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<sup>1</sup> **Hear ye...** hear, you all. All of you, use your ears and listen to learn...

**the word** which the LORD ...which YHWH... Yahweh -- in German: Jehovah; The same One who said: I Am that I AM, which means: I AM whoever I need to be; I AM whoever I want to be. We know from the OT some of His Names, I Am the **God** – this word in English comes from the Teutonic word: **Gott**, a derivative of **Gute**: meaning **Good**: **God** is the greatest **Good**... who heals you; I Am the Banner over you; I Am the Shepherd who guides. And yet He has names we haven't even learned. One thing we do know, *from the rising of the sun, to its setting His Name will be great throughout the earth* -- **Malachi 1**.



Hear ye **the word** which the LORD... speaks to you,

**O House of Israel** / and that is interesting, Jeremiah knows Israel has been gone from the neighborhood for 170 years, they were taken to experience captivity in Assyria -- today, North Iraq, and were settled near Mosul. In the later days, **they would become the great commonwealth; and the great nation**... at the center of the **earth**. We know Jesus said, Go first to the lost sheep of the House of Israel, and they did that. But we can do that again in these later days, and learn these lessons.

Jeremiah says...

**Hear ye** ...get your ears open

Hear ye... **the word which the LORD speaks to you,**

**O House of Israel** / remember: the name **Isra** = **governed** + **EL** = **God** means... **the one ruled, governed by God**. Any follower of the Lord would want to claim that name, right? So let's listen up. Remember: this is Jeremiah speaking; it is not Moses on Mount Sinai. Okay?

**Verse <sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD, 'Learn' not the way** / the Hebrew word is: *lamad*; it means to teach. Psalm 144 says, *The Blessed Lord teaches... my hands to do battle* -- in other words, there is a time to fight... so pick your battles wisely; the Lord is a good Teacher.

Jeremiah wrote...

**Thus says the LORD,**

**Learn not the way... of the heathen** ...often translated: the Gentiles, or nations. Now, had Jeremiah known Daniel, he could have said, Read: Daniel, chapter 3... where we learn about the goal of every govt and every world religion... the early evidence of the marriage of church and state... being **a bad marriage**.

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The way of the world, leading to a One World government is the strategy of the 4<sup>th</sup> govt of Daniel which we know from history turned out to be roman... the way of the world is **not** the strategy of the Lord! It seems the Church always wants to rule everybody's business; and there isn't a Government that doesn't want to play God... and deliver its people into their manmade tyranny! About both these institutions, Dr. Gene Scott often said: Get back in your boxes; get on with your original assignments.

And Daniel could have told us all about those very important people in his days... parading around in their traditional **scarlet** attire and fish hats and goofy garb; but he didn't have time; and neither did **the LORD**.

Yet **the LORD** said...

**Learn not the way of the heathen** / but do we listen? Some keep those 3 - 4,000-year-old traditions alive today. Notice, the Lord did not say, *the ways*; there wasn't enough time to talk... or discuss... and speculate to compare all the good, and better... and best ways!

And **the LORD** knew His Son was on His way; and He is the Way; which is the only Way **the LORD God** wanted to talk about;

so let's get back to the Bible!

**Learn not the way of the heathen** / and by the way, that doesn't mean... become a hermit... or any other anti-social, self-righteous individual.

If the world uses toilet paper, it's perfectly okay for you and me in the church... to do the same! Use the toilet paper. You don't need to use sand paper; their way is okay! If the world uses round wheels on their car, you don't need to use square wheels on yours. If the world brushes their teeth, you can brush your teeth also. If you don't want to use deodorant, be a fool! God doesn't care about that crap!

**The LORD** said...

**Learn not the way of the heathen,**

**and be not dismayed** / the word is: *chathath*; it means, be not afraid, be not shatter; be not terrified or discouraged. Jeremiah uses this word more than anyone else in the OT;

And now, the Lord gives an example of one of those ancient heathen ways...

**be not dismayed... at the signs of heaven** / don't panic, don't be terrified... with the astrological calendars... like the Mayan calendar... or the eclipses of the sun or the moon -- even the blood moons, rare that they are... God created them as signs; the wonders in the heavens are impressive... so don't panic over the conjunctions or oppositions of the planets -- or any gloom and doom peddlers -- always ready to make a little money... or even the global-warmers -- Thank God, it's so warm! I had to turn on the heater. We would have had 20-foot snow drifts in downtown L.A.! So calm down! [The world of Noah's flood](#) is still recovering from the ice-age that was created.

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**for the heathen are dismayed at them** / you know, the auspicious or even ominous signs that everyone seems to be frightened by... many of those traditions being rooted in the rebellious days of Nimrod... and his lovely wife Semiramis... 1,000s of years ago. Modern astronomy and science is amazing, uncovering anomalies of precision and intelligent design in the heavens that physicists and chemists and biologists and botanists find difficult to explain... especially within their weak theories.

**Verse 3 For the customs of the people** / the statutes and manners; and ordinances; and festive traditions

**of the people are vain** / the word is: *hbl*; *hubel*; it means: empty, futile, worthless; used 38 times in the book of Ecclesiastes: *vanity of vanities*; it is interesting, *hbl* is even the name of the Sumerian god of... mindless pursuits.

Now, it is also the name of one of the most advanced telescopes in our time... that modern man uses to investigate the universe and extrapolate their... mind-numbing, inconsistent theories. Hmm?

**For the customs of the people are hubel** / they are **vain**: both the people... and their customs! Wow! So uncreative; so predictable. Things don't change much, do they? Even when He walked among us in His generation... Jesus said... some preferred the artificial, bogus *traditions of men*... substituted for the ways and words of God. Wouldn't you like to know what He'd say about our times? I bet He'd say, Continue!

**the dull, boring, and terribly uncreative... customs of the people are vain.**

Listen to this *yawn wrenching*, jovial example, the LORD gives... to Jeremiah back in 600BC... which had been going on already for some 2,000 years. The LORD says...



**for one cuts a tree** / it's curious, one bible commentary thought this verse best represented the Halloween tradition. What?!

**for one cuts** / I had to double check: **no** it didn't say: *pumpkin*

But let's go on...

**for one cuts... a tree out of the forest** / now quite honestly, I can't release this thought until I ask:

if you were to poll people... in every country on every continent, with the question: What: **tree cut out of the forest... tradition...** comes to mind? ... would you imagine them to answer: **Halloween?**





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Jeremiah wrote...

for one cuts... **a tree** out of the forest,

the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe ...okay!

Verse 4 **They deck it** ...huh?! like, Deck... duh duh duh duh duh duh... decorate it

**they deck it with silver and gold** ...wow!

**they fasten it with nails and with hammers,**

**that it does not move** / though we know... the ACLU and one of the governors up there in New England want to move it out of sight!

Verse 5 **They are upright**

**as the palm tree** / which is the biblical way of saying things appropriately: God likes to have it PG-13... clean it up; say it proper!

**They are upright** / in the Hebrew the word is: *michshaw*; one translation says: *like a scarecrow in a cucumber field*; another one says: *like a scarecrow in a melon patch*. And if you haven't guessed... the word is **not** scarecrow... cucumber... or melon. One translator says, *As a palm, they are stiff*. Another says: *They are like pillars of turned-work. They are as a palm column*. The word is used in Numbers: *was of beaten gold unto the shaft*.

And in heathen tradition... the **evergreen tree** cut down out of the forest was... **a phallic symbol** for the winter solstice, **the feast of Satumalia**.

The Bible says...

**They are upright... as the palm tree, but do not speak** / though now days in America, the churches seem to enjoy having them sing; Jeremiah continues...

**they must needs be borne** ...they need to be carried, **because they cannot go** / And every month... of every year, even in our 21<sup>st</sup> century... community processions carry artifacts and relics found in every religion on every continent... and parade through the streets... even in L.A.



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The Lord God speaking to Jeremiah says...

**Be not afraid of them;**

**for they cannot do evil** / it's just a dumb tree,

**for they cannot do evil** / the Lord God told us that... so don't be a legalistic Scrooge,

**neither can they do good** / no harm; no foul! They are not good; they are not bad. He obviously cares little about some of these silly traditions. Just don't blame Him, or dress up like them. Grow up!

**Don't be afraid of them...** / Duh duh duh duh duh duh duh! it's just a dumb tree. But recognize that it is BIG business... which means they are coming for your \$\$\$\$. In America 2015, estimates are they spent \$600,000,000. Not me, I forgot to spend a dime. So enjoy the Christmas season when it comes. Just don't lose your mind. He expects His people not to dress up, but grow up.

Christ didn't celebrate Christmas; those in heaven don't either; **He was born in September anyway!**

Could you word search: **snow in Jerusalem?** And see if you can find any *shepherds in the fields... keeping watch over their flocks by night... or day!* in those snow storms?

Jeremiah, hearing the Lord sounding... like a Master Teacher speaking to His student... or like a loving Father instructing His child...

Jeremiah has more lights turning on... than you would ever find on any Christmas tree; including on our nation's Christmas tree in the Washington Mall!

(Now, that last slam was for the atheists reading this!)

But let's continue... because with great excitement, Jeremiah interrupts the Lord...

**Verse 6 Who or what is compared to You,**

**O LORD;**

**You are great,**

**and Your Name is great in might** / in strength.



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<sup>7</sup> Who would **not** fear You, O King of nations?

~~for to Thee doth it appertain~~ / Huh?! What? Clearly, the translators should have worked a little harder: what an unfortunate translation of this moment! more literally, Jeremiah says:

**O LORD;**

**Your Name fits You!**

Who would **not** fear You, O King of nations?

Your Name fits You!

As many as are among all the wise of the nations / **the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,**

and in all their kingdoms,

Jeremiah asks a second time...

**Who or what is compared to YOU?**

And can't you hear the shouts from all His creation?

# Nobody!

# Nothing!

**This is My Father's World** | **Salvation is Your Name** | **JESUS IT IS YOU**

CHECK OUT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AROUND THE WORLD SINGING GOD'S PRAISE:

