

# Jeremiah

Leading in a Corrupt World

Chapters 11-15

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- Jer 10:10-13
- (10) But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.
  - (11) Thus shall you say to them: "The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens."
  - (12) It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.
  - (13) When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he makes the mist rise from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, and he brings forth the wind from his storehouses.



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rom <u>H1961;</u> (the) *self Existent* or eternal; *Jehovah*, Jewish national name of God: - Jehovah, the Lord. Compare <u>H3050</u>, <u>H3069</u>.

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tsâbâ' tsebâ'âh

tsaw-baw', tseb-aw-aw'

From  $\underline{H6633}$ ; a mass of persons (or figurative things), especially regularly organized for war (an army); by implication a campaign, literally or figuratively (specifically hardship, worship): - appointed time, (+) army, (+) battle, company, host, service, soldiers, waiting upon, war (-fare).



- Jer 10:14-17
- (14) Every man is stupid and without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols, for his images are false, and there is no breath in them.
- (15) They are worthless, a work of delusion; at the time of their punishment they shall perish.
- (16) Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the <u>LORD of hosts</u> is his name.
- (17) Gather up your bundle from the ground, O you who dwell under siege!

### Pastor - Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pastor

History. The word "pastor" derives from the Latin noun pastor which means "shepherd" and is derived from the verb pascere — To lead to pasture, set to grazing, cause to eat". ... Present-day usage of the word is rooted in the Biblical metaphor of shepherding.



### • Jer 10:18-21

- (18) For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I am slinging out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and I will bring distress on them, that they may feel it."
- (19) Woe is me because of my hurt! My wound is grievous. But I said, "Truly this is an affliction, and I must bear it."
- (20) My tent is destroyed, and all my cords are broken; my children have gone from me, and they are not; there is no one to spread my tent again and to set up my curtains.
- (21) For the shepherds are stupid and do not inquire of the LORD; therefore they have not prospered, and all their flock is scattered.

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Jer 25:8-9

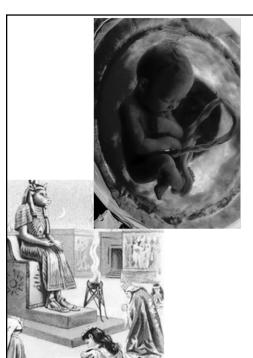
(8) "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words,

(9) behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the LORD, and for

Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.

## Jer 10:22-25

- (22) A voice, a rumor! Behold, it comes!-- a great commotion out of the north country to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a lair of jackals.
- (23) I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.
- (24) Correct me, O LORD, but in justice; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing.
- (25) Pour out your wrath on the nations that know you not, and on the peoples that call not on your name, for they have devoured Jacob; they have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste his habitation.



- Summary of Week 1 Class
- Introduction-Jeremiah 1-2
- Jeremiah called as a prophet before he was in the womb
- 20-30-years old Priest from Anatoth
- King Josiah...was 21-years old
- Jeremiah was to oppose the people, priests, kings and officials of land
- He was to proclaim God's WORD to the nation and Judah.
- For the forsaking of the LORD and worshipping of Idols





- Summary of Week 2 Class
- Chapter 3-7
- God presents the promise of the Kingdom of God in the last days
- The LORD challenges Israel to return...to put away the IDOL and receive His blessing
- Jeremiah is challenged to walk the streets and squares of Jerusalem...find someone
- Jeremiah is told to stand in the gate of the Temple and proclaim the coming Judgment
- Fathers, sons and mothers gather to worship the Queen of Heaven..





- Summary of Week 3
- Chapter 8-10
- God prepares the nation for the coming judgment (Chapter 8)
- Death of Josiah , Battle of Megiddo 609 BC
- God will refine the nation through judgment
- Boast in the LORD (Chapter 9)
- The God of Judah is contrasted to the Idols of the nations
- He is the CAUSE of the Universe and Creation (Chapter 10)

## Summary of Chapter 11



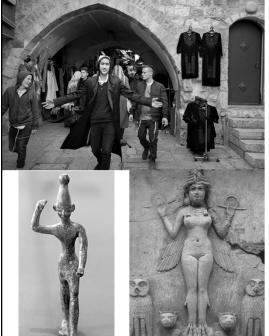
- Jeremiah is proclaim God's activation of the Covenant Judgments
- God will not listen to the prayers for this people
- Jeremiah city turns against him Anathoth





- Jer 11:1-5
- (1) The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:
- (2) "Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- (3) You shall say to them, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Cursed be the man who does not hear the words of this covenant
  - (4) that I commanded your fathers when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Listen to my voice, and do all that I command you. So shall you be my people, and I will be your God,
  - (5) that I may confirm the oath that I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day." Then I answered, "So be it, LORD."





### Jer 11:6-10

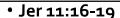
- (6) And the LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: Hear the words of this covenant and do them.
- (7) For I solemnly warned your fathers when I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, warning them persistently, even to this day, saying, Obey my voice.
- (8) Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone walked in the stubbornness of his evil heart. Therefore I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not."
- (9) Again the LORD said to me, "A conspiracy exists among the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- (10) They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words. They have gone after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant that I made with their fathers.



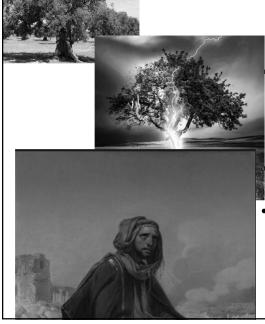
### Jer 11:11-15

- (11) Therefore, thus says the LORD, Behold, I am bringing disaster upon them that they cannot escape. Though they cry to me, I will not listen to them.
- (12) Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry to the gods to whom they make offerings, but they cannot save them in the time of their trouble.
- (13) For your gods have become as many as your cities, O Judah, and as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars you have set up to shame, altars to make offerings to Baal.
- (14) "Therefore do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer on their behalf, for I will not listen when they call to me in the time of their trouble.
- (15) What right has my beloved in my house, when she has done many vile deeds? Can even sacrificial flesh avert your doom? Can you then exult?





- (16) The LORD once called you 'a green olive tree, beautiful with good fruit.' But with the roar of a great tempest he will set fire to it, and its branches will be consumed.
  - (17) The LORD of hosts, who planted you, has decreed disaster against you, because of the evil that the house of Israel and the house of Judah have done, provoking me to anger by making offerings to Baal."
  - (18) The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.
- (19) But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."







## Jer 11:20-23

- (20) But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.
- (21) Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, and say, "Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD, or you will die by our hand"--
- (22) therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: "Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall die by famine,
- (23) and none of them shall be left. For I will bring disaster upon the men of Anathoth, the year of their punishment."

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## Summary of Chapter 12



- Jeremiah is tired...of the opposition ...
- God challenges Jeremiah to stick with it....running with horses
- God tells Jeremiah how his own brothers are against him
- God promises to restore Israel in the future





- Jer 12:1-5
- (1) Righteous are you, O LORD, when I complain to you; yet I would plead my case before you. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive?
- (2) You plant them, and they take root; they grow and produce fruit; you are near in their mouth and far from their heart.
  - (3) But you, O LORD, know me; you see me, and test my heart toward you. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and set them apart for the day of slaughter.
  - (4) How long will the land mourn and the grass of every field wither? For the evil of those who dwell in it the beasts and the birds are swept away, because they said, "He will not see our latter end."
  - (5) "If you have raced with men on foot, and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses? And if in a safe land you are so trusting, what will you do in the thicket of the Jordan?



### Jer 12:6-10

- (6) For even your brothers and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; they are in full cry after you; do not believe them, though they speak friendly words to you."
- (7) "I have forsaken my house; I have abandoned my heritage; I have given the beloved of my soul into the hands of her enemies.
- (8) My heritage has become to me like a lion in the forest; she has lifted up her voice against me; therefore I hate her.
- (9) Is my heritage to me like a hyena's lair? Are the birds of prey against her all around? Go, assemble all the wild beasts; bring them to devour.
- (10) Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard; they have trampled down my portion; they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.



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## Jer 12:11-14

- (11) They have made it a desolation; desolate, it mourns to me. The whole land is made desolate, but no man lays it to heart.
- (12) Upon all the bare heights in the desert destroyers have come, for the sword of the LORD devours from one end of the land to the other; no flesh has peace.
- (13) They have sown wheat and have reaped thorns; they have tired themselves out but profit nothing. They shall be ashamed of their harvests because of the fierce anger of the LORD."
- (14) Thus says the LORD concerning all my evil neighbors who touch the heritage that I have given my people Israel to inherit: "Behold, I will pluck them up from their land, and I will pluck up the house of Judah from among them.

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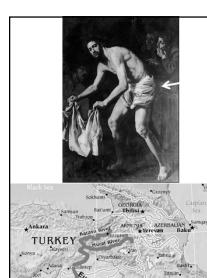


- Jer 12:15-17
- (15) And after I have plucked them up, I will again have compassion on them, and I will bring them again each to his heritage and each to his land.
- (16) And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, 'As the LORD lives,' even as they taught my people to swear by Baal, then they shall be built up in the midst of my people.
- (17) But if any nation will not listen, then I will utterly pluck it up and destroy it, declares the LORD."

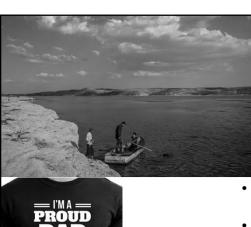
## Summary of Chapter 13



- Jeremiah is told to bury a loincloth by the Euphrates
- God weeps for the coming judgment on the nation
- The sins are the product of bad habits and bad leadership.....Shepherds, Pastors

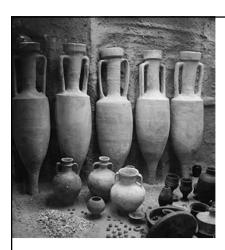


- Jer 13:1-5
- (1) Thus says the LORD to me, "Go and buy a linen loincloth and put it around your waist, and do not dip it in water."
- (2) So I bought a loincloth according to the word of the LORD, and put it around my waist.
- (3) And the word of the LORD came to me a second time,
- (4) "Take the loincloth that you have bought, which is around your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates and hide it there in a cleft of the rock."
- (5) So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

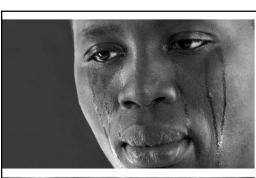


## Jer 13:6-11

- (6) And after many days the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the loincloth that I commanded you to hide there."
- (7) Then I went to the Euphrates, and dug, and I took the loincloth from the place where I had hidden it. And behold, the loincloth was spoiled; it was good for nothing.
- (8) Then the word of the LORD came to me:
- (9) "Thus says the LORD: Even so will I spoil the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem.
- (10) This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who stubbornly follow their own heart and have gone after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be like this loincloth, which is good for nothing.
  - (11) For as the loincloth clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to me, declares the LORD, that they might be for me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory, but they would not listen.



- Jer 13:12-15
- (12) "You shall speak to them this word: 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Every jar shall be filled with wine."' And they will say to you, 'Do we not indeed know that every jar will be filled with wine?'
- (13) Then you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will fill with drunkenness all the inhabitants of this land: the kings who sit on David's throne, the priests, the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- (14) And I will dash them one against another, fathers and sons together, declares the LORD. I will not pity or spare or have compassion, that I should not destroy them."
- (15) Hear and give ear; be not proud, for the LORD has spoken.





- Jer 13:16-20
- (16) Give glory to the LORD your God before he brings darkness, before your feet stumble on the twilight mountains, and while you look for light he turns it into gloom and makes it deep darkness.
- (17) But if you will not listen, my soul will weep in secret for your pride; my eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock has been taken captive.
- (18) Say to the king and the queen mother: "Take a lowly seat, for your beautiful crown has come down from your head."
- (19) The cities of the Negeb are shut up, with none to open them; all Judah is taken into exile, wholly taken into exile.
- (20) "Lift up your eyes and see those who come from the north. Where is the flock that was given you, your beautiful flock?



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Jer 13:21-27

(21) What will you say when they set as head over you those whom you yourself have taught to be friends to you? Will not pangs take hold of you like those of a woman in labor?

(22) And if you say in your heart, 'Why have these things come upon me?' it is for the greatness of your iniquity that your skirts are lifted up and you suffer violence.

- (23) Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then also you can do good who are accustomed to do evil.
- (24) I will scatter you like chaff driven by the wind from the desert.
- (25) This is your lot, the portion I have measured out to you, declares the LORD, <u>because you have forgotten me</u> and trusted in lies.
- (26) I myself will lift up your skirts over your face, and your shame will be seen.
- (27) I have seen your abominations, your adulteries and neighings, your lewd whorings, on the hills in the field. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! How long will it be before you are made clean?"

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## Summary of Chapter 14



- There is a drought in the land
- God tells Jeremiah to not pray for this people
- The people trust in the words of false prophets

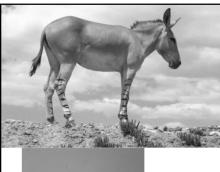




Jer 14:1-5

- (1) The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought:
- (2) "Judah mourns, and her gates languish; her people lament on the ground, and the cry of Jerusalem goes up.
- (3) Her nobles send their servants for water; they come to the cisterns; they find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are ashamed and confounded and cover their heads.
- (4) Because of the ground that is dismayed, since there is no rain on the land, the farmers are ashamed; they cover their heads.
- (5) Even the doe in the field forsakes her newborn fawn because there is no grass.

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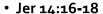




- Jer 14:6-10
- (6) The wild donkeys stand on the bare heights; they pant for air like jackals; their eyes fail because there is no vegetation.
- (7) "Though our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.
- (8) O you hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler who turns aside to tarry for a night?
- (9) Why should you be like a man confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot save? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name do not leave us."
- (10) Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
   "They have loved to wander thus; they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins."

- Jer 14:11-15
- (11) The LORD said to me: "Do not pray for the welfare of this people.
- (12) Though they fast, I will not hear their cry, and though they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence."
  - (13) Then I said: "Ah, Lord GOD, behold, the prophets say to them, 'You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place."
- (14) And the LORD said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds.
- (15) Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name although I did not send them, and who say, 'Sword and famine shall not come upon this land': By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed.





- (16) And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and sword, with none to bury them--them, their wives, their sons, and their daughters. For I will pour out their evil upon them.
  - (17) "You shall say to them this word: 'Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease, for the virgin daughter of my people is shattered with a great wound, with a very grievous blow.
- (18) If I go out into the field, behold, those pierced by the sword! And if I enter the city, behold, the diseases of famine! For both prophet and priest ply their trade through the land and have no knowledge."



## Jeremiah Intercedes



- Jer 14:19-22
- (19) Have you utterly rejected Judah? Does your soul loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; for a time of healing, but behold, terror.
- (20) We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against you.
- (21) Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.
- (22) Are there any among the false gods of the nations that can bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Are you not he, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for you do all these things.

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## Summary of Chapter 15



- There is no hope of intercession for this generation
- Moses and Samuel could not intercede
- Death and captivity are the only options
- Jeremiah takes a break
- Jeremiah is promised to be restored





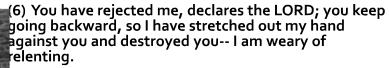




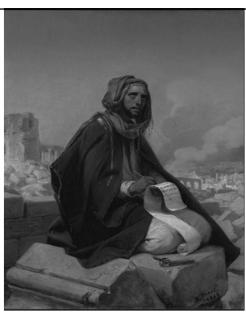
- (1) Then the LORD said to me, "Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my heart would not turn toward this people. Send them out of my sight, and let them go!
- (2) And when they ask you, 'Where shall we go?' you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: "'Those who are for pestilence, to pestilence, and those who are for the sword, to the sword; those who are for famine, to famine, and those who are for captivity, to captivity.'
- (3) I will appoint over them four kinds of destroyers, declares the LORD: the sword to kill, the dogs to tear, and the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy.
- (4) And I will make them a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth because of what Manasseh the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, did in Jerusalem.



- Jer 15:5-9
- (5) "Who will have pity on you, O Jerusalem, or who will grieve for you? Who will turn aside to ask about your welfare?



- (7) I have winnowed them with a winnowing fork in the gates of the land; I have bereaved them; I have destroyed my people; they did not turn from their
- (8) I have made their widows more in number than the sand of the seas; I have brought against the mothers of young men a destroyer at noonday; I have made anguish and terror fall upon them suddenly.
- (9) She who bore seven has grown feeble; she has fainted away; her sun went down while it was yet day; she has been shamed and disgraced. And the rest of them I will give to the sword before their enemies, declares the LORD."



- Jer 15:10-14
- (10) Woe is me, my mother, that you bore me, a man of strife and contention to the whole land! I have not lent, nor have I borrowed, yet all of them curse me.
- (11) The LORD said, "Have I not set you free for their good? Have I not pleaded for you before the enemy in the time of trouble and in the time of distress?
- (12) Can one break iron, iron from the north, and bronze?
- (13) "Your wealth and your treasures I will give as spoil, without price, for all your sins, throughout all your territory.
- (14) I will make you serve your enemies in a land that you do not know, for in my anger a fire is kindled that shall burn forever."



- Jer 15:15-18
- (15) O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.
- (16) Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.
- (17) I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation.
- (18) Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?



- Jer 15:19-21
- (19) Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.
- (20) And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD.
- (21) I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."