

Jeremiah 8 When Final Judgment Comes

Sunday School
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A. The Horrors of the Judgment

v 1 - 3

- v 1 *bring bones ... out of the graves* hx: Chaldean invasion of 606 BC
spir: ancestral 'worship' doct: *resurr. of the dead* **John 5:29, Revelation 20:12**
- v 2 God's 5-fold Indictment : *they sought, walked after, loved, served and worshipped...idols*
- v 3 *death chosen rather than life* - contrast: **Deuteronomy 30:19**

B. The Hardened Hearts of the Judged

v 4 - 12

- v 4-5 God reveals the hardness of their heart with simple questions and answers.
spir: today *they hold fast deceit* i.e. modern 'bibles' (perversions)
and *they refuse to return* to God's pure and perfect word (AV1611)
- v 6 God listens when they pray, but *they spake not aright,*
... no man repented ... everyone turned to his course ~ **Judges 21:25**
- v 7 *my people know not the judgment of the Lord* - hist: **Proverbs 1:3**
stork - long distance migratory birds, are high flying, as in - Zechariah 5:9
crane - associated with *mourning* and *oppression* in - Isaiah 38:14
swallow - used as messenger birds; land-based, their appearance informs a sailor land is near.
turtle - lack speed & agility, only reptiles that migrate long distances - Song 2:12
doct: God uses these animals to charge Judah with ignorance of prophecy. ~ Matt 16:2-3
spir: A backslidden believer is dumber than a wild animal.
- v 8-9 So-called '*wise men*' were responsible for *rejecting the word of the Lord* ,
and introducing 'new' writings to God's people. OT 1st Ref: **Gen 41:8, Exo 7:11**
hist: Talmud, Mishnah, Zohar, Siddur ...
doct: perversions = new 'bibles' i.e. counterfeits or *corruptions* - **2 Corinthians 2:17**
- v 10-11 The 'fruit' of corrupt writings :
- * loss of family, now - *wives to others*
 - * loss of Millennial inheritance - *their fields* 1 Corinth 3:15
 - * love of mammon - *covetousness* 1 Tim 6:9-10
 - * false doctrines & false 'peace' Ezekiel 13:10
- v 12 *time of visitation ... cast down* hist: Babylonian invasion doct: the tribulation
spir: day of physical death

C. The Havoc in their Mind

v 13 - 17

- v 13 Judgment is sure, severe and sovereign.
- v 14 Confusion, prayerlessness and bitterness: *gall* - OT 1st Ref: Deu 29:18 & 32:32
- v 15 Despondency : Their spiritual hopes are dashed.
- v 16 Terror : They *tremble* as they hear others *devoured*. *horses* - doct: Rev 6:2-8
spir: **Numbers 26:36 Psalm 14:4-6**
- v 17 God unleashes the Devil **Numbers 21:4-5 Deuteronomy 32:16-18, 23-25**

D. The Heartache of Final Judgment

v 18 - 22

- v 18 Despair : '*our hope is lost*' Eze 37:11 **Lamentations 3:17-19**
- v 19 God has withdrawn; they are forsaken & rejected.
- v 20 Self-explanatory. **Amos 8:1-3**
- v 21 The prophet, Jeremiah, expresses his heartache over his hearers rejection.
- v 22 ~ Ezekiel 33:11 - " *Say unto them,*
As I live saith the Lord GOD,
I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked ;
but that the wicked turn from his way and live :
turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways ;
for why will ye die, O house of Israel ? "

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