

The Study on the Book of Jeremiah
Week #8: The Writing of Jeremiah (Part 3)
Sunday, December 15, 2024 (PM Service)

1. The **Coming** of a Distant Nation Against **Judah**
 - a. **Jer. 5:14-17:** The people **refused** to believe that the Lord was going to punish them.
 - i. God's Word will either **convict** of sin and **lead** to repentance or **serve** as judgment on the unrepentant.
 - b. **Jer. 5:18-19:** The ultimate purpose of punishment is **redemptive**, not vindictive, though some **never** understand its real nature.
2. The Warning to a **Foolish** and **Rebellious** People (**Jer. 5:20-31**)
 - a. Judah did not understand what was about to happen because it had no fear of God.
 - i. Judah feared and worshipped other **gods**, but not the one true God in whose presence they should have **trembled**.
 - ii. **Amos 4:5:** **Wickedness** can so sear the conscience that sin has **no** limits.
3. The Coming **Siege** and **Fall** of Jerusalem (**Jer. 6:1-30**)
 - a. What do we see?
 - i. An **Appeal** to Flee the Coming Siege (**Jer. 6:1-8**)
 1. Jeremiah was concerned for the people of his own tribe, **Benjamin**, bordering Judah on the north.
 2. The threat that **"I will destroy you"** (**Vs. 2**) is a **prophetic** perfect, which implies that the destruction was as **good** as done.
 3. **Jer. 6:4-5: "Prepare for battle"** (literally means **"Sanctify for battle"**) is a reminder that in the ancient Near East warfare was a solemn **religious** act, **holy** war.
 - a. Priest would bless the army before battle.
 - b. Sacrifices were offered to the gods or God.
 - c. Astrologers were consulted for fortuitous signs for the time and place of attack.
 - d. Soldiers were placed under taboo for sexual relations.
 4. **Jer. 6:6-8:** God insisted that the **"City must be punished"** because it was filled with **oppression** and **wickedness**.

5. God **warned** the city filled with **“Violence and destruction”** that He was going to make the land so **desolate** that no one could live in it.