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PART 12: TRUSTING IN LIES

DO NOT TRUST IN RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

The people of Judah believed they were safe from any enemy because God would not allow the temple of the Lord to be destroyed. **Jeremiah 7:1-4**

The only way to be spared from this northern enemy was to repent and stop sinning. **verses 5-7**

TRUSTING IN LYING WORDS

The people of Judah trusted in lying words. **verse 8**

God wanted to know why they would commit spiritual adultery and then have the audacity to stand before Him in the temple as if they were blameless. **verses 9-11; John 2:13-16**

WATCH WHAT GOD DID TO OTHER PLACES

God reminded the people that Shiloh was the location of the tabernacle and a center of worship before the temple was built in Jerusalem and the Lord was not sentimental about meting out judgment. **Jeremiah 7:12**

I WILL CAST YOU OUT

God warned the people of Judah that He would cast them out unless they repented. **verses 13-15**

DO NOT PRAY FOR THEM

God told Jeremiah not to pray and intercede for the people. **verse 16**

The reason given was their worship of the Queen of Heaven. **verses 17-18**

The people brought themselves to confusion. **verse 19; Hosea 4:6**

THE JUDGMENT PRONOUNCED

God stated that He was done with Judah. He was sick of their sacrifices to false gods. Generation after generation had refused to listen to His repeated urging to repent and turn again to the Lord. God was now sick and tired of them, and as a result, they were about to cease to exist as a nation. **Jeremiah 7:20**

God did not mention burnt offerings and sacrifices when the Israelites came out of Egypt, but He did instruct them in obedience. **verses 21-23**

The people decided not to listen to the voice of God. **verse 24**

Even though God sent prophets to speak to the people, they chose to sin all the more. **verses 25-26**



The people refused to listen to Jeremiah. **verse 27**

Judah as a nation would not obey the Lord or receive correction. **verse 28**

A Nazarite would not cut his hair until the vow was over and God's words were symbolic that the time of judgment for Jerusalem was imminent with the order to cut the hair. **verse 29**

The people had sinned greatly by sacrificing their own children to the demon gods of the heathens in Tophet, a place of worship to the god Moloch in the valley of Hinnom just outside Jerusalem. **verses 30-31**

The place would no longer be called Tophet, but the valley of slaughter, because of all the dead that would be buried there. **verse 32**

The animals would feast on all the corpses without fear. **verse 33**

Jerusalem would become quiet and deserted. **verse 34**

THE DEAD WILL BE JUDGED RETROACTIVELY

The prior generations that sinned would not be spared. The dignity of the dead bones of kings and noble men would not be preserved. The graves would be dug up and their bones thrown out like dung. **Jeremiah 8:1-2**

PERPETUAL JUDGMENT

God referred to the people of Judah as an evil family; death would follow them wherever they went on earth. **verse 3**

This is the same word that God gave to the children of Israel before they entered the Promised Land. **Deuteronomy 28:62-68**

The nation of Assyria violently attacked northern kingdom of Israel in 727 B.C., and after killing thousands of people, the ten northern tribes were marched off and scattered throughout the Assyrian Empire.

The nation of Babylon came with a vengeance in 593 B.C. just as God predicted and destroyed Jerusalem and the temple, killed thousands of people and carried the majority of the survivors away to captivity in Babylon.

When the Jews rebelled against Rome in 67 A.D., the subsequent war with the Roman army ended in 70 A.D. and hundreds of thousands of Jews were killed in the fighting or executed afterwards. Thousands of young Jewish men and women were sold on the Roman slave markets.

In 115 A.D. there was a revolt by the Jews in Cyprus, Egypt and Cyrene. The Roman army was called in to suppress the revolt and every Jew on the island of Cyprus was killed and thousands were killed in Egypt and Cyrene. Once again Jewish young people were sold at the Roman slave markets.

A third Jewish revolt took place between 132-135 A.D., and for a short time the Jews were able to hold Jerusalem and the surrounding areas, but they were defeated once again by the end of 135 A.D. According to Jewish sources, some 580,000 Jewish soldiers were killed in the fighting and tens of thousands civilians were put to death as

the Roman army systematically destroyed every city. Thousands upon thousands of Jews were rounded up and sold on the Roman slave market.

Jewish people have been persecuted and killed for centuries, particularly in Spain, Russia, Poland and the Ukraine. The pattern has been the same, killing of Jewish men, raping Jewish women and expulsion of the survivors.

The worst persecution came during the reign of Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945 when millions of Jews were rounded up, taken to concentration camps to be used as slave labor, and when they could not work anymore, they were killed in the death camps.

JEWS BROUGHT JUDGMENT ON THEMSELVES

God made it very clear to Jeremiah that the people of Judah were in perpetual backsliding. **Jeremiah 8:4-11; John 1:1-3, 11-12**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?