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JEREMIAH'S LIFESTYLE – CHAPTERS 16 & 17

# JEREMIAH IS NOT TO MARRY NOR HAVE CHILDREN

- Why was Jeremiah told not to take a wife or have sons or daughters?
  - They will die of deadly diseases or by the sword and no one will be bereft to bury them. They will be food for birds and beasts.

# JEREMIAH WAS NOT TO ENTER THE HOUSE OF MOURNING NOR THE HOUSE OF FEASTING



# WHEN PEOPLE ASK WHY...

- How was Jeremiah to answer their inquiry as to the sin they had committed against the Lord?
- You will suffer because your forefathers have forsaken the Lord, and have followed other gods and served them and bowed down to them.
- Your forefathers did not keep the LAW!
- And YOU have done WORSE - walking according to the stubbornness of your own hearts, and ignoring the Lord

# YHWH WILL BRING HIS PEOPLE BACK

- Instead of the Lord who brought Israel out of Egypt, what would be said of the LORD?
- As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them
- The Lord would restore them to the land He gave their fathers.



# JUDAH WILL BE FISHED AFTER, HUNTED & REPAID DOUBLE FOR THEIR INIQUITY

- What did YHWH promise about Judah concerning their iniquity?
- It is not concealed from His eyes, and it will be repayed double because of the pollution of the land with detestable idols and the abominations that arise from them.

# **EVEN GENTILES WOULD KNOW THE WORTHLESSNESS OF IDOLS**

- What would Gentiles who came to the Lord say?
  - Our fathers have inherited falsehood, futility and things of no profit
  - Man can not make gods themselves. They are false gods.
  - God will make Himself known to all mankind.

# IN GOD'S ANGER, JUDAH HAD KINDLED A FIRE

- Where was the sin of Judah written?
  - On the stone tablets of their hearts, and in the memories of their sacrificed children.
- What would the people be caused to let go of?
  - Their inheritance, and their freedom.





# CURSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN MAN

- Whom did the Lord say would be cursed and whom would be blessed?
  - Man who trusts in mankind is cursed
  - Man who trusts in the LORD and whose trust is in the LORD is blessed

# THE LORD SEARCHES THE HEART

- What does the Lord tell us about the hearts of men?
  - They are deceitful and sick, and only the LORD can understand it
  - The LORD searches the heart, and tests the mind, and gives each man according to his ways and his deeds.

# ALL WHO FORSAKE YOU SHALL BE ASHAMED

- Who had the people forsaken that caused them to be written in the earth?
  - They had forsaken YHWH
  - This sounds similar to what we read in John's Revelation, except that it is the Book of Life and one is removed from it by sin.

# JEREMIAH PRAYS FOR DELIVERANCE

- What had Jeremiah not hurried away from being?
  - A shepherd after YHWH
  - Even in the face of persecution, Jeremiah is a mouthpiece for YHWH

# A CALL TO HALLOW THE SABBATH DAY

- Where was Jeremiah to stand as he proclaimed to Judah concerning the Sabbath?
  - The public gate, which the kings of Judah come in and go out, as well as the gates of Jerusalem
- What was promised if Judah would hallow the Sabbath?
  - Strength is God ordained kings and princes and inhabitants in the city of Jerusalem forever.
  - Ignoring God's Sabbath command would lead to certain doom

# LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- It seems an axiom of life, that the next generation becomes worse than the one before it. Can we see problems with this in our society and in the church today?
- What is the significance of God sending fishermen and hunters. Can we hide from God in our conduct?
- Sin often leaves a scar that will never go away in our lives

# LESSON AND APPLICATIONS

- Note that unlike man, the Lord searches the heart and repays man according to his ways
- Jeremiah, like others (Nehemiah, David) reminded the Lord of his loyalty to Him as he pleads for deliverance. Is it acceptable for us to remind God of our loyalty to Him as we ask for His deliverance and guidance? If God knows all things, why do this?
- Remembering the Sabbath was one of the 10 commandments (Exodus 20:8-11) Why was keeping the Sabbath such an important commandment? Why is it important that we worship God and remember Him every week?