** they were currently living in and polluting with their idolatry



THEY DID NOT OBEY BUT FOLLOWED THE DICTATES OF THEIR OWN HEART

- How did their fathers react to the command of the Lord to, "Obey My voice"?
- They ignored the command of YHWH and walked stubbornly in the evilness of their own heart
- God invoked ALL the words of the covenant which the people of Israel broke.

A CONSPIRACY IS FOUND AMONG THE MEN OF JUDAH

- What is a conspiracy?
 - A secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful
- What conspiracy was found among Judah and Israel?
 - They turned back to the iniquities of their ancestors who refused to listen to YHWH, and went after other gods to serve them - they broke the covenant with the LORD.

ALTERS ON EVERY CORNER

- What was the number of their idols compared to?
 - As many as your cities of Judah
 - As many as the streets of Jerusalem were the alters to burn incense to Baal



"WHAT HAS MY BELOVED TO DO IN MY HOUSE?"

- By what name had the Lord called Judah?
 - My beloved
 - A green olive tree, beautiful in fruit and form

JEREMIAH'S LIFE THREATENED

- Who sought the life of Jeremiah?
 - The men of Anathoth - who wanted to hush the prophecies of Jeremiah that YHWH had commanded him to speak
- What did the Lord say would happen to them as a result of this?
 - YHWH would punish them - Their young men would die by the sword, their sons and daughters would die of famine, and there would be NO REMNANT left of them. God would utterly destroy them all

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- Note the futility of idols. Jeremiah explains their silliness
- Notice also the power of the one true God. (Vs 12-13). Find another verse in the Bible that describes something that God has made
 - Mark 14:58
- What does the name "Lord of Hosts" mean
 - All-powerful Ruler over the entire universe. All power and authority are His. He alone intervenes to provide victory for His people. He alone brings peace. He listens to all prayers His people send to Him (Psalm 80)

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- Who does the “portion of Jacob” have reference to?
 - YHWH
- Why is it not in man to direct his own steps?
 - Because man is not just and his ways do not serve the justice of God
- What covenant does the Lord speak of that the people violated?
 - The covenant that their forefathers agreed to in the time of Moses that was ratified, both blessing on Mount Gerizem and curses on Mount Ebal

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- While God is patient, merciful and desirous that men change and turn to Him, there is a limit on His patience.
- Jeremiah was told not to pray for this people (11:14) Why? Are there some that we should not pray for? (1 John 5:16, 1 Peter 3:12)
- In this chapter, we read of Jeremiah's life being threatened. Sometimes the one who stands for the truth faces dangers and will be hated by God's enemies. Today is no different, even among brethren at times.