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Jeremiah was a prophet sent to faithless nations, kings, princes, priests, false prophets and people... all who dishonestly lived in their presumptive comforts... and flawed geniuses; having rejected the Covenant God made with them – the 10 commandments given with the blessings of God to all who would take His 10 words to heart. So, Jeremiah was sent... to people only equaled by those of our brilliant science and research dominated 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In the previous chapter, Jeremiah wrote: **the LORD rejected them...** they were **Reprobate silver**, they were yesterday's fool's gold:

<sup>1</sup> **The word of the LORD** that came to Jeremiah, saying,

<sup>2</sup> **Stand in the gate of the LORD's house** / also known as Solomon's temple, already 400 years old; a timespan as old as the King James Bible, or when the pilgrims came to America; and slightly longer time than when Christopher Wren's replacement of St. Paul's Cathedral was designed in 1669,

**Stand in the gate of the Lord's house** / David wrote: *I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the House of the Lord -- Psalm 122*; for millennia... replete with archeological references... even in Rome today... it was the undeniable center of worship for both greater **Israel** and little **Judah**.

**Proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah** / the Jewish people, **who enter these gates to worship the LORD.**

<sup>3</sup> **Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel** / remember: Judah and Benjamin, the 2 southern tribes were also Jacob's sons, though they were **not** the recipients of the birthright promises of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Joseph's son Ephraim who led the 10 northern tribes was given that blessing,

**Amend** / change, modify, correct... **your ways and your doings** / in the NT, have a metanoia moment,

**and I will cause you to dwell in this place.**

<sup>4</sup> **Trust not in deceiving words** / false slogans, saying,

**The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD**

/ Dr. Moffett wrote: *This is the Eternal's own temple; his very own temple*; Judah, sinking in their traditions... had several empty slogans even pronouncing the name: **Emmanuel**... which means: *Gawd is with us*. The people were convinced they were invincible; perhaps, their positive thinking preachers regularly reminded them... *Gawd loves you no matter what! And so do I!*

Previously, the LORD asked: *For what purpose does incense come to Me from Sheba / Arabia?* Where did the people get... the harebrained idea that God needed some special spices... from a distant country... clogging His nostrils? And how much did that cost at the Temple Mount Store?

Obviously, all this extravagant speech and fancy trappings were not a big deal to God.

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**<sup>5</sup> If you thoroughly amend / correct... your ways and your doings;**

**if you truly execute right judgment between one another;**

**<sup>6</sup> If you do **not** oppress the stranger, the orphan, or the widow** / 11 times Moses told us the Lord God executes justice for the fatherless and the widow; and loves the alien giving him food and clothing – adding, therefore love the stranger... for you were a stranger in Egypt, too – **Deut. 10**; as a child Jesus said, I must be about My Father's business; can you imagine? That's what Jesus spent much of His time doing; we live in a perverted generation where pedophiles abuse and destroy the unsuspecting lives of the fatherless – as for the widow who has lost the love of His life, God knows that experience; think about what His only Son was willing to do, stepping down forever from His position in eternity; to take on flesh and blood, and because He greatly loves His Father, He paid the debt against His loving Father, that we could never pay; what did that Blessed Son gain? I don't know about you, but I wouldn't have died for someone like me;

**If you do **not** oppress the stranger, the orphan or the widow; and do **not** shed innocent blood in this place, nor go after other gods to your ruin** / the first commandment God wrote says: have no other gods before Me – because there aren't any other gods... though there is still a battle raging against the adversary of our souls – the father of lies:

**<sup>7</sup> Then... I will let you dwell in this place,**

**in the land I gave to your fathers, forever and ever** / which is a long time, isn't it?

**<sup>8</sup> Behold, you are trusting deceptive chants** / you are reciting misleading mantras, **to no profit.**

**<sup>9</sup> What? You steal, you murder, you commit adultery, you perjure yourselves** / the House of Judah... following in the footsteps of the House of Israel... ignoring commandments 8, 6, 7 and 9,

**and sacrifice to Baal** / these people also practiced disgusting child sacrifices to Baal; something still happening today in cultures where pedophilia dominates, and children's lives are devalued;

**and go after other unknown gods;**

**<sup>10</sup> And then... you come and stand before Me in **this house, which is called by My name,****

**and say, We are delivered** / We are safe...

**(to do all these abominable practices)?** To perform all these disgusting activities? Were they a little confused? Or just damned ignorant? Certainly, the knowledge of God was missing in their lives.

**<sup>11</sup> **This house, which is called by My name,****

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**has it become a den of robbers in your sight?** / is it just a lair for the criminally insane, for thugs and thieves and hoodlums?

**Behold, even I have seen it, says the LORD** / at least twice when He lived among us, Jesus entered the temple area that had long stopped being a House of Prayer for the nations, and had become an institutionalized money-machine... and twice we know He threw the crooked merchants out. Maybe Jeremiah didn't fully understand it, but **yes, the Lord saw it.**

And being a good Teacher, the LORD continues...

**<sup>12</sup> Go to the place in Shiloh,**

**where I first set My name / the place first called by My name,**

**and see what I did because of the wickedness of My people Israel** / in other words, as the tabernacle at the time of Judges... did **not** save the city Shiloh from falling, so likewise the temple will **not** save the citizens of Jerusalem.

**<sup>13</sup> And now, since you have done all these things, says the LORD,**

**and I spoke to you, rising up early**

**and speaking, but you did not hear;**

**and I called you, but you did not answer;** / 600 years later, Jesus would again rise early and come to the temple to teach the multitudes. How many would actually listen? He said, only a few chose to enter *the narrow gate.*

**<sup>14</sup> Therefore, as I have done to Shiloh, I will do to the place wherein you trust, which I gave to you and your fathers, this house, which is called by My name.**

**<sup>15</sup> And I will cast you / House of Judah... out of My sight, as I cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim** / adios to all the recipients of the blessings to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

And to Jeremiah, the LORD said...

**<sup>16</sup> Therefore, do not pray for this people** / the night He was betrayed, Jesus in his great high priestly prayer, said Father, *I do not pray for the world; I pray for those whom You gave me out of the world* – **John 17**, The Lord says, there's a time to pray, and a time to stop praying...

**lift no cry, nor prayer of intercession to Me for them:**

**for I will not listen to you.**