

# JEREMIAH 10 vs 8

This chapter began, **Learn not the way of the heathen,**

Jeremiah just asked, **Who is like You, O LORD?**

And the answer came back:

## Nobody! Nothing!

<sup>8</sup> **But they** / the heathen, the Gentile nations; which is most of us

**are altogether brutish and foolish;**

Dr. Moffatt wrote: one and all they are stupid and senseless:

**taught by wooden / or rock, or metal idols...**

<sup>9</sup> **decorated in layers of silver brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, dressed in scarlet and purple: all made by skilled workers, the handiwork of craftsmen and goldsmiths / who daily slave over and bow down to... the imaginative work of their own hands, whatever it is – that if you ask them, looks pretty good!**

<sup>10</sup> **But the LORD is the true God,**

**He is the living God, and Eternal King:**

**at His wrath the earth quakes; and nations cannot endure His anger.**

<sup>11</sup> **Thus will you say to them** / the LORD says to Jeremiah... tell these wooden idols this... remember, Jesus talked to trees and they responded, and rumor has it, if He ever has to talk to the rocks and boulders in the desert, they will gladly sing His praise!

**Tell these wooden idols this...**

**You nothing-gods that did not make the heavens and the earth,**

**even you will perish from the earth, and from under heaven / we daily see, even in the international news... those brutish and foolish heathen who Jeremiah is addressing.**



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**12 He who made the earth by His power,**

who established the world by His wisdom,

and who stretched out the heavens by His discretion / how did prophet Jeremiah know the heavens were stretched out; literally, expanding? Oh, yeah! The LORD told him.



**13 When He roars, it's like a multitude of rushing waters in the heavens;**

He causes mist to ascend from the ends of the earth;

He makes lightning with rain / and isn't that an interesting mixture; but don't you or me try it; He knows how to do it,



and brings the wind from His treasures / from His storehouse, His pantry.

**14 Every man is brutish in his knowledge / they all are stupid...** no different than those in our genius 21<sup>st</sup> century:

every goldsmith is put to shame by the graven idols:

for his molten images are deceitful,

and there is **no** breath in them.



**15 They are vanity / worthless... a work of useless vanity:**

when their time comes they will decompose.

**16 He** who is the Portion of **Jacob** is **not** like them: for **He is the Maker of all things;**

and **Israel** / the one ruled by God, is the rod of His inheritance: **The LORD of hosts is His Name.**

**17 Gather up your wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress / we know the LORD is speaking to Jerusalem...** but did He really say:

**O besieged City, pick up your crap and get ready to go.**

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<sup>18</sup> For thus says the LORD, Behold / pay attention,

**This time, I will throw the inhabitants out of the land, and will distress them, that they may be found / captured by those coming for them.**

And these wandering inhabitants will say...

<sup>19</sup> **Woe is me for my hurt!** / at least they landed on their well-padded butts. **My wound is serious; but I said, Truly a wound indeed, and I must bear it** / but did they learn from it, and return to God?

<sup>20</sup> **My tent is wrecked, all the ropes are broken: my children are no more, they are all gone away: no one is left to raise my tent again, and to hang its curtains.**

<sup>21</sup> **For the pastors were brutish / senseless and stupid; they are culpable, they were to be responsible,**

**they have not sought the LORD:**

**therefore they will not prosper, and all the flock will be scattered.**

<sup>22</sup> **Behold, the latest report comes, a great clamor from the land in the north, Make the cities of Judah desolate, a haunt of jackals.**

Jeremiah responds...

<sup>23</sup> **O LORD, I know a man's way is not his own:**

**nor by simply walking... can a man direct his own steps.**

<sup>24</sup> **O LORD, correct me, but only with justice;**

**not in Your anger, lest You reduce me to nothing.**

<sup>25</sup> **Pour out Your wrath on the nations who do not know You,**

**and upon the families who do not call on Your Name:**

**for they have devoured Jacob / though he's a scoundrel, a crooked cheat,**

**they devoured him / they consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.**

