

JEREMIAH 19 vs 1

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 were 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 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;

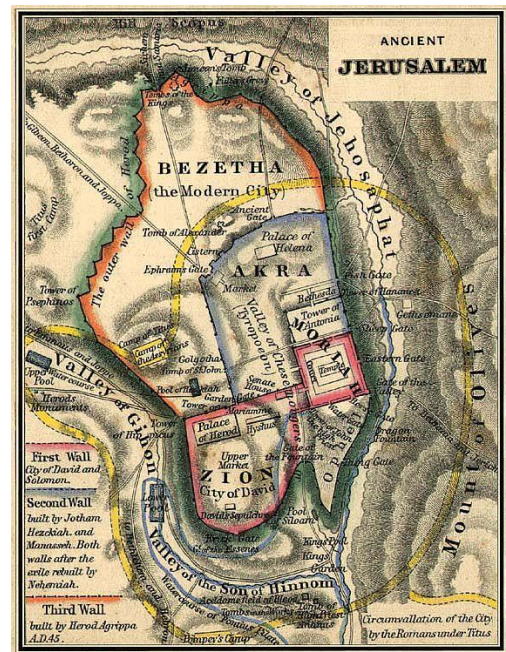
Behold / pay attention, I will bring calamity upon this place; that will make the ears of every hearer ring.

⁴ Because [1] they abandoned Me, / they did what?

[2] they alienated this place, burning incense to other gods, / they did what? **whom not they, nor their fathers, nor the kings of Judah... have known** / because there are no other gods; they were opened to demonic freaks,

[3] and they filled this place with the blood of innocents; / they did what? And if we stopped there, that's bad enough, but it doesn't stop there; that's what happens when you abandon God.

⁵ [4] They also built the high places of Baal, to burn alive their children as offerings to Baal, / they did what?



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which I did **not** command,

I did **not** even mention,

It did **not** enter My mind:

they devised a religion...
beyond the imagination of
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and if they could do this 2,500
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⁶Therefore, behold / pay attention, the day comes, says the LORD, that **this place will no longer 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 will **no** longer 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? The valley of Hinnom is sometimes condensed to: Hinnom where we get **Gehenna**, the garbage dump of Jerusalem; it is also the word translated: **hell**

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

but The valley of slaughter.

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

⁸I will make this city desolate; passersby will whistle in disgust; everyone will be shocked and hiss because of all its disasters.

⁹And 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, good, because it is. It sounds more disgusting to God. Those foolish fathers and mothers who thought offering their children's dead bodies to the gods. Well, God said, NO thank you! But since you think it's lunch fit for Me... then you will have opportunity to feast first.

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

Next Jeremiah has a dramatic moment...

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10 Then you will break the bottle in the sight of those who go with you / Jeremiah was told to smash the fine porcelain vase,

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

Even so... I will break this people and this city as one shatters a potter's vessel, that cannot be repaired / Judah and Jerusalem will be utterly shattered:



and they will bury them in Tophet till there is no place to bury / whoever is still alive will take the dead bodies of the siege...and bury them at the furnace, at that boshet... a shameful thing, where they heartlessly burned, murdering their sons and daughters till this boshet place is piled high with stinking corpses; and history tells us that is what happened.

12 Thus I will do to this place, says the LORD, and to all its dwellers, and make this city / which could be your city, or my city... as Tophet: the furnace, that is boshet... this shameful place.

13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, will be defiled as the place of Tophet: the furnace, that is boshet... a shameful thing, where innocent children were killed,

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 demonic freaks.

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 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 was 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 and said to all the people, / which was supposed to be a house of Prayer for all the nations; instead of boshet... a shameful thing.

15 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold / pay attention, I will bring on this city and on all her towns all the evil that I announced against it, because they hardened their necks, that they might not hear My words.

