

August 8/Day 220

Jeremiah 4

Verse 1

- In our reading yesterday, several times the LORD said, “Return”.

Verse 2

- What would happen if they returned to Him?
- What an awesome thing, that the nations would be blessed through them. Do you remember in Genesis, this is what God said to Abraham, that all the nations would be blessed through him.

Verse 3

- “Fallow” ground is soil that has been plowed but has been left unsown. The purpose is for crop rotation. What would this mean in regard to their spiritual lives?

Verse 4

- What is the picture here?
- Ezekiel 36:26, “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”
- Romans 2:28-29, “For a person is not a Jew who is one outwardly, and true circumcision is not something visible in the flesh. On the contrary, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart—by the Spirit, not the letter. That man’s praise is not from men but from God.”

Verses 5-6

- Jehovah Nissi is the name for God which translated is, “The LORD is My Banner”. A banner, a standard, and a flag fall under this same definition. It’s something we look to, or look up to.

Verses 7-9

- In what day?

Verses 10-18

- Why are these things happening to them?

Verses 19-20

- Would this be a terrifying event to live through?

Verse 21

- The trumpet was used to announce a herald or messenger, and it was used in the temple, but in this context it is used to sound an alarm.

Verses 22-28

- Based on all we have read, the LORD does change His mind at times. A person will take this one verse and claim the Bible contradicts itself, but this verse in its context means He will not change His mind about the judgment coming to His nation. Remember, He has pleaded with them to return.

Verses 29-30

- “Enlarge your eyes with paint”. Though this is talking about the country, what does this tell us about the culture.

Verse 31

Jeremiah 5

Verse 1

- Over how many righteous persons would the LORD pardon Jerusalem? Does this remind you of Abraham’s conversation with God about Sodom and Gomorrah?

Verse 2

- At the time of the prophecies, the people were still sacrificing and still going to the temple. They were still speaking of the LORD, but they were not seeking or serving the LORD.

Verses 3-6

- From where does the lion emerge in this verse?
- Apostasy is turning away from a once-held belief.

Verses 7-8

- The people were adulterous. Any resemblance to our times?

Verses 9-11

- Treachery is a betrayal of trust by a deceptive method.

Verses 12-15

- Based on our recent readings, who is this nation?

Verse 16

- A quiver holds arrows.

Verses 17-19

- “Even in those days” there will be a remnant. A remnant is the remainder of cloth left on a bolt after it has been cut off.

Verses 20-21

- If they have eyes and ears, but they can’t see or hear, what would we say is wrong with them?

Verses 22

- Who holds the ocean in its place?

Verses 23

- What were the people like?

Verse 24

- Who gives rain when He chooses to give rain?

Verses 25-26

- Know anyone with the last name (surname) Fowler? What was the occupation behind this name?

Verses 27-31

- According to verses 30 and 31, what are the appalling and horrible things that have happened in the land and who were doing these things?
- How did the people feel about the appalling and horrible things?

Jeremiah 6

Verses 1-6

- What would be cast against Jerusalem?

Verse 7

- Violence and destruction. Do we have this in our generation?
- What about sickness and wounds?

Verses 8-9

- What name for God is mentioned here?

Verse 10

- Why can they not listen?
- Why has the word of the LORD become a reproach?

Verse 11

- “I am full of the wrath of the LORD”. Who is “I”? Remember who is speaking.

Verses 12-13

- Who is greedy for gain?
- Who deals falsely?
- Any of that going on today?

Verse 14

- What is the context of this verse? Is it about war? I’ve always heard it was about war. The context is about the people not being at peace with God.

Verse 15

- Were they ashamed?
- What did they not know how to do?

Verse 16

- The ancient paths would lead to the teachings to which they had apostacized.

Verse 17

- The watchman was the prophet. Did they listen?

Verse 18-20

- What is sweet cane?
- Why did God not accept their offerings and sacrifices based on context?

Verse 21

- 1 Peter 2:8, “ "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.”

Verse 22

- From what direction are the people coming? Where is Assyria?

Verse 23

- What are they like?

Verses 24-29

- The purpose of the judgment is to refine them.

Verse 30

- Why would the silver be rejected?

See you tomorrow.