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Jeremiah is greatly grieved over the total failure of the people in the capital, called to be a blessing by God

¹ Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of... the daughter of my people! / a euphemism for: Jerusalem

C.S. Lewis asked, after the crying, then what?

² Oh that I was in the wilderness... at a lodge for travelers; that I might leave my people, and go from them! / Jeremiah wanted to be anywhere, but there.

For they are all faithless; a gang of treacherous men.

³ They use their tongues like crossbows, for dishonesty / what they say is traitorous, to destroy:

but truth does not prevail in the land / so they are very much like the world community today;

they proceed from evil to evil / they advance from one crime to the next,

ignoring Me, says the LORD.

⁴ Beware of your neighbor, let no one trust his brother:

for a brother will cheat like Jacob / whose name means: scoundrel, charlatan, crook, swindler,

and a neighbor will go slandering / all the people; neighbors and relatives alike will be untrustworthy.

⁵ And everyone deceives his neighbor, and does not speak the truth:

they train their tongue to speak lies / they are educated and skillful to lie, probably taught by the father of lies,

they weary themselves committing iniquity.

⁶ You dwell among deceit;

through deceit they chose to ignore Me, says the LORD / they lie very well; so regularly, they snub and disregard the LORD.

⁷ Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts,

Behold, I will refine them, and assay them / they will be tested to show what they are really made of;

for what else can I do for the daughter of My people? / the LORD values freedom, and love freely given, not coerced, forced, pressured or strong-armed. He is not short on creativity. He could destroy them.

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⁸ Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaks deceit / what they say has deadly consequences:

with the mouth, one speaks peace to his neighbor, but in his heart, he plots an ambush / so they are duplicitous with their intentions: speaking peace when there is not peace, while preparing for war.

⁹ Shall I not visit them for these things? says the LORD / when God visits it isn't for tea and cakes:

shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this? / Shouldn't I exact payment from them?

His people knew what they were to keep and do... as they entered the land promised to their forefathers; **Moses told them**; the 10 commands were to be written on their hands and in their foreheads... as well as taught to the children, and the children's children: [1] You will have no other gods before Me; [2] You will not lightly lift up the name of the Lord; [3] You will not make graven images of things in the heavens, on earth, or beneath in the seas... to bow down and serve; [4] You shall keep the sabbath day and keep it holy, you and all your family and employees, six days you will labor, and on the seventh you will remember the Lord who led you out from the house of bondage; [5] You will honor your father and mother that you extend your days on the earth; [6] You will not murder; [7] You will not adulterate; [8] You will not steal; [9] You will not falsely accuse your neighbor; [10] You will not covet your neighbors wife, nor covet anyone or anything that belongs to your neighbor. These 10 commands and nothing more... were required to ensure success where you find God's people; these commands are: **a mark on their hand** as they labor **and on their forehead** in their devotion that they belong to the LORD.

Obviously, Jeremiah speaks of once greatly blessed people who had abandoned the ways of the Lord; much like our genius generation.

Next, the LORD appeals as their Creator... who looked, and what He once saw was very good:

¹⁰ For the mountains / not created to be run down and abused and polluted by self-serving sinners / in this case: symbolic of the big shots, the star players who reach the heights.

For the mountains... I will lament, weeping and wailing, for the pastures of the wilderness, because they are laid waste, so that none can pass through them;

neither can be heard the cattle lowing; both...

the fowl of the heavens are fled, and the beasts of the field are gone / even the little birdbrains, cattle, sheep and goats have enough sense to leave; they know when the storm is coming.

¹¹ I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons / some suggest this word may mean: dinosaurs, if dinosaurs were around they were quickly destroyed. The Lord will start with the capital being the most lawless and corrupt; filled with lying criminals and all their speech writers;

I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an occupant.

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12 Who is wise, and can understand this?

To whom has the mouth of the LORD spoken,

that he too will declare it?

Why is the earth ruined and wasted like a wilderness,

so that no one passes through?

13 The LORD says,

Because they have abandoned My law... which I set before them / why, was His law too difficult? What Moses told them in Deuteronomy 5... and nothing more – even the little children could remember them: but if that was too much, when Jesus walked among us, He was asked about what law was the greatest... and Jesus responded: 1. Love God with all your heart, and soul, and mind; and 2. Love your neighbor as yourself. Not terribly complicated, is it?

Because they have abandoned My law... which I set before them,

and have not obeyed My voice, neither walked therein;

14 But walk after the stubbornness of their own heart / but walk around like stiff-necked jackasses,

and after Baals / so they were jackasses devoted to disgusting practices, hocus pocus practices... which included murdering children; even their own child... used in their twisted religious activities thinking it was acceptable to God... when in fact it is demonic, inspired in the pit of hell. In our 21st century, where are all those children today who are reported missing; govts can find our missing \$100, but can't seem to find the international pedophile rings scattered throughout the world, and even in our country, and also in yours; how strange?

which their fathers taught them / faithless fathers – who are not real fathers... still teach the nations to follow Babylon's deadly – lifeless, demon inspired practices:

15 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts,

the God of Israel / the only God who created the heaven and the earth;

Behold / pay attention,

I will feed them, even this people, with bitterness,

and give them cheap vinegar / which will be poisonous to drink.

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16 I will scatter them among the nations / so these lying cheats will be dispersed among us also,

whom neither they nor their fathers have known / in nations unfamiliar with their deviant devotional habits and practices:

and I will send a sword after them,

till I have annihilated them / and a sword will follow them to their destruction.

17 Thus says the LORD of hosts / with a tone of sarcasm, or mockery?

Consider and call for the mourning women,

that they may come;

and send for skilled wailers,

that they may come too / since these people loved all the manmade drama, the LORD wanted everyone to put on their best performance:

18 and let them make haste,

and take up a wailing for us,

that our eyes may run down with tears / so bring an extra Kleenex box, too,

and our eyelids gush out with waters / remember going to the cross, Jesus... bloodied and abused, to be crucified for the whole damn world, He said, *Daughters of Jerusalem... Do not weep for Me; weep for yourselves. How I longed to gather you, but you would not* -- **Luke 23**.

And now the women sing their best country cowgirl song...

19 “For loud wailing is heard out of Zion / out of the City of David,

How we are ruined! How great is our confusion!

because we must abandon the land / of the 200+ times Jeremiah uses this Hebrew word, it is the same word, what God created in the beginning: heaven and **earth**. Are they only saddened because they are forced to leave, or because they chose not to keep and do all that their forefathers promised to do?

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because our dwellings are in ruins.” Bravo! Lovely! Encore! They passed their audition.

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²⁰ O ye women, Hear **the word of the LORD,**

and let your ears receive the word of His mouth.

Teach your daughters how to wail / they did such a lovely audition, get your kids ready to sing, too,

and everyone her neighbor this lamentation:

²¹ **“Death... has climbed in our windows; it has entered our palaces** / like a thief in the night robbing their palatial dwelling filled with junk,

It cuts down children in the streets / well, their demonic devotion gave their kids a death sentence, so were they complaining?

and the youth in the public squares.”

²² **Thus says the LORD,**

Sing, Verse 2: “The carcasses of men fall as dung upon the fields;

like fields already harvested, there’s none to gather them.” / not really a Top 10 tune, is it?! It is unspeakably tragic that the holy Father God, who is longsuffering and full of mercy beyond measure... that He would have to teach His faithless, stubborn people such horrible songs, isn't it?

²³ **Thus says the LORD,**

Let not the wise boast in their wisdom,

let not the strong boast in their might,

let not the rich boast in their riches:

²⁴ **But let the one who boasts, boast about this:**

that he / or she... understands and knows **Me,**

I Am the LORD who exercises compassion, justice, and righteousness in the **earth:**

for in these things I delight, says the LORD.

Solomon told us 6 things the Lord always hates, and the 7th – **Proverbs 6**. Paul wrote, *for the kingdom of God... the place where God lives and rules; is not about eating and drinking, but righteousness, joy and peace... in the Spirit* -- **Romans 14**.

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²⁵ **Behold, the days come, says the LORD** / these verses are not just some history lesson to ponder from 2700 years ago; God's word is for our instruction and correction; **3 days** still remain on the LORD'S calendar: *shadows of things to come*; this prophecy has not been fulfilled, but one day it will be,

Behold the days come,

that I will punish all who are circumcised... yet uncircumcised / and who is He talking about? Well we know he isn't talking about the cultures where males get whacked on; Jeremiah already said: *circumcise yourself to the Lord* – **Jeremiah 4:4**;

²⁶ **Egypt, and Judah, and Edom** / North Jordan,

and the children of Ammon / Jordon,

and Moab / South Jordon,

and all those who dwell in the wilderness in the furthest places / so our nations are included.

For all these nations / not only the whole Middle East neighborhood full of distant cousins; but also, all the other nations who have also heard the good news, whether or not they took it to heart...

all these nations... are uncircumcised / and I bet they are a little stubborn, too. Twice Moses told the stubborn chosen people, who were greatly blessed by the Lord God; who were given a mission to be a blessing to the whole world: he said, *circumcise your heart* – **Deuteronomy 10 & 30**,

and all the house of Israel / or we could say...

and all the house of the ones ruled by God ... is uncircumcised in the heart, too.

Wouldn't you want to know who in our genius 21st century, is not mentioned in this prophecy? Paul told the New Testament people: you are the Israel of God; but John told us in the Revelation, that the last church, would be fractured: some like Ephesus had lost their first love; some like Laodicea who thought they were rich and needed nothing, but like modern churchianity, they left the Lord standing outside their door.

In the last days, only a remnant of God's people will be saved. And we might wonder why? Jesus already warned us: Few would find the narrow way. Why? Perhaps because only a few cared to go search for it ... the only way that leads to life forever more. Stubbornness can be deadly.