

Scripture of the Quarter

But they will say, 'It's hopeless! For we are going to follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'

Jeremiah is Speaking to the United States of America

Jeremiah's prophetic ministry was directed to the southern kingdom of Judah during the last forty years of Judah's history (626-586 B.C.). If Jeremiah, was alive today and God sent him as a prophet for the Unites States of America, would he be warning the United States of America of Impending Judgment? Why, because a Nation that refuses and will not "repent" and turn away from its WICKED AND DEPRAVED WAYS. As you read this newsletter you will understand, that we are doing exactly what the nation of Judah did over 2000 years ago. Those who study the Bible know that Jeremiah was a true prophet for Yahweh, God. Jeremiah spoke exactly what the Lord told him to say. The warning gave them a chance to change. Because if they refused it led to severe punishment. Now lets look at the verse directly before verse 12 so you see the people's attitude toward Jeremiah's warning.

Jeremiah 18:11^{NASB 11}So now then, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying, 'Thus says the Lord, "Behold, I am fashioning calamity against you and devising a plan against you. Oh, turn back, each of you from his evil way, and reform your ways and your deeds.

Most everyone can recognize some people in America, not all are arrogant, proud, and many

are basically Anti-God. They enjoy their life styles and do not want to change or give up anything that God calls sin. This wars against God's Word and brings judgment (discipline).

Next, I would like to talk about what was occurring In Judah which infuriated Yahweh, God. We must remember our God is a jealous God. <u>Exodus 34:14</u>^{NASB}—for you shall not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God—

So, we understand that the Almighty God that we serve demands we serve Him and Him alone as He created everything and is our redeemer. The following scripture defines what they were doing in Judah which aroused God's wrath.

Jeremiah 7:18-20^{NASB 18} The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me. ¹⁹Do they spite Me?" declares the Lord. "Is it not themselves they spite, to their own shame?" ²⁰Therefore thus says the Lord God, "Behold, My anger and My wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and on beast and on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and not be quenched." The queen of heaven, they are worshiping is **NOT MARY,** it is a Babylonian fertility goddess Ishtar or the Phoenician goddess, Ashtoreth, whose images have been found in regions occupied historically by the Jews. Women especially were involved in worshiping her.

Let's pause and refresh our minds what Yahweh, God did for the Israelites for a moment. Yahweh used Moses to tell Pharoah "Let my people go" and after 10 plagues Pharoah relented and let them go. But after they left his heart was hardened and pursued them to the Red Sea to kill all the Israelites. But Yahweh stepped in and parted the Red Sea, and all the Israelites crossed on dry ground. Then Yahweh as the Egyptian chariots pursued Yahweh closed the Red Sea and all the Egyptians became fish food, not one survived! Ref. Exodus 15:4^{NASB} "Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; And the choicest of his officers are drowned in the Red Sea. Yahweh provided water for the Israelites and their animals. Ref. Exodus 15:24-25. Another fantastic thing Yahweh did for His people their clothing and sandals lasted 40 years. Ref. Deuteronomy 8:4.

So, after the God of Israel took care of His children and they had all they needed to survive **they still walked away and worshipped false god's and idols that were of wood and metal.** This sounds like America after 911 churches were packed. Then two weeks later they were empty. The Country became more patriotic and not sold out to God. Authors comment without repentance there is no revival.

These idols could not see them or hear their prayers or heal them of sickness and disease.

Now some of you are probably laughing, but in our society today we see idol worship. How about the Satanic Temples throughout our country who worship the statue Baphomet, a goat head on the body of a man another representation of Satan. I could give many more examples but this newsletter is not about glorifying Satan!

This is what the Lord God stated in; Jeremiah 16:18^{NASB} "I will first doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable idols and with their abominations."

I want to share something from the **Book of Ezekiel** as Ezekiel was alive during the life of Jeremiah. In 605 B.C. the Babylonian army of Nebuchadnezzar invaded Judah, captured Jerusalem and sent some of Jerusalem's finest young men to Babylon and Ezekiel was one of the 10,000 captives taken.

Now I want to show you what was going on in the house of God the Temple. Ezekiel 8:6-15^{NASB 6}And He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Israel are committing here, so that I would be far from My sanctuary? But yet you will see still greater abominations."

⁷Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall. ⁸He said to me, "Son of man, now dig through the wall." So, I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance. ⁹And He said to me, "Go in and see the wicked abominations that they are committing here." ¹⁰So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of creeping things and beasts and detestable things, with all the idols of the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around. ¹¹Standing in front of them were seventy elders of the house of Israel, with Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan standing among them, each man with his censer in his hand and the fragrance of the cloud of incense rising. ¹²Then He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the

room of his carved images? For they say, 'The Lord does not see us; the Lord has forsaken the land.'"¹³And He said to me, "Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are committing."

¹⁴Then He brought me to the entrance of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz. (a false Babylonian god) ¹⁵He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? Yet you will see still greater abominations than these."

Ezekiel 8:16-18^{NASB 16}Then He brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs to the temple of the Lord and their faces toward the east; and they were ^[a] prostrating themselves eastward toward the sun. 17He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they have committed here, that they have filled the land with violence and provoked Me repeatedly? For behold, they are putting the twig to their nose. ¹⁸Therefore, I indeed will deal in wrath. My eye will have no pity nor will I spare; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, yet I will not listen to them."

Now what is occurring in the churches of America and even Seminaries. <u>Follow</u> UNION SEMINARY.

Today in chapel, we confessed to plants. Together, we held our grief, joy, regret, hope, guilt and sorrow in prayer; offering them to the beings who sustain us but whose gift we too often fail to honor. *(REF. The College Fix).*

As in the days of Jeremiah the United States has turned its back on God and His Laws. When you start confessing your sins to plants instead of confessing them to Jesus who is the only one who can forgive you of your sins. 1 John 1:9^{NASB} If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This example shows you how many people have a debased mind! Now let's talk about a megachurch in Cincinnati, Ohio with a weekly congregation of about 34,000, "punted" a Bible as part of its "Super Bowl of Preaching series. The Pastor excuse me the hireling's name is Brian Tome. Now we see absolute Blaspheme kicking the Word of God as if it is a football. They must not take this scripture seriously **Galatians 6:7**^{NASB} **Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.**

Jeremiah would have condemned this action. All in that church must be **debased in their minds** as the congregation cheered at the punt. (*Ref. The Christian Post by Ian M. Giatti*).

You can go on YouTube and view all the insane and unbiblical actions of hirelings; one hireling made his entrance to the pulpit by zip line onto the stage of this megachurch. Another hireling is shown flogging those who are going to assume a leadership position in his church.

In closing remember we are in the last days. Jeremiah 2:27 Who say to a tree, 'You are my father,' And to a stone, 'You gave me birth.' For they have turned their back to Me, and not their face; But in the time of their trouble they will say, 'Arise and save us.'

This is exactly what we have done as a Nation. Removed the Ten Commandments from schools and in the public square. I think it is ironic that after a tragedy such as a school shooting the public outcry is "where is God why did He let this happen?" the answer is SIMPLE—YOU THE PUBLIC KICKED GOD OUT OF THE SCHOOLS REMEMBER YOU DIDN'T WANT HIM THERE.

Idols

Let's talk about the statue that were erected one on a college Campus at the University of Houston. The Satanic statue honors abortion the murder of all of our children. The gold statue is 18 feet high and is named "Witness" it is complete with goat-horn braids and tentacle like arms it is meant to celebrate abortion and to honor-Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The Justice thought abortion was about equality! (*Ref. Pro-Life Press 2/28/24*).