



JEREMIAH

WARNINGS REJECTED - CHAPTERS 18-20

THE POTTER AND THE CLAY

- What did the potter do with his vessel that was marred?
 - He remade into another vessel, AS IT PLEASED THE POTTER TO MAKE
- What would happen the instant the Lord spoke against a nation if they repented?
 - The Lord would relent concerning the calamity He had planned against that nation
- What was the Lord fashioning against Jerusalem?
 - Calamity and a plan against them



THE LORD IS FORGOTTEN BY HIS PEOPLE

- What would be Judah's response to the prophecies against them?
 - It's hopeless! We will just do whatever we want.
- What would the nations see and say about once proud Israel?
 - Who ever heard the like of this? The virgin Israel has done a most appealing thing – they have forgotten their God and chosen to take the impossible path away from Him, to make their land a desolation and an object of perpetual ridicule.

JEREMIAH IS PERSECUTED

- How did the people plan to attack Jeremiah?
 - Strike him with their tongues and ignore him
- How did Jeremiah request that the people be dealt with who persecuted him?
 - Jeremiah prays for their demise - famine, sword, and conquest over them
- Is this a change in heart by Jeremiah who had been told several times by YHWH NOT to pray for the people?

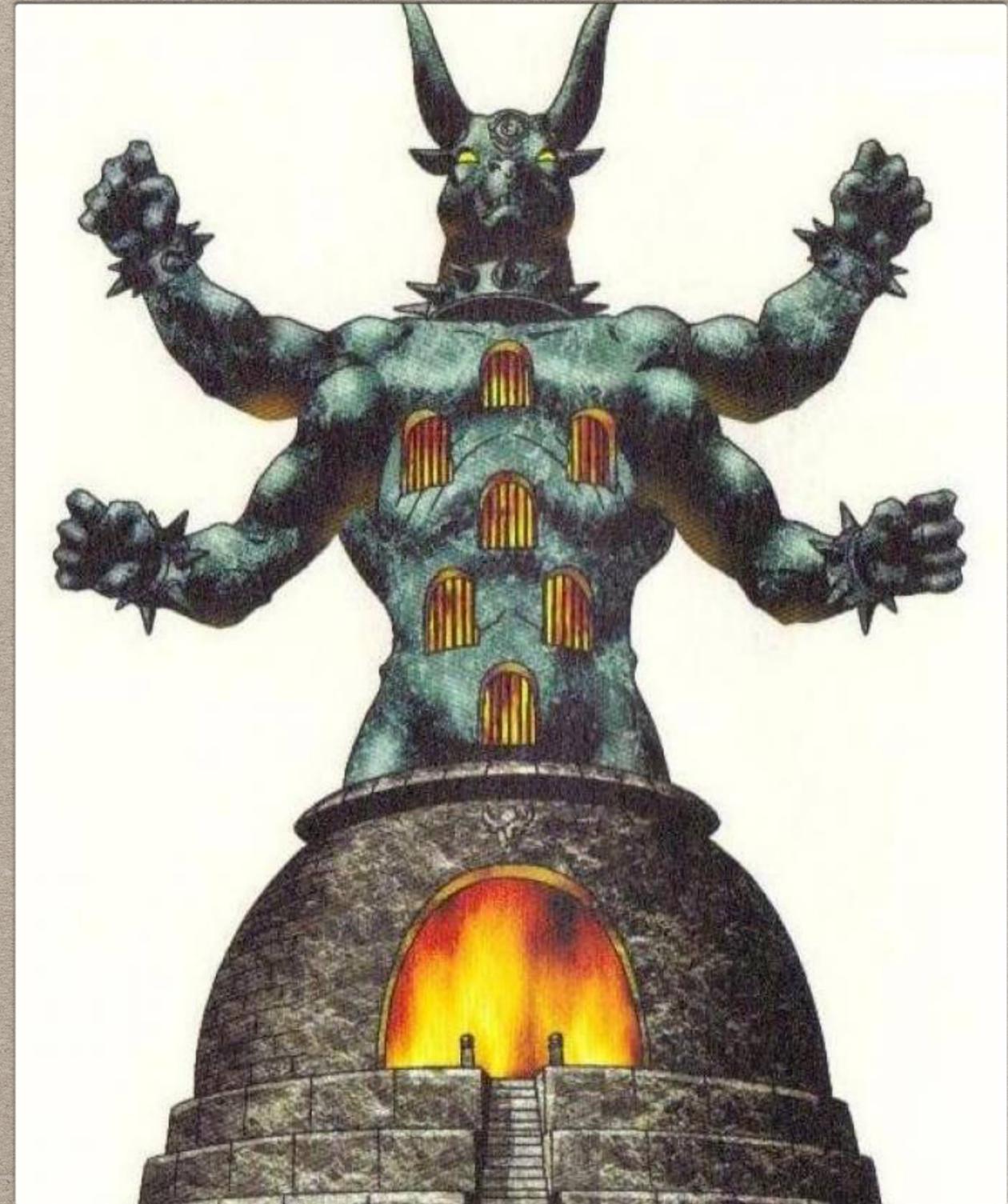


A FLASK IS SHOWN TO THE ELDERS AND PRIESTS

- What was Jeremiah told to buy from the potter?
 - An earthenware jar
- Where was Jeremiah to take the object and who was he to take with him?
 - To the valley of Ben-hinnom, taking the some of elders and senior priests with him

THE EXTENT OF THEIR IDOLATRY WILL LEAD TO THEIR DESPAIR.

- What had the people done in that valley?
 - Forsaken the LORD, made this place alien, burned sacrifices in it to other gods that neither their forefathers nor the kings of Judah had ever known, and filled the valley with blood of the innocent
- What had not even come into the mind of the Lord?
 - Sacrifice of children via fire to false gods



THE FLASK IS BROKEN

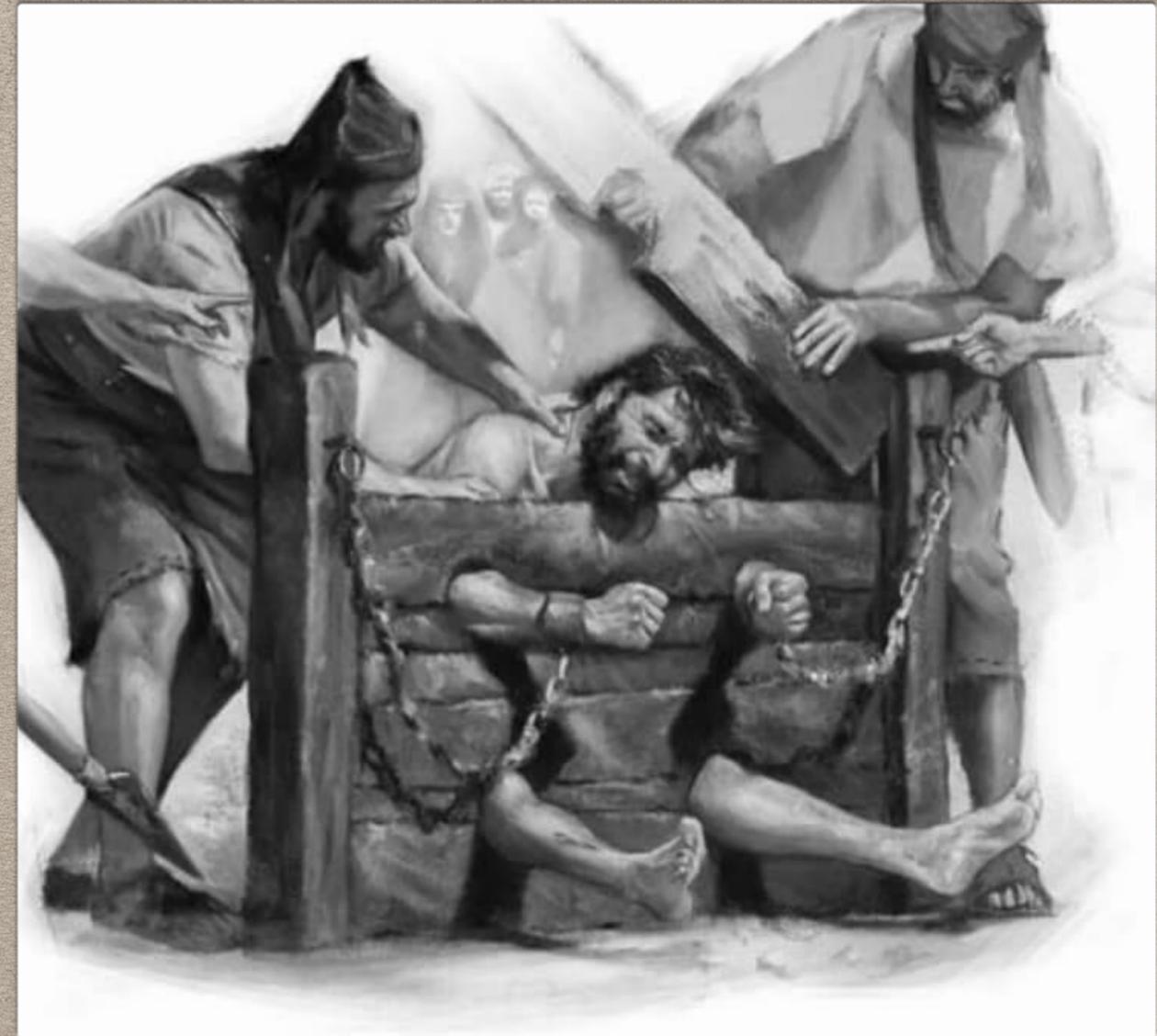
- What was Jeremiah commanded to do with the earthenware jar?
 - Break it in the sight of the men who are with him
- What did this action represent?
 - The way the Lord would break the people of Judah and the city of Jerusalem. It would be unrepairable.
- Where will the houses of Judah and Jerusalem be defiled like?
 - Topheth - in the valley of Ben-Hinnom

JEREMIAH PROPHECIES AGAINST JUDAH IN THE COURT OF THE LORD'S HOUSE

- What was Jeremiah's prophecy?
 - Calamity is at hand for Judah and Jerusalem because they have stiffened their necks and ignored God

PASHUR PUTS JEREMIAH IN STOCKS

- What did Pashur, the priest, have done to Jeremiah?
- Jeremiah was beaten and put in stocks



JEREMIAH PROPHECIES AGAINST PASHUR

- What did Jeremiah say would happen to Pashur because of his evil conduct
- He would become a terror to himself and his friends, see his friends die by the sword, and go into captivity in Babylon where he will die and be buried along with his friends to whom he had falsely prophesied.

JEREMIAH IS COMPELLED IN HIS HEART TO SPEAK

- What happened when Jeremiah determined to not speak the name of the Lord anymore?
- It becomes in his heart a burning fire shut up in his bones which Jeremiah can not endure.

THE LORD WAS WITH HIM

- How did Jeremiah describe the Lord when He was defending Jeremiah?
- A dread champion against whom none of his enemies can prevail
- They would be utterly disgraced as they fail to conquer the Lord and Jeremiah



JEREMIAH DREADS THE DAY HE WAS BORN

- How did Jeremiah feel about the day he was born?
 - He cursed it. It brought him nothing but trouble and shame

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- Just as a potter has control over the clay he works with, so YHWH has ultimate control over our lives.
- 18:7-10 - As God promised to relent His condemnations in an instant if men would repent, we can see the long-suffering of God. 2 Peter 3:9
- 18:21-23 - Why would Jeremiah pray for his enemies to be destroyed? Do we have the right to pray to God to curse our enemies?

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- 20:7-9 - Jeremiah's heart burned within him as he was silent. Is our attitude toward God's word as his was? Do we live with a burning desire to warn others of their condemned state?
- 20:14-18 - Jeremiah cursed the day he was born. Truly his was a condition of despair. But also note that even though he despaired, he accepted his lot and continued his mission. Do we have the right to curse the day we were born? How should we react when conditions get so deplorable that we don't want to go on?