

JEREMIAH 12 vs 1

¹ **O righteous LORD** / our LORD is always right, He loves to do what is right; He is not capricious; He is not silent; He is ever-watchful over the life He planted; ever-creative in His concern. The night He was betrayed, He prayed, *O righteous Father...* the righteous LORD learned from His righteous Father,

Jeremiah asks:

O righteous LORD, with You I struggle and ask You of justice: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are all who deal treacherously at ease?

² **You planted them, yes, they took root: they grow, yes, they bear fruit: You are on their lips, yet far from their hearts.**

³ **But you know me, O LORD: You see me, and examine my thoughts about You:**

Drag them off like sheep to be butchered, prepare them for the day of slaughter.

⁴ **How long shall the land groan** / *we know all creation groans*; subjected to the futility of mankind, awaiting its fulfillment in the Messiah—**Romans 8**,

and the herbs of every field wither? Birds and beasts perish... because of the wickedness of those who say, He does not see what is happening.

God answers:

⁵ **If you run with the footmen, and you are weary; then, how can you compete with horses?**

If in the land of peace, you leaned / on a staff or walking stick; then, what will you do in the wild bushes of Jordan?

⁶ **For your brethren, the house of you father, even they have dealt treacherously with you;**

yes, they fully roared / shrieking like a woman... against you:

though they speak fair words to you, do not believe them.

⁷ **I have abandoned My house, I have abandoned My inheritance; I give My dearly Beloved into the hand of her enemies.**

⁸ **My inheritance is to Me as a lion in the forest that roars against me: therefore I hate her.**

⁹ **My inheritance is to Me as a speckled bird / a bird with freckles, an oddity,**

the other birds that surround are against her; they go and gather all the beasts of the field, and bring them to devour.

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¹⁰ Many pastors have destroyed My vineyard,
they have trample My field; they have made My pleasant field a desolate wilderness.

¹¹ They made it desolate, and being desolate it groans to Me; the whole land is made desolate,
but no one takes it to heart.

¹² On all the high places in the wilderness, the spoilers have come:
the sword of the LORD destroys the land from one end even to the other.
There is no peace for anyone.

¹³ They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns:
they have strained themselves, but to no profit:
be ashamed of your revenues / your paltry harvest, your measly crops...
because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

¹⁴ Thus says the LORD against all My evil neighbors
who touch / seize... the inheritance which I gave My people Israel;
Behold / pay attention,
I will uproot them from their land, and uproot the House of Judah from among them.

¹⁵ And it shall happen, after I have uprooted them
I will again return and have compassion on them / when? Well... 2,500 years later; and like the
Good Shepherd He is, who has searched for His flock, and cared for His flock...
and will bring each of them to his own inheritance; each to his own land / which is interesting,
all those in the neighborhood / cousins of these people... have known this... and they had 2,600 years to
prepare the neighborhood to welcome them all home.

¹⁶ And it shall happen, if they really learn the ways of My people, to pledge by My Name,
As the LORD lives; as they taught My people to pledge by Baal; then they will be built up in
the midst of My people.

¹⁷ But if they will not obey, I will utterly uproot and destroy that nation, says the LORD.