

**The Study on the Book of Jeremiah**  
**Week #6: The Writing of Jeremiah**  
**Sunday, November 17, 2024 (PM Service)**

1. The **Announcement** at Hand

- a. **Jeremiah 4:5-6:30** contains a collection of messages that cannot be dated with certainty.
  - i. The speaker shifts between the **Lord**, Jeremiah, and the **people**.
  - ii. **Jer. 4:5-6** sounds the alarm that an **invasion**, vividly described in **Jer. 4:5-31**, is coming from the **north**.
  - iii. **Jer. 4:7**: Like a predatory lion the enemy would lay waste the land and people. (**Hos. 5:14**)
    1. He, the enemy, would leave **destruction** and **desolation** in his wake.
    2. God's **fierce** anger, however, was the real cause of the coming destruction.
  - iv. **Jer. 4:10** is difficult to interpret.
    1. Jeremiah may have forgotten that God's **promise** of peace and blessing were conditioned upon the people's **obedience**.
    2. The enemy is compared to an **ill wind** that blows no good.
    3. Jeremiah compared God's **judgment** to that phenomenon (**Hos. 13:15**).
  - v. **Jer. 4:13-18**: The speaker shifts in these verses from the people to Jeremiah then to God (although it is unclear where God begins to speak again).
    1. The people must **"wash the evil"** from their hearts to be delivered.

2. The **Anguished Response** (**Jer. 4:19-22**)

- a. These verses have been called the **"Cross of Jeremiah"** because they reveal his personal anguish for having to announce the doom of his people.
- b. He spoke as he did, however, because of his love for them. (**Jer. 18:20**)
  - i. The people responded by **accusing** him of **treason** for his harsh messages of condemnation. (**Jer. 4:19**)

**c. Jer. 4:20-21**

- i. “My tents” and “My shelter” describe the homes of nomads in the Judean desert.
- ii. With the **tent of meeting** in mind, one believes that the people were lamenting the destruction of the **temple** in Jerusalem.

**d. Jer. 4:22:** The designation **“my people”** was often used to express the covenant relation between God and Israel. **(Ex. 5:1)**

- i. God is like a **heartbroken** parent warning about the disastrous results of a choice of a lifestyle.
  1. However, God allows everyone freedom to determine his or her own life and destiny.