

Week 17 SEVENTEEN
The Kingdom Falls

Jeremiah, the Prophet of Invincible Hope Worshipping the God of Repentance

Jeremiah saw God always wanting to forgive. He blasts away at three particular sins

Idolatry:-7:30-8:3; 19:1-15

Immorality:-5:1-9

Lying prophecy:-7:3-11; 14:11-16; 23:9-40

God had <u>chosen</u> him before his birth to be a prophet-Jeremiah 1

He was the son of a high priest-Jeremiah 1:1

His dad was the one who found the lost book of the Law-2 Kings 22:8

He lived through the <u>death</u> throes of the nation of Judah

He <u>preached</u> 40 years and saw no visible result among those he served

His countrymen he warned for God sought to kill him if he wouldn't stop preaching doom-Jeremiah 11:9-23

His own family and friends were involved in plots against him -12:60

God never allowed him to marry -16:20

There were plots to kill him in secret so no one would find him (18:20-23)

He was beaten severely and them bound in wooden stocks (20:1-2);

His friends <u>spied</u> on him deceitfully and for revenge (20:10)

He was consumed with sorrow and shame and even cursed the day he was born (20:14-18);

He was falsely accused of being a <u>traitor</u> to his own country (37:13-14),

Jeremiah was arrested, beaten, thrown into a dungeon, and starved many days (37:15-21)

the most striking <u>feature</u> of this book is the fact that despite the terrible woes of the life Jeremiah was called to (1:5),

he saw that it was all at the Master Potter's Hand (18:1-6).

Jeremiah 18:5-6

Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, vs.6 "Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

THE VESSEL SHAPED

Isaiah 64:8

But now, O LORD, Thou art our Father, We are the clay, and Thou our potter; And all of us are the work of Thy hand.

THE VESSEL MARRED

Jeremiah 18:4

But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter.

THE VESSEL MARRED

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit

THE VESSEL RESHAPED

Jeremiah 18:4b

so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make.

A Life Changing Concept in Jeremiah is "God Loves to Share His Blessing"

A Life Changing Concept in Jeremiah Jeremiah 29-11-13

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