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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... all 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 21st century.

In the previous chapter, Jeremiah wrote: the LORD rejected them; they were reprobate silver, they were yesterday's fool's gold:



¹ The **word of the LORD** that came to Jeremiah, saying,

² **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.**

³ **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 primary 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.**

⁴ **Trust not in deceiving words** / do not lean on 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?*

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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.

⁵ If you thoroughly amend / correct... your ways and your doings; if you truly execute right judgment between one another;

⁶ 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 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:

⁷ 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?

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

⁹ 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 and go after other unknown gods / these people also practiced disgusting child sacrifice to Baal; something still happening today in cultures where pedophilia dominates, and children's lives are devalued;

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ **This house, which is called by My name, has it become a den of robbers in your sight?** / is it just a lair for the criminally insane, for religious thugs and thieves and hocus pocus hoodlums?

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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...



12 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 / so, 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.

13 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.

14 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.

15 And I will throw you / House of Judah... out of My sight, as I threw out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim / when we hear his name remember he is inheritor of the blessings to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and last to him and his brother were being moved to a new place where **Ephraim would become a commonwealth of nations and Manasseh would become a great nation** at the center of world history.

And to Jeremiah, the LORD said...

16 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 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.

This chapter began with Jeremiah addressing those who came to the gates of the temple in Jerusalem... thinking they would worship the LORD – apparently not knowing [those who worship God, must worship Him in Spirit and in truth](#). They were faithless people, lovers of traditions, not lovers of God; they ignored what mattered most to God who created them... though He had blessed their fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Jeremiah was told to stop praying for these rebellious people.

17 Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough / so the whole family is involved... which seems like it should be a good and proper thing, right?

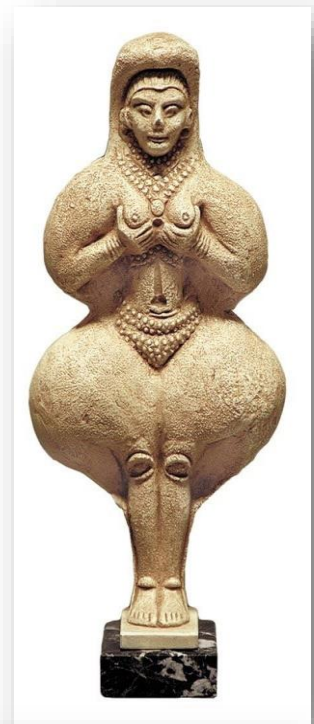
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Wrong! **to make cakes to the queen of heaven** / and you might ask, who is that? Well, I'm sure she's a beauty!

If you've never heard of her, good! She ain't anybody worth getting to know. The LORD tells Jeremiah why He is going to discipline **Judah** as a nation... and notice the LORD is clearly angry that these people are defiantly refusing to obey Him, while they stupidly prepare to worship this queen of heaven crap. A fuller account of God's judgment on **Judah** can be read in **Jeremiah 44**.

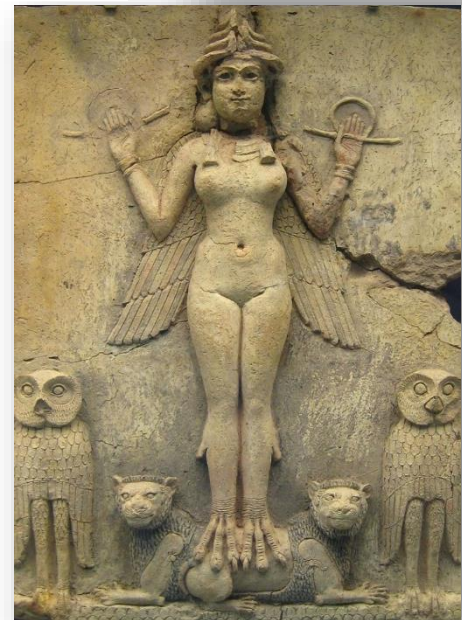
Who is this queen of heaven?

She can be traced back to the days of the Tower of Babel, the earliest times of Babylon soon after Noah's flood, [when oversexed Semiramis, the wife of Nimrod](#) -- he was that famous rebel against God... and she was up to acquiring power. In Mesopotamian the names: *Ishtar* (from where comes: Easter, as in Easter eggs, and bunny rabbits and other fertility rites and relics), *Astarte*, *Ashtoreth* and other variants... indicate she was chiefly a **goddess of sex and war**... and for some reason the women of **Judah** attributed to her not only their sexual fertility but also a productive annual harvest season.



Over the centuries, the roman church cloned many Babylonian festivals and foolishly attempted to paste over the stale, pagan traditions with Christian themes such as Saturnalia (the **red** and **green** holiday, we know now as Christmas) the wintry sex festival that suddenly became... the time when Christ was born, and Mary was made the queen of heaven – she isn't.

John clearly sees in the Revelation 17 to 18... the last faithless, religious *whore*... called *Mystery, Babylon the great, who sits on many waters* (so this whore has a global agenda; not to mention – a very large derriere) who is also called a *Mother of Whores* (so she has creepy, STD children who admire her, and scratch a lot, too) who erroneously think she is not just a royal jackass, but some *queen* and definitely someone's bride, but certainly we know she is NOT the bride of Christ, because that is chapter 19!



Back to the LORD talking to Jeremiah,

children... and fathers... and women... make cakes to the queen of heaven

and pour drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger./ so they had some fancy party tradition going on in **Judah**; probably as fancy as Christmas time in the West, where in 2015 they spent \$600,000,000.00 in presents.

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Dang! I forgot to provoke God to anger, I mean... I forgot again to participate in all the fun... preferring instead to acknowledge the [7 Days of the Lord](#), particularly the 3 during [the Festival of Ingathering](#)... after all, Paul wrote those 3 Days are also: *shadows of things to come, to be fulfilled in Christ.*

19 Do they provoke Me to anger? says the LORD:

Do they not provoke themselves to their own shame?

20 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD;

Behold, My anger and My wrath will be poured out on this place / the LORD is talking about His wrath dumped... starting on that building in Jerusalem.... that apparently was no longer needed, poured out... on man and on beast; on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and not be quenched.

21 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel / the name means: those allegedly ruled by God;

Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat! / God wasn't interested in their offerings.

22 For I did not speak to your fathers concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices;

and I did not command them... the day that I brought them from the land of Egypt:

23 But this I commanded them, saying,

Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people / not terribly complicated: walk in all the ways I command you, that it be well with you.

24 But they did not listen; they did not even lean forward with their ear, but walked in the counsels of their stubborn, evil heart, and went backward, and not forward / they got stuck walking through life... butt first, in reverse!

25 Since the day your fathers came from the land of Egypt to this day, I have sent you all My servants the prophets, day after day sending them:

26 Yet they did not listen to Me, and did not lean forward with their ear, but stiffened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

27 Therefore speak all these words to them; but they will not listen to you: you will call to them; but they will not answer.

28 And you will say to them, This nation does not obey the voice of the LORD their God,

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nor receive correction: **truth has perished**, and has been cut off from their mouth.

²⁹ Cut off your hair, O Jerusalem / as a sign of mourning and humility, and throw it away, take up a lamentation on the barren places; for the LORD has rejected and abandoned the generation of His wrath.

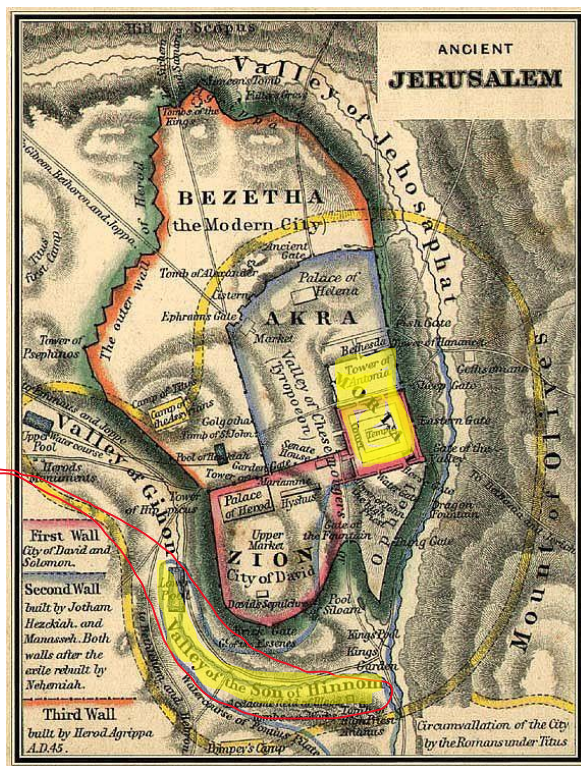
When we read these sobering words, remember what Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, *We are not appointed unto wrath, but to salvation through Jesus Christ the Lord.*

³⁰ For the **children of Judah** have done evil in My sight, says the LORD:

→ they have set their detestable things in **the house which is called by My name**, to pollute it.

→ ³¹ They have built the high places of Tophet, which is the valley of the son of Hinnom,

→ to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire / the despicable practices of Judah included such mindless evil toward their children, Judah was more evil than their heathen neighbors; but is it any more despicable than the 50,000,000 aborted babies since the 1970s? It's all disgusting; totally vile; pure evil.



which I did **not** command,

nor did it enter My heart.

³² Therefore, behold, **the days come**, says the LORD / three last days equal to Passover and Pentecost; are still on the LORD's calendar; *shadows of things to come...* **the 6th Day of the Lord** will be an ugly, terrifying day afflicting souls... when He comes to settle scores,

when it will no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom,

but the Valley of **Slaughter**:

for they will bury in Tophet, because there is no other place.



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³³ And the carcasses of **this people** will be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the **earth**; and no one will frighten them away.

³⁴ Then I will silence **from the cities of Judah**, and **from the streets of Jerusalem**, the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land will be desolate.

I wonder... with the great number of people now days, even for those in the church now days... not only the Jewish people... but all who have returned to Jerusalem, which is now more than ever a cesspool still in need of a cleaning; after all these years of exile... during the time of the Gentile nations -- those who have embraced Jesus the Messiah included; Do they hear the impending warning? Do they hear the imminent danger still found in these verses?

Jeremiah and the other prophets... have many more things to tell us about that ancient land.

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