

says:
“Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in
and you will find rest for your souls.
But you said, ‘**We** will not walk in it.’
¹⁷I appointed watchmen over you and said
‘Listen to **the** sound of the trumpet!’
But you said, ‘We will not listen.’
¹⁸Therefore hear, O nations;
observe, O witnesses,
what will happen to them.
¹⁹Hear, O earth:
I am bringing disaster on this **people**,
the fruit of their schemes,
because they have not listened to my word
and have rejected my law.
What do I care about incense from Sheba
or sweet calamus from a distant land?
Our burnt offerings are not as
your sacrifices.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS WITH THE PROPHET



Jeremiah

STUDY GUIDE

“ ‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you,’ declares the Lord...”

Jeremiah 29:11-14 NIV

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A looking glass is something we look through to see things more clearly.

As we study the Book of Jeremiah, I believe it will be like seeing through a looking glass as we notice the many similarities between the nation of Judah over 2,600 years ago and the United States today. It seems that we in America are beginning to tread where Judah trod and chasing after gods who are not God at all.

With the help of this study guide, I challenge you to read a chapter of Jeremiah, Monday through Friday. As you do, you will witness firsthand how far a nation can drift from God. At the end of each week, one of your pastors will share a message taken from the chapters you have read.

Jeremiah was a man called by God to his own people for the proclamation of an unwelcome truth: Repent or experience the wrath of God. Judah did not relent of her evil and godless ways and experienced the just punishment of God.

True we, as a nation, may be headed in the same direction as ancient Judah, but I don't think it's too late for our nation. May we, as the church of Jesus Christ, much like the prophet Jeremiah, be God's voice to our nation, "Repent of your sins and experience the blessing of the Lord."

Join with me for the next 12 weeks as we gaze through the looking glass with the Prophet Jeremiah.

In Christ,

Pastor Pat

Week 8 -- Read Chapter 38

Scripture Focus:

"Then they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah the king's son, which was in the court of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. Now in the cistern there was no water but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud." Jeremiah 38:6

Thought:

Sometimes we are in the mud because of our own doing; other times, because of someone else's. When you are sinking in muck, there is only one place to look... up. What better place because God has resources beyond our imagination. Think about it, 30 men led by an Ethiopian servant arrive with the strength and resources to free God's man, and the resistance doesn't even try to stop them. That is a God thing. Stuck in the mud today? Look up; God is on the way.

Notes:

Week 8 -- Read Chapter 40

Scripture Focus:

"Gediliah the son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, swore to them and their men saying, Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon and it will be well with you." Jeremiah 40:9

Thought:

Do not be afraid of the Chaldeans. Excuse me Lord, but these are the same people who terrorized us, killed our brethren, and moved us to Babylon... "What you talking 'bout Willis?" Yes, sometimes God calls us to love the least loveable. As servants of Christ, the enemy can take everything we have, except for our love, and when we love the others, there is a blessing waiting around the corner. Are you missing a blessing? Perhaps, there is someone whom God is calling you to reach out to today; if so, reach out, and it will be well with you.

Notes:

Week 9 -- Reader Chapter 43

Scripture Focus:

"Now it happened, when Jeremiah had stopped speaking to all the people all the words of the Lord their God, for which the Lord their God had sent him to them, all these words, that Azariah the son of Hoshaiiah, Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men spoke, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely! The Lord our God has not sent you to say, Do not go to Egypt to dwell there."

Jeremiah 43:1-2

Thought:

The men of Israel chose Egypt over what Jeremiah told them was the will of God. They preferred their own wisdom to that of God's. Men will deny God's Word because they feel it is oppressive. When men desire to live in sin, they put their faith in their good actions with poor intentions.

Notes:

"We the People..." In 1776 our nation was founded upon a Christian world view and religious freedom as well as a recognition and respect for the sovereign reign and authority of God and His Word.

It is 2016 and so much has changed. The moral direction and climate of our country seems bent on destroying the very foundations of freedom that our founding fathers and those who came after them have stood for and fought and died for.

In a spiritual and prophetic parallel, the prophet Jeremiah was called by God to declare truth over his nation, the nation of Israel, to return back to the heart and hope of God. Israel had once been close to the person and plan of God but found themselves far away from the purpose that God had created them for.

This study guide is a companion to our teaching series on Sunday Mornings each week. Services are at 9am and 11am or join us online for live and recorded services at www.4thelord.org.

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