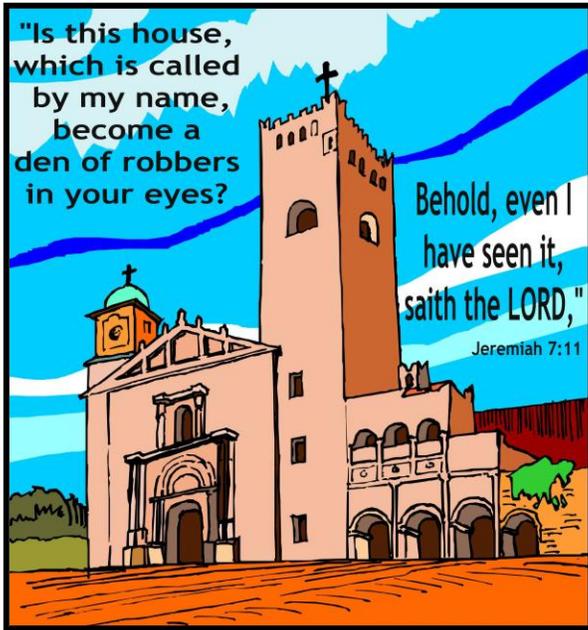


SUMMER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2015

THEME: GOD DEMANDS JUSTICE

UNIT III – ADVOCATING GOD’S RIGHTS THE BIBLE WAY

“JEREMIAH REQUIRES GOD’S PEOPLE TO REPENT”



Sunday School Lesson No. X - August 9, 2015

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Lesson Text: Jeremiah 7:1-15

Motto Texts: **Jeremiah 7:3**, "Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place."
II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Required Reading: Jeremiah 1; 7:1-19; II Kings 23:35-37; 24:1-6

Reliable Resources: Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI); Word-Search 10 Electronic Library System; Standard Lesson Commentary; The Tim LaHaye Prophecy Bible; The Outline Bible by H. L. Willmington; Children’s Ministry Resource Bible; David Jeremiah Study Bible; Logos Bible Software; John MacArthur Study Bible

LESSON INTRODUCTION

As we discuss the sermon prophecies of Jeremiah, we come face-to-face with a great man of God. He was a priest and prophet, the son of Hilkiah of the village of Anathoth. He enlisted a secretary named Baruch who received most of the dictation of his prophecies. Jeremiah was known as a “weeping prophet” but, by no means, was he a weak prophet (9:10; 13:17; 14:17). He was in constant danger because of his strong prophetic messages that called for Judah to surrender to Babylon as a part of their chastening by God. When they refused to obey, listening to the voice of the false, lying prophets, then God pronounced long-term, torturous judgment upon them. (Read Jeremiah 28:1-17). (Several quotes were taken from John MacArthur’s Study Bible.)

Now the setting of Chapter 7 finds Jehovah sending Jeremiah to one of the gates of the city of Jerusalem at a solemn feast. According to Deuteronomy 16:16, Israel was required to send their males to the city 3 times a year, during these feast days. It is here that Jeremiah declares again God’s serious indictment against Judah! It’s time to repent and amend their ways.

Anticipated Power Points are:

- **God Demands Holiness over Habitual Practices. Jeremiah 7:1-7**
- **God Reveals the Hypocrisy of Deceptive Living. Jeremiah 7:8-11**
- **God’s Removal of the Sins of Israel’s Past. Jeremiah 7:12-15**

LESSON OUTLINE

I. God Demands Holiness over Habitual Practices. Jeremiah 7:1-7

Judah was very habitual in their worship practices. That of itself is not totally awful, but God wants more than a habit; He wants holiness that comes from total commitment and obedience of God’s Word.

A. Holiness that reverences God’s Word. vss. 1-2

B. Holiness that reacts properly to God's Word. vs. 3-6

1. Critiquing the words of others by the Word. vs. 4
 - a. They needed to beware of false prophets. (Read Jeremiah 28)
 - b. God doesn't react to magic potions or superstitious words.
2. Correcting their own living by God's Word. vs. 3, 5-6

C. Holiness receives the promises of God's Word. vs. 7

Both pros and cons – Read II Chronicles 7:14-22. God always fulfills His promises to those who obey His Word.

II. God Reveals the Hypocrisy of Deceptive Living. Jeremiah 7:8-11

A. God abhors the hypocrisy of the habitual practice of sins. vs. 9-10

I Samuel 16:7 – *“But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”*

B. God sees all and nothing is hidden from Him. vs. 11

Ezekiel 8:6-12 – *“He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations. And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.”*

III. God's Removal of the Sins of Israel's Past. Jeremiah 7:12-15

God's track record shows that He will only deal so long with sin before He removes it! Read the story of Shiloh's demise recorded in I Samuel 4 – 6. Also note that Jeremiah is told that even his prayers can't change the plight of his people. Jeremiah 7:16 says, *“Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.”* (Note Jeremiah 11:4 and 14:11).

CLOSING:

Who can help the fallen of Judah? Only the lamb of God as described in Isaiah 53, who will pay the price for God to make a new covenant with Israel. Jeremiah 31:31-34, *“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”*

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Looking Ahead:

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Ezekiel 18:1-13, 31-32

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Noonday Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, August 5th at Bibleway. Please come and study with us.

The 2015 City-Wide Revival is August 18-20 beginning at 6:30 p.m. nightly to be held this year at the New Hope Baptist Church, 1807 LaSalle Street in New Orleans. Rev. Jamaal Weathersby is the Pastor. The revivalist is Rev. F. D. Sampson, Sr. of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Houston, TX. ALL ARE INVITED!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, PASTOR DAVIS' BIRTHDAY IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015!