

The Study on the Book of Jeremiah
Week #9: The Writing of Jeremiah (Part 4)
Sunday, December 22, 2024 (PM Service)

1. The Punishment of a Shameless People (Jer. 6:9-15)

- a. **Vss. 9-15** appear to be a dialogue between God and Jeremiah.
 - i. It is uncertain whether the metaphor indicates that the **enemies** would not let a single **person** escape or that a **remnant** would be saved.
- b. **Jer. 6:10-11a**
 - i. One's ears being closed is as a **reaction** to God's Word is typical when a person is in **rebellion** against God.
 - 1. The obedient heart receives God's Word with pleasure.
- c. **Jer. 6:11b-12**
 - i. God's wrath would be poured out like the boiling oil on all the inhabitants without regard to age.
 - 1. **Babylon** would be victorious because God was about to stretch out His hand **against** His covenant people (a figure of striking someone).

2. The Refusal to Heed God's Warnings (Jer. 6:16-20)

- a. **Jer. 6:16:** In spite of their past **wickedness**, God was willing to show them how they could **avert** the coming punishment.
 - i. Notice the four verbs in this verse...
 - 1. **"Stand... look... Ask... walk."** The good way is the way that God **approves**. It is the way that is best for us!
- b. **Jer. 6:17-18:** Over many centuries and through many prophets God had tried to warn His people of the consequences of continued disobedience.
 - i. Because the people **refused** to listen to the prophets, God **summoned** other nations to be witnesses in their fate.
 - ii. Jerusalem's inhabitants were going to receive the **"fruit of their schemes"**- **disaster**- because they refused to listen to God's Word.

3. The Terrors of the Approaching Enemy (Jer. 6:1-26)

- a. The disaster that was coming is describes as **"obstacles"** that God was going to bring upon all the people, over which they would **stumble** and **perish**.

- b. When the **invasion** came, there would be “Terror on every side.”
4. A People **Rejected** by God (**Jer. 6:27-30**)
- a. God commissioned Jeremiah to be a “tester of metals.”
 - i. Gold and silver were refined by **submitting** ore mixed with lead to intense **heat**.
 1. When heated, the lead oxidized and carried off the dross, leaving the pure metal.
 2. The people of **Judah** (“the ore”) had become “**hardened rebels**.”
 - ii. When people become useless to God because of their **faithlessness**, they will be set **aside**.