

“THE GREAT TIME OUT”

I COR 10:6, 11-13; DEU. 28; JEREMIAH

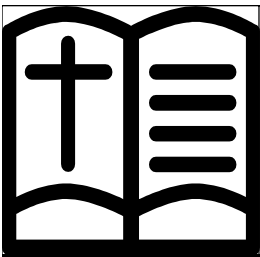
I. THE BIBLE IS GOD’S PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF WHO HE IS AND HOW HE ACTS 1 Cor 10:6,11-13

- A. *The Bible is not a dictionary, theology text book, science journal, or topical reference book*
- B. *It is a centuries-running, progressive revelation of who He is and how He behaves told mostly in a story form that can be remembered. It is written, compiled and edited by holy men of God who spoke as they were moved and guided by the Holy Spirit*
- C. *He selected a people, Israel, through whom He would reveal Himself. The Old Testament through the book of Acts is His dealings with Israel and those nations with whom they came in contact.*
- D. *The Old Testament has great value as history and as an example book for all the world to read and learn 1 Cor 10:13*

II. AN EXAMPLE FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT WITH APPLICATIONS TO TODAY

**A. God’s promises to Israel, His covenant people
Deut 28:3-14; 15-24**

- 1. Blessing for obedience - vv. 3-14
- 2. Curses for disobedience - vv. 15-24
 - a. *Location, food source, children, stock*
 - b. *Cursing, confusion and rebuke*
 - c. *Plague, fever, inflammation, sword, climate changes, invasion, captivity*



B. The Babylonian Exile of Judah

- 1. Judah’s provocation brings prophets’ predictions Jeremiah speaks*
 - a. Multiple breaches of the covenant*
 - b. God reveals His position but mercifully and graciously offers restoration if heeded; a first time out given*
 - c. The call to repentance rejected; they did not want to halt their way of life;*
 - d. An invasion from Babylon is on its way*
 - e. When prayer is of no value and His word is hated*
 - f. Surrender is the best option Jer 21:3-10*
 - g. Invasion comes and it is horrible*
 - h. Lesson not learned 2 more times!!*
 - i. Captivity is on*
- 2. How long will it last and why?*
 - a. The grace of God Jeremiah 29:1-14*
 - b. Time out for 70 years for those who were taken captive; loss of life and privilege*
 - c. The 70 years were determined as a year for each 7 year sabbatical for the land that was missed; determined for the abuse of the land 2 Chron 36:15-21*
- 3. What were they to do in the time out? Jer 29:5ff*
 - a. Build houses and live in them*
 - b. Marry and have children*
 - c. Pray for the peace of the city*
- 4. God’s promise to them Jer 29:10-14*