

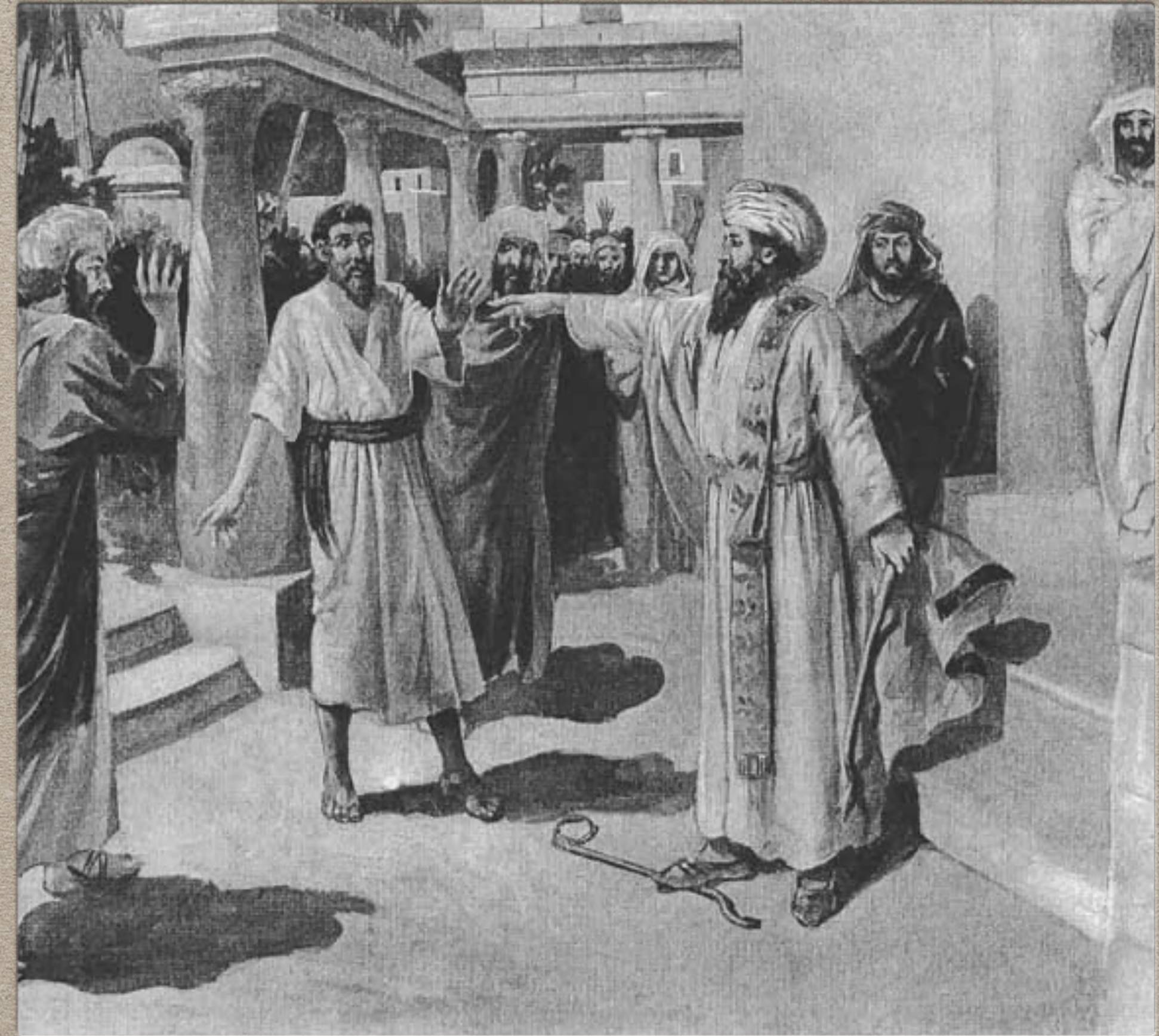


JEREMIAH

JUDAH'S ABOMINABLE WORSHIP 7:1-8:3

JEREMIAH COMMANDED TO PROPHECY

- Where was Jeremiah commanded to stand and proclaim the word of the Lord?
- The gate of the temple



A CALL TO REPENTANCE

- Upon what conditions was Judah promised that YHWH would cause them to dwell in the temple?
 - By amending the deeds and ways
- Why was “This is the temple of the Lord” thrice repeated?
 - This was the cry of the false prophets. They thought they could stave off calamity by maintaining the physical temple.
- What was YHWH’s condition for the Jews being allowed to continue in the land He gave them?
 - Practice justice, stop oppression, don’t kill the innocent, stop idolatry

HAS THE HOUSE OF THE LORD BECOME A DEN OF THIEVES?

- Judah was worshipping the Baals but proclaiming what in the house of the Lord?
- “We are delivered” - i.e. because we have this temple God will protect us - He will not let His house fall.
- ...den of thieves...



REMEMBER SHILOH OF SUFFER ITS FATE

- Because of the abominable worship, YHWH told Judah He would treat Jerusalem and His temple there like what city that the people of Israel worshipped Him in at first?
 - Shiloh
- What do we know about this city?

THE CITY OF SHILOH

- Gilgal was the first headquarters for Israel prior to defeating the Canaanites, but Joshua moved that place to Shiloh once the land had been conquered
- Shiloh was located in Ephraim, a little northeast of the center of Ephraim, in a place which was almost the center of the west and east Israel.



- Shiloh was central and relatively untouched by Canaanites
- The Tent of Meeting remained in Shiloh throughout the remainder of Joshua's life, and through most of the period of the judges.
- Worship corrupted in Shiloh by Eli's sons. 1 Samuel 2:12-17
- Eli's end prophesied but not Shiloh's. 1 Samuel 2:27-36
- The holiness of the Ark had been demeaned to the point that Israeli soldiers took it and used it as a good luck charm. 1 Samuel 4:1-11
- Upon return of the Ark, it was not reunited with the Tent of Meeting and the other articles of furniture until the time of Solomon

SHILOH'S DESTRUCTION

- Sometime during this period Shiloh was destroyed. But we do not know when or by whom.
- Worship in Shiloh was happening up until 1 Samuel 1-3
- After the Philistine incident with the Ark, worship is conducted in the high places.
- Nob is called the city of priests in 1 Samuel 21-22 and appears to be the spiritual center at this time.
- Solomon is still offering sacrifices in the high places in 1 Kings 3:2-4

SHILOH'S DESTRUCTION

- Asaph mentions the abandonment of God in His dwelling place at Shiloh in Psalm 78:58-60. Asaph was the director of music during the reigns of David and Solomon.
- The next we hear of Shiloh is in 1 Samuel 14:3
- Once more before our study we read that Jereboam tells his wife to go there 1 Kings 14:1-4
 - The city is mentioned, but not the Tent of Meeting or priesthood. These were located in the temple that Solomon built.

- The fact that David and Solomon wanted to build a temple and make a place for God implies that Shiloh may have already been destroyed.
- This explains why Shiloh was never mentioned again as a spiritual center. (Except in retrospect)
- This explains why the Ark was never reunited with the Tent of Meeting - Shiloh had been destroyed and apparently the Tent had been dismantled and removed or destroyed.
- Put simply, the destruction is not recorded by God, but is verified by God. When, where, and how we do not know and I hesitate to guess about it. Suffice it to say, Shiloh was destroyed, and maybe rebuilt (Jeremiah 41:5), even more than once. But it was never the spiritual center of the Jews again after the time of Samuel.

JEREMIAH WAS NOT TO PRAY FOR THEM

- Why was Jeremiah not to pray or intercede for the people?
 - Because the people are worshipping other gods

OBEDIENCE MEANT MORE TO GOD THAN MERE SACRIFICES

- How was their obedience compared to their fathers?
- These Jews were more evil than their fathers.
- They ignored the prophets the Lord sent



JEREMIAH COMMANDED TO SPEAK

- Would the people listen to Jeremiah?
 - No - He was commanded to speak knowing they would ignore, call them knowing they would not come
- How discouraging would this have been for Jeremiah?

BECAUSE OF JUDAH'S ABOMINATIONS THE LAND WOULD BECOME DESOLATE

- Where had the children of Judah set their abominations?
 - In the House of YHWH
- What specific abominable acts NOT COMMANDED NOR THOUGHT OF BY HIM does YHWH point to?
 - Human sacrifice of their children in the Valley of the son of Hinnom
- What would be the result of Judah's complete rejection of YHWH?
 - The land would become a ruin

“AT THAT TIME”, THE BONES OF THE PROPHETS WILL BE BURNED AND DEFILED

- What were the people sacrificing to the host of heaven, besides their children?
- The bones of the kings, princes, priests and prophets.
- They would sacrifice them to “the host of heaven which they have loved, served, gone after, sought, and worshipped.



LESSONS AND APPLICATION

- Do people trust in lying words today?
- Did obedience to God mean that they did not need to sacrifice to HIM?
- Jeremiah was commanded to speak the whole counsel of God even if they did not listen. Are we also commanded this in the New Covenant? If so, where?