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This chapter, these 15 verses are so horrific to consider... most in the Church have never read it or heard it mentioned by a preacher. If you have wondered why God in the OT seems so angry... especially toward His people who claim to be called by His Name... who became faithless... and utterly corrupt; well, you've come to the right chapter. After reading these 15 verses you will never again wonder why.

¹ Thus says the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle / imagine Jeremiah getting a Ming Vase; or the finest porcelain bowl available in Jerusalem,

and take some of the elders of the people, and some elders of the priests / synod board members, deacons, presbyters, clerics, and civil servants, or more likely uncivil servants;

² Then go forth to the valley of the son of Hinnom / leading to where all the broken pottery was discarded,

which is by the entry of the East gate / the double door gate where it's alleged Messiah will enter when He comes again,

and there proclaim the words that I tell you,

³ And say,

Hear the word of the LORD,

O kings of Judah, and dwellers of Jerusalem;

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;

Behold / pay attention,

I will bring calamity upon this place; that will make the ears of every hearer ring.

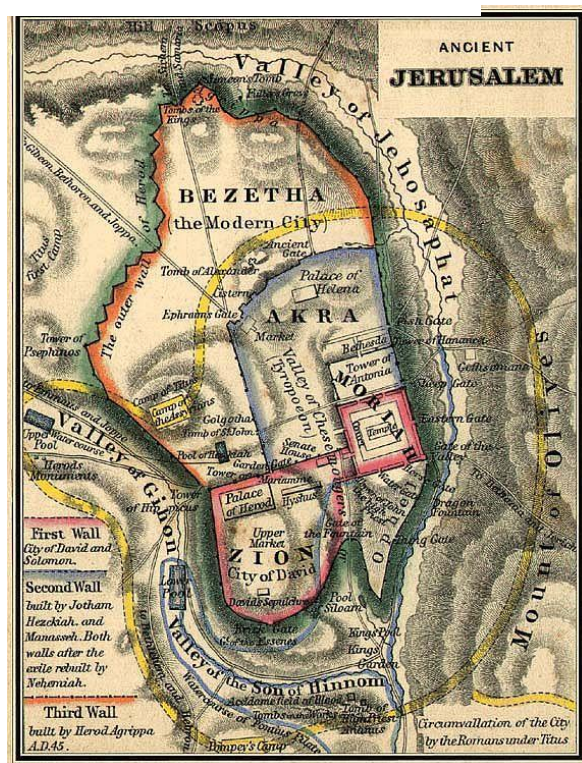
⁴ Because

[1] they abandoned Me, / they did what?

[2] they alienated this place, burning incense to other gods, / they did what?

whom neither they, nor their fathers, nor the kings of Judah... have known / because there are no other gods; they were opened to demonic manifestations,

[3] and they filled this place with the blood of innocents; / they did what?



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And if we stopped there, that's bad enough, but it doesn't stop there; that's what happens when you abandon God.

Verse ⁵ [4] **They also built the high places of Baal,** / they did what?

to burn alive their children as burnt offerings to Baal, / they did what?

which I did **not** command,

I did **not** even mention,

It did **not** enter My mind:

⁶ Therefore, behold / pay attention,

the day comes, says the LORD,

**they devised a religion...
beyond the imagination of
God... to the destruction of
their own prodigy:
and if they could do this 2,500 years
ago, imagine what we have casually
built to offend God and His Word**

that **this place** shall **no** more be called **Tophet** / the name seems to mean: *the furnace*; mentioned 5 times in this chapter, in chapter 11 this *high place* is called a **shameful thing**... in Hebrew: *boshet*. **Tophet, the furnace = boshet, a shameful thing.**

that this place shall **no** more be called Tophet

nor

The valley of the children of Hinnom, / in chapter 5 we read, this valley is where fathers and mothers of Judah... heartlessly burned alive their sons and their daughters. Mind boggling, isn't it? In the scriptures, The valley of Hinnom is occasionally condensed to: Hinnom where we get the **ge-henna**, *the garbage dump* of Jerusalem; it is also the word we translate: **hell**

the day comes, says the LORD, that **this place** shall **no** more be called **Tophet** / the furnace, **nor** The valley of the children of Hinnom

but The valley of slaughter.

⁷ And **in this place**... I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem;

I will cause them / Judah and Jerusalem...

to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them who seek their lives: and their carcasses I will give to be lunchmeat for the birds of heaven,

and for the beasts of the earth.

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⁸ I will make this city desolate, passersby will whistle in disgust;

everyone shall be shocked and hiss because of all its disasters.

⁹ And I will make them **eat the flesh**

of their sons and their daughters / hey, pause and get on the LORD's side. If this sounds disgusting to you, well, good, because it is. It sounds more disgusting to God. After all, those very heartless, self-serving people...foolish fathers and mothers who thought they were offering their murdered children's dead bodies to the gods. Well, God says, thank you, but NO thanks! But, since you really think it's lunch fit for the gods... then you yourself will have opportunity to feast first.

and they, everyone of them shall **eat the flesh of fellow citizens during the siege and tight conditions when their enemies, those who seek their lives shall corner them.**

Next Jeremiah has a dramatic moment...

¹⁰ Then you shall break the bottle / the fine porcelain, the Ming Vase... **in the sight of those who go with you,**

¹¹ And shall say to them, Thus says the LORD of hosts;

Even so... I will break this people and this city / Judah and Jerusalem will be utterly shattered,

as one shatters a potter's vessel, that cannot be repaired:

and they shall bury them in **Tophet / whoever is still alive shall take the dead bodies of the siege...**

and bury them at **the furnace**, that is **boshet...** **a shameful thing**, where they heartlessly burned and murdered their sons and daughter

till there is no place to bury / till this **boshet place is piled high with stinking corpses.**

¹² Thus I will do to **this place, says the LORD, and to all the dwellers thereof,**

and make this city / Jerusalem... as **Tophet: the furnace, that is **boshet...** **a shameful thing**, where they heartlessly burned and murdered their sons and daughter**

¹³ And the houses of Jerusalem,

and the houses of **the kings of Judah,**

shall be defiled as the place of **Tophet: the furnace, that is **boshet...** **a shameful thing**, where they heartlessly burned and murdered their sons and daughter**

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because of all the houses on whose roofs

they have **burned incense to all the host of heaven** / every fabricated god they could invent,

and have poured out

drink offerings to other gods / who are not gods, but demon inspired manifestations.

¹⁴ Then came Jeremiah from **Tophet: the furnace**, that is **boshet...** **a shameful thing**, where they heartlessly burned and murdered their sons and daughter.

And lest we not learn lesson and merely throw stones at others... Remember: in America for the last 5 decades the blood of 50,000,000 babies, who were not even safe in their mother's womb... has been spilt: a number equal to the combined populations of Washington, Oregon and California... as if that many people were suddenly missing. Why? Whatever the excuse, I wonder will God be convinced?

Then came Jeremiah from **Tophet**,

where the LORD sent him to prophesy;

and he stood in the court of the LORD's house / which was supposed to be **a house of Prayer for all the nations**; instead of **boshet...** **a shameful thing**.

and said to all the people,

¹⁵ Thus says the LORD of hosts,

the God of Israel;

Behold / pay attention,

I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I announced against it,

because they hardened their necks,

that they might **not** hear **My words**.