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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 that those who worship God, must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. The problem is that they were faithless people, lovers of traditions, not lovers of God; they ignored what mattered most to the LORD God who created them... even though He had uniquely blessed their fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Jeremiah was told to stop praying for these rebellious people.

**Verse 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?

Wrong!

**to make cakes to the queen of heaven** / and you might ask, who is that?

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.

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)... 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,

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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** / 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.

**that they may provoke Me to anger.**

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.*

**<sup>19</sup> Do they provoke Me to anger? says the LORD:**

**Do they not provoke themselves to their own shame?**

**<sup>20</sup> 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.**

**<sup>21</sup> 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.

**<sup>22</sup> 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 out of the land of Egypt:**

**<sup>23</sup> 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.**

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24 But they listened **not**; 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 out of the land of Egypt to this day,  
I have sent you all My servants the prophets, day after day sending them:

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

27 Therefore you will 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,  
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,

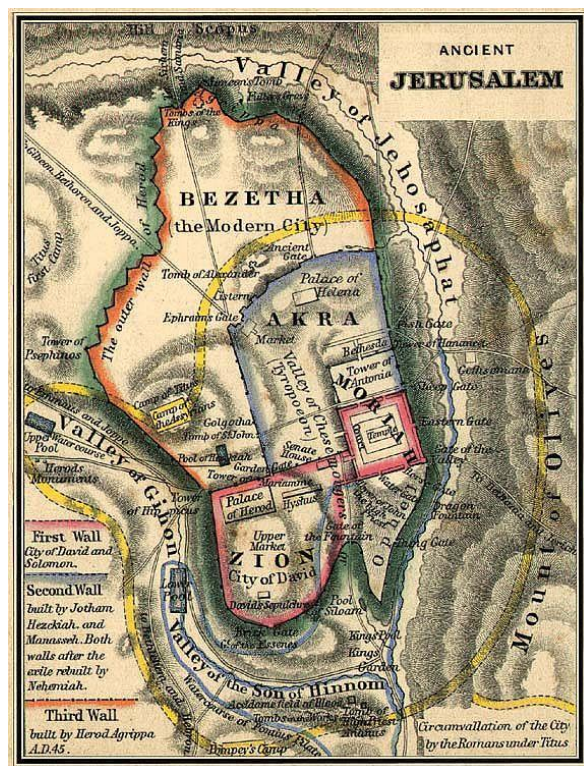
and throw it away, take up a lamentation on barren places;

for the LORD has rejected and abandoned this 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.



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**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 1970's?

**which I did not command,**

**nor did it enter My heart.**

**32 Therefore, behold, the days come, says the LORD** / three days are still on the LORD'S calendar; the 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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 Jewish people now days, even for those in the church now days... who have returned to Jerusalem after the years of exile... during the time of the Gentile nations -- those who have embraced Jesus the Messiah excepted; 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.