

Lesson 5
Israel's Sins and Jeremiah's Threatenings
Jeremiah 8:18 – 11:23

Questions

1. How did Jeremiah feel about his people and why (8:18 – 9:2)?

2. How were Jeremiah's fellow-Israelites acting at this time (9:2-6)?

3. What would the Lord do to these people and why (9:7-11)?

4. Why would the Lord punish these people (9:12-16)?

5. What would be heard in Jerusalem and why (9:17-22)?

6. What was a person not to glory in and what was a person to glory in (9:23-24)?

7. Why would the Lord punish Judah and other nations (9:25-26)?

8. What did the Lord not want the house of Israel to learn and why (10:1-5)?

9. What is the Lord God compared to idols (10:6-10)?

10. What did the Lord make, that the idols did not make (10:11-13)?

11. What are idols and the people who make them (10:14-15) and what is the Lord (10:16)?

12. What would the Lord do to the inhabitants of the land (10:17-18)?

13. How did Jeremiah feel about the cities of Judah and why (10:19-22)?

14. What truths did Jeremiah state concerning mankind, himself, and the nations (10:23-25)?

15. What was Jeremiah to speak to the people of Judah and Jerusalem concerning the covenant and why (11:1-7)?

16. How did the people of Judah and Jerusalem act toward the Lord (11:8-10)?

17. What happened to the people and their false gods (11:11-13)?

18. Who was Jeremiah told not to pray for and why (11:14-17)?

19. What did the men of Anathoth plot against Jeremiah, how did he react to this, and what did the Lord do to them (11:18-23)?

Digging Deeper

1. Why is Jeremiah called “the weeping prophet” (8:18 – 9:2)?

2. What is “balm in Gilead” (8:22)?

3. What does it mean to be “uncircumcised in heart” (9:25-26; see also 4:4; 6:10)?

4. Who is “the portion of Jacob” in Jeremiah 9:16?

5. Where are the following places located on a map: Tarshish and Uphaz (10:9) and Anathoth (11:21, 23)?

Applications for Today

1. It is good to weep over sin - our own and that of others (8:18 – 9:2, 10-11, 17-20; Jas. 4:8-10).
2. Some people proceed from evil to do more evil (9:3; Rom. 6:19; 2 Tim. 2:16; 3:13).
3. The Lord will punish all who deceive (9:3-9; 2 Thess. 2:10; Tit. 1:10-11).
4. Divine judgment upon sin is a moral and ethical necessity (9:9; Rom. 2:5-11).
5. Follow the Lord’s law, not your heart (9:12-16; Zech. 7:12).
6. Do not glory in human wisdom, in physical strength, or riches; but glory in the Lord (9:23-24; 1 Cor. 1:31; 2 Cor. 10:17; Gal. 6:14).
7. The Lord’s people do not need to be like the world (10:1-5; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Jn. 2:15).
8. The Lord’s people fall into sin when they forget how great the Lord is. Always remember that the Lord is great (10:6-16; Mk. 5:19; Rev. 15:3).
9. People should not try to guide themselves, but should let the Lord guide them (10:23; Prov. 3:5-6).
10. We should hear the words of the Lord’s covenant (the new covenant) and do it (11:1-8; Heb. 8:6-13; 10:16, 29; 12:24; 13:20).
11. Some people are not to be prayed for because the Lord will not hear (11:11, 14-17; 1 Jn. 5:16).

12. When your enemies are out to get you, let the Lord take care of them and judge them (11:18-23; Rom. 12:17-21; 2 Tim. 4:14-15).
13. When times are hard, turn to the Lord, not from the Lord (11:20; Acts 4:23-31).