

Lesson 4
Judah's Sins and Jeremiah's Sermon
Jeremiah 6:1 – 8:17

Questions

1. What was going to happen to Jerusalem and why (6:1-8)?

2. What was going to happen to the remnant of Israel and why (6:9-15; compare with 8:8-13)?

3. What did the Lord call Israel to do and how did they respond (6:16-21)?

4. Who came from the north, for what reason, and how did the Lord's people respond (6:22-26)?

5. How was Jeremiah described and how were the people of his day described (6:27-30)?

6. What was Jeremiah told to preach in the gate of the Lord's house (7:1-7)?

7. What were the wicked and hypocritical Jews saying when they came into the temple (7:8-11)?

8. What OT story were the wicked and hypocritical Jews told to remember and why (7:12-15)?

9. What had the wicked and hypocritical Jews done to provoke the Lord to anger (7:16-20)?

10. How had the Jews responded to the Lord's word from the time of the Exodus to the time of Jeremiah (7:21-26)?
11. How would the people respond to Jeremiah's temple message (7:27-28)?
12. How had the children of Judah acted and what would the Lord cause to happen to them (7:29-34)?
13. What would the people of Judah and Jerusalem do at the time the Lord rejects them (8:1-3)?
14. What do the Lord's people at this time refuse to do and to know (8:4-7)?
15. How did the wise men act and what would happen to them (8:8-13)?
16. What did the Lord do to his people and why (8:14-17)?

Digging Deeper

1. Locate the following on a map: Benjamin, Jerusalem, Tekoa, and Beth-hac-cherem (6:1) and Sheba (6:20).
2. How is the wording of Jeremiah 6:9-15 and 8:8-13 similar?
3. Where previous in Jeremiah did the Lord speak of coming judgment from the "north" (6:1, 22)?

4. Where, earlier in the book, was Jeremiah told that he had to be strong because his audience would reject his message (6:27-30; 7:27-28)?

5. Where in the NT is Jeremiah 7:11 referenced and by whom?

6. What happened at Shiloh that is referenced in Jeremiah 7:12-15?

7. What are we told in Exodus 15:22-26 that helps us to understand what is being said in Jeremiah 7:23?

8. What does “at that time” refer to in Jeremiah 8:1?

9. What are the four questions asked in Jeremiah 8 (see verses 4, 8, 14, and 19)?

10. Who came to devour the land (8:16; see 6:1, 22)?

Applications for Today

1. Always be teachable (6:8; Mt. 11:29).
2. We must never be “uncircumcised” in heart and ears (6:10; Acts 7:51).
3. Many proclaim “peace” instead of truth (6:14; 1 Thess. 5:3).
4. We must never become so hardened that we lose our sense of shame over sin (6:15; 8:12; 1 Tim. 2:9).
5. God’s people need to constantly be returning to “the old paths” and right way (6:16; 2 Thess. 2:15; 2 Tim. 1:13).
6. When we reject God’s law, he rejects our worship (6:19-20; Mt. 15:8-9).

7. Guard your thoughts, because the “fruit” of your thoughts will bear bad consequences (6:19; Mt. 15:18-20; Mk. 7:20-23)
8. When we are refined by the fire of God’s word, what will God find in us (6:28-29; 1 Pet. 1:7)?
9. We are to trust in God, not the place where he is worshipped (7:4; Jn. 4:24).
10. God’s salvation is always conditional – “if ... then” (7:5-7; Rom. 11:22-25).
11. God’s house is to be a house of prayer, not a den of robbers (7:10-11; Mt. 21:13; Mk. 11:17; Lk. 19:46).
12. God speaks eagerly and repeatedly through his messengers to bring his people back (7:13; Mt. 23:37; Acts 7:51-53).
13. Prayers for impenitent people will not be heard (7:16; 1 Pet. 3:12; 1 Jn. 5:16).
14. The right attitude of obedience comes before the right practice of obedience (7:22-23; Rom. 10:16-21).
15. What direction is your spiritual progress, backward or forward (7:24; Heb. 10:39)?
16. Some people will just not repent and return to God (8:6; Rev. 9:20).
17. Our return back to God begins with: “What have I done ...” (8:6; Lk. 15:17-18).
18. Some of God’s people know not the law of the Lord (8:7; Eph. 5:17).
19. Those people who think they are wise will be put to shame (8:8-9; Rom. 1:22; 2:17-20; 1 Cor. 1:27).