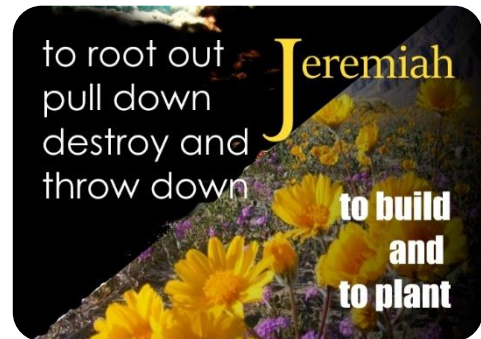


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How do we honor the greatest Father? The loving Father of our Lord Jesus Christ was the theme and topic and focus of the Son... all the days He walked among us. Of His Father, He never spoke an unkind word, never a hint of hurt or harm did He associate with His Name; certainly all the books ever written could never exhaust the magnitude of His mercy, His grace, and His loving kindness toward us; while for countless centuries... He receives our complaints, our ingratitude and our censure.



In the 3 previous verses, Jeremiah told us of many unspeakable things... both **Israel** = **ruled by God** and **Judah** = **the praise God** were doing with great regularity; nauseating things that NEVER were required, and NEVER entered into the mind of the LORD God. So let's review, and remember: **so we NEVER forget.**

**Tophet**... means: fireplace... / but **not** the warm, cozy place to gather round with hot chocolate... oftentimes referred to as: **high places**; in Hebrew, **boshet**... meaning: a shameful thing. **Tophet** -- is where young king Josiah purged the land of detestable pagan practices to Baal;

**The fireplace** was located in **the Valley of Ben Hinnom**, called: **the Valley of the Children of Hinnom**, mentioned in Joshua, associated with the Jebusite people who occupied the area surrounding Jerusalem; to know their history, is to know why God wanted them destroyed! later the **Valley of Hinnom** became known as: **Gehenna**... (in Greek: **geenna**, always translated **hell**); the **garbage dump** of Jerusalem.

**Tophet**, the fireplace... the garbage dump of the city; where manmade traditions and cherished hocus pocus was celebrated... where princes, priests, merchants and people rich and poor gathered on the high places, or around **the fireplace** with their families, and mindlessly sacrificed innocent sons and daughters – their own children... in the fires of Baal. Yes, that was **boshet!**

C.S. Lewis wisely said, our little mistakes, our oops! in life... after a million years, might not look so little.

If you were GOD, what would you do to those people? If you were a Hitler or a Charles Manson, most likely you would applaud them, but if you were GOD's advisor, what would you suggest He do to them?

Jeremiah says, The Valley of Hinnom, renamed the Valley of Slaughter was filled with bones to overflowing by the invading troops of the Babylonians and the Chaldeans.

**<sup>1</sup> At that time, declares the LORD, the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of her officials, and the bones of the priests, the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the residents of Jerusalem they will bring out of their graves.**

**<sup>2</sup> And they will be exposed to the sun, the moon, and all the host of heaven, which they have loved, served, followed, consulted, and worshiped / since they loved the weird, demonic inspired practices, the LORD who created them, accommodates them; their will be done!**

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**Their bones will not be gathered or buried; but will become as manure / as dung on the face of the earth** / such total desecration of a conquered people was common.

**<sup>3</sup>Death will be preferred... rather than life, by all those who survive of this evil family, those who remain wherever they went, says the LORD of hosts.**

**<sup>4</sup>You are to say to them, This is the declaration of the LORD: Do people fall, and not get up again? If they make a wrong turn, do they not return?** / this turning always indicates it is a time to change their thinking, to reconsider, until they think correctly.

The old American Shaker's song understands this principle: it begins: Tis the gift to be simple, tis the gift to be free; and it ends: to turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

**<sup>5</sup>Why have these people turned away? Why is Jerusalem always turning away in rebellion? They are anchored in deceit, they refuse to return.**

**<sup>6</sup>I have carefully listened and heard, what they say is **not** a word of truth! No one regrets his evil, asking, What have I done? Everyone has gone his own way, like horses galloping into the battle.**

**<sup>7</sup>Even, the stork in the heavens knows its seasons; the turtledove, crane and swallow know when to migrate** / little peanut-head birdbrains know when to go and when to return;

**but My people do **not** know the instructions of the LORD;**

**<sup>8</sup>How do you claim, we are wise; the law of the LORD is with us? Lo / mark this, the lying pen of the scribes has rewritten useless directions. Dr. Moffatt translated this: your scribes have written them wrong, and falsified them;**

the stream of truth has been polluted for centuries. The global agenda at the highest level of academia works overtime to destroy confidence in the Word of God. The deist policies that crept into the once protestant communities throughout the world now overtake them. The romans are historic for its Dark Ages, falsifying documents and harshly attacking to discredit the Word; nothing new. The LORD says, be faithful... if you knew where to look in the L.A. Coliseum, you'd see where we sat the evening John Paul 2 was there; now you know why they sang that version: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee.



**<sup>9</sup>The wise will be disgraced, they will be dismayed and snared: because they rejected the word of the LORD; so, what wisdom do they really have in them?** / from the beginning these highly educated scribblers, falsifiers, criminals, not caretakers of the word of God, they were warned not to add anything to it, or subtract anything from it.

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**10 Therefore I will give their wives to other men, and their fields to other occupants, for from the least to the greatest all are greedy, from the prophet to the priest, all deal falsely.**

**11 They have bandaged the wounds of My people superficially, saying, **Peace, peace; when there is no peace** / All is well, all is well... when all is not well.**

**12 Were they ashamed of their disgusting conduct? No, they were **not** at all ashamed, they do **not** even blush: therefore they will fall among the fallen: they will collapse when I visit them, declares the LORD.**

**13 They will be destroyed by them, says the LORD: there will be no grapes on the vine, no figs on the fig tree, and even the leaf will wither. Whatever I have given will go away.**

**14 Why are we just sitting here? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter the fortified areas, and perish there: for the LORD our God has silenced us, and gave us cheap vinegar to drink, because we sinned against the LORD.**

**15 We hoped for peace, but **no** good came; for a time of healing, but there was only terror!**

**16 From Dan / in the far north... was heard the snorting of their horses: the whole land quaked at the sound of the neighing of their stallions. They come to devour the land and everything in it, the city and all its residents.**

**17 Indeed, I send snakes among you, poisonous rattlers that you cannot charm. They will bite you, declares the LORD.**

**18 My sorrow is past healing, My heart is sick within Me / the Lord finds NO pleasure punishing.**

**19 Why have they provoked Me with their carved images, their foreign idols? / He already had one image in view: His dear Son; [He doesn't need any grubby graven image blocking His view.](#)**

**Indeed, the cry of My dear people, who dwell faraway: Is the LORD no longer in Zion? Has the King left her? / because the invaders have arrived, and the people were exiled faraway:**

**20 “Harvest has passed, summer has ended, but we are not saved.” / nothing is left to keep us alive.**

**21 For the hurt of the daughter of My people I am broken-hearted; I mourn; dismay has seized me / Jeremiah says, for my poor people in Jerusalem; horror grips me; and he wonders...**

**22 Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? / is there no curative medicine to be found; just a day away? So, why has the healing of my people not occurred? Simple, because they had a spiritual disease; it was pandemic; with no remedy you could purchase from any market down here.**