

Jeremiah 4 **Repentance or Ruin**

Sunday School
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I. the call : Repent v 1 - 4

God makes a Conditional Promise : *If ... then*

- v 1 *return unto me* how: **Joel 2:12**
what: *put away abominations* = hx: false gods; spir: false bibles
- v 2 the result : The great Commission is fulfilled **Matthew 28:19**
- v 3 *sow not among thorns* - **Luke 8:7 & 14**
- v 4 Circumcise ... the foreskins of your heart **Leviticus 26:41**

II. the warning : War is coming v 5 - 18

Principle: God's method is to warn before he wounds.

Years before, God sends His prophet to publish the coming war.

Sadly, the warnings were ignored, and six years later the Babylonians invaded Judah.

- v 5-6 Jeremiah alerts the nation that the attack will come *from the north*.
- v 7 *the lion* hx: the Babylonian Empire Daniel 7:4-8, **Jeremiah 50:43-44**
sp: the Devil **1 Peter 5:8**
- v 8 *the fierce anger of the Lord* - is both permitting and directing the attack !
- v 9 *astonishment* and *wonder* will come on all those who ignored the warnings.
- v 10 The young prophet expresses both his immaturity and amazement. **Mark 10:32**
God had allowed the false prophets to cry "Peace" 1 Kings 22:6 **Jer 28:11**
- v 11 *A dry wind ... of the wilderness ... not to cleanse* **Proverbs 25:23**
- v 12-13 *a full win ... as a whirlwind* = God's Judgment **Jeremiah 23:19**
- v 14 God's Call in the midst of Warning **1 Corinthians 5:7, James 4:8**
- v 15 *Dan* (far North) *Ephraim* (central) = the enemy is advancing & getting closer
sp: death draweth nigh
doct: the tribulation is approaching
- v 16-18 God's Reason for the Impending Judgment **Isaiah 30:8-13**

III. the end : destruction & Ruin v 19 - 31

The certainty and completeness of judgment is plain in this passage.

God's warnings are no to be ignored. The world may belittle and mock God's word, but judgment is a certainty.

- v 19 Jeremiah expresses his agony over the severity of the coming judgment.
def: *my bowels ... my heart ... my soul* bowels ~ **body well**

- v 20 *destruction upon destruction ... in a moment* This fulfills **Jer 1:10**
- v 21 *how long ...* The time of judgment is uncertain **Eccl 8:6-7**
- v 22 God's people are dull to God's ways and defiled by the world. **Rom 12:2 & 16:19**
- v 23-26 Jeremiah sees the darkness, distress and devastation of God's wrath & judgment.
without form, and void ... and no light ~ **Genesis 1:2** - God's judgment on angels
- v 27 *yet ... not a full end* = God saves faithful Israel **Jeremiah 30:11**
- v 28 God's word stands sure ! **I have *spoken* it, I have *purposed* it, and**
will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. !!!
- v 29 Judgment is total & complete *every city forsaken ... not a man* (i.e. "lost")
- v 30 Good question : *what wilt thou do ?* **Hebrews 2:3 & 12:25**