

JEREMIAH – LESSON THREE

I. FALSE RELIGION AND ITS PUNISHMENT (7:1-10:25)

A. The temple sermon and condemnation of false religion (7:1-8:3)

1. The temple sermon (7:1-15)
2. The cult of the queen of heaven provoked God's anger (7:16-20).
3. Obedience demanded not mere sacrifice (7:21-28).
4. Sinful deeds in the valley of the son of Hinnom (7:29-34).
5. Astral worship demands awful punishment (8:1-3).

B. An incorrigible people and their punishment (8:4-10:25)

1. The people are blindly complacent and heading for ruin (8:4-12).
2. Picture of punishment: no grapes on the vine (8:13-17)
3. Jeremiah's passionate grief over Jerusalem (8:18-9:1)
4. A people persistent in evil and Jehovah's judgment (9:2-9)
5. Jerusalem's desolation and ruin (9:10-16)
6. A dirge over Jerusalem (9:23-24)
7. Man's only grounds for boasting (9:23-24)
8. People circumcised in uncircumcision will be punished (9:25-26).
9. A satire on idolatry: Jehovah and the idols (10:1-16)
10. The coming exile: lament and intercession (10:17-25)

Questions:

1. What false concept of the temple and their safety did Judah have?
2. God saw that the people had made the temple a _____ of _____.
3. What ways did Judah need to amend?
4. Explain how *Shiloh* was an important example in Jeremiah's temple sermon:
5. Jeremiah's temple sermon was presented (a) in the beginning of Josiah's reign; (b) in the beginning of Jehoiakim's reign; or (c) in the beginning of Zedekiah's reign.
6. Describe what is missing in a people for God to say, "pray not for this people":
7. Who was the "queen of heaven"?

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8. What came first before God commanded His people concerning burnt offerings when He brought them out of Egypt?
9. What was happening in the valley of the son of Hinnom that was an abomination?
10. In Judah's perpetual "backsliding" to what were the people "holding fast"?

Of what were these backsliding people ignorant?

Was this ignorance excusable?
11. Why should we always look beyond the enticing words, "peace, peace"?
12. How does God put people to silence?
13. Why was Jeremiah hurt?
14. What characteristic in Judah made Jeremiah want to go to the wilderness to get away from his people, and cause God to visit them with wrath?
15. What *three characteristics* of Jehovah does He delight to see in His people?
16. Why would God punish His people who were "circumcised"?
17. Why can "idolatry" be accurately called "vanity"?
18. "Jehovah is the _____ God; He is the _____ God, and an everlasting _____."
19. "He hath _____ the _____ by His _____, He hath established the _____ by His _____, and by His _____
Hath He stretched out the _____."

20. How does Jeremiah look at a rainstorm?

21. From 10:17-22, give *the three vivid pictures* of Judah doomed in connection with captivity?

22. “O Jehovah I know that the _____ of man is not in _____: It is not in man that walketh to _____ his _____.”

Apply this verse in its context:

23. Even though Jeremiah knew judgment upon Judah was coming, what *two requests* does he make of God?