

God's People will not repent

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(Jer 18:1-13)

The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, (came to me also) saying ... Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words ... Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels ... And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it ... Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ...

O house of Israel (*this represents God's born-again people*), cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, **O house of Israel** ... At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it ... If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them ... And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it ... If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them ...

Now therefore go to, speak to the **men of Judah**, (this represents those who minister to God's people) and to the **inhabitants of Jerusalem**, (*these represent those who gather to be taught from the ministers*) saying, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now everyone from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good ... **And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart** ... Therefore thus saith the Lord; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

(Jer 4:1-5) If thou wilt **return** (repent), O Israel, saith the Lord, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove... And thou shalt swear (to), The Lord ... (to) live, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness ... Break up your fallow ground, and **sow not among thorns** (*Jesus taught in [Mark 4:19] thorns represent the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful*) Circumcise yourselves to the Lord ... lest (otherwise) my fury will come forth **like fire, and burn that none can quench it**, because of the evil of your doings... Declare ye in **Judah** (among my ministers), and publish in **Jerusalem** (this represents the gathering places where people go hear ministers teach i.e. churches, conferences etc.); and say, **Blow ye the trumpet in the land** (sound the alarm of warning)...

(Jer 4:14-22) **O Jerusalem**, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou may be saved. How long shall thy **vain thoughts** lodge within thee? ... For a voice declare from

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Dan (represents the tribal anointing that declares judgment for sanctification), and **publish affliction** (make known the evil, false, idolatrous, sorrow, unjust, unrighteous, vain vanity) of **mount Ephraim** (represents what carnal professing Christians are promoting i.e. marketing) ... Make ye mention to the nations; behold, **publish against Jerusalem** (the places where these gather to be taught by teachers), that **watchers** (referring to the watchman ministry) come from a **far country**,¹ and give out their voice **against the cities of Judah** ... As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the Lord ... Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is **thy wickedness**, because it **is bitter**, (a reference to witchcraft) because it reaches unto thine heart ... My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war ... Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment ... How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? ... **For my people are foolish**, (despise truth) they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. KJV

(Jer 4:25-28) I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled ... I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger ... For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end ... For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. KJV

(Jer 4:30-31) ...they will seek thy life ... For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewails herself, that spreads her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers. KJV

¹ **FAR COUNTRY**: OT:4801 *merchaq* (mer-khawk'): from OT:7368; remoteness (i.e. , REMOTE: from a place situated far from the main centers of population; having very little connection with or relationship with (i.e. the true worshippers of God). These "watchman" are not found among those who gather in Jerusalem (churches and conferences to be taught by popular ministers)...

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