

“Passion, Punish & Promise”

Jeremiah 1-22

1:5 *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
And before you were born I consecrated you;
I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”*

7 *...everywhere I send you, you shall go,
And all that I command you, you shall speak.*

10 *“See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the
kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to
overthrow, To build and to plant.”*

Acts 1:8 & Matthew 28:19

16 *I will pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their
wickedness, whereby they have forsaken Me and have offered
sacrifices to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.*

Romans 3:23 & 6:23

17 *Now, gird up your loins and arise, and speak to them all which I
command you. Do not be dismayed before them, or I will dismay you
before them.*

Ephesians 6:10ff & Paul to Timothy.. (2 Timothy)

2:19-20 = *Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will
rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you
when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me,” declares
the Lord, the Lord Almighty. **20** “Long ago you said... **‘I will not
serve you!’** Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree
you lay down as a prostitute.*

3:12-15 = *Go (Jeremiah) and proclaim these words toward the north
and say, ‘Return, faithless Israel,’ declares the Lord; ‘I will not look
upon you in anger. For I am gracious,’ declares the Lord; ‘I will not be
angry forever. **13** ‘Only **acknowledge your iniquity**, That you have
transgressed against the Lord your God and have scattered your*

favors to the strangers under every green tree, And you have not obeyed My voice,' declares the Lord. **14** 'Return, O **faithless** sons,' declares the Lord... **15** "Then I will give you **shepherds after My own heart**, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.

1 John 1:9 & "...itching ears want to hear..." & Eph. 4:15

4: 3, 14, 18-19, 22 For thus says the Lord to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, "Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns... **14** O Jerusalem, wash the evil from your heart and be saved. How long will you harbor wicked thoughts?... **18** Your ways and your deedshave brought this upon you. This is **your doom**, and it is bitter; it has reached your very heart."

19 My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh the walls of my heart!My heart is beating wildly;I cannot keep silent,for I hear the sound of the trumpet,the alarm of war....

22 "For My people are foolish, They know Me not; They are stupid children, And have no understanding. They are shrewd to do evil, But to do good they do not know."

Matthew 10:16 (by contrast)

5:21-31 = 21 'Now hear this, O foolish and senseless people, Who have eyes **but do not** see; Who have ears **but do not** hear.

22 'Do you not fear Me?' declares the Lord.

'Do you not tremble in My presence?...

23 'But **this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart**; They have turned aside and departed.

24 'They do not say in their heart, "Let us now fear the Lord our God...'

26 'For wicked men are found among My people, They watch like fowlers lying in wait; They set a trap, They catch men.

Peter... Paul... Jude... Jesus... & Jeff

27 ...their houses are full of deceit...

29 'Shall I not punish these people?' declares the Lord,
'On a nation such as this shall I not avenge Myself?'

30 "An **appalling and horrible** thing has happened in the land:

31 The prophets prophesy falsely,
And the priests rule on their own authority;
And **My people love it so!**
But what will you do at the end of it?

Titus 1:11 & Matthew 7:21-23

6:10-12 *To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. The word of the Lord is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it.* **11** *But I am full of the wrath of the Lord, and I cannot hold it in.*

"Pour it out on the children in the street and on the young men gathered together... declares the Lord.

The Jesus You Can't Ignore...

6:13-19 = "From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; **prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit.**

14 They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious.
'**Peace, peace,**' they say, **when there is no peace.**

Jude... Galatians 1:6-9

15 Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them," says the Lord. **16** This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. **But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'** **17** I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But you said, 'We will not listen.' **18** Therefore hear, O nations; observe, O witnesses, what will happen to them. **19** Hear, O earth: I am bringing disaster on this people, the fruit of their schemes, because they have not listened to my words and have rejected my law.

7:1-30 = The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,
2 "Stand in the gate of the Lord's house and **proclaim there this word** and say, 'Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates **to worship the Lord!**'"
3 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, "Amend **your ways and your deeds**, and I will let you dwell in this place. **4 Do not trust** in deceptive words, saying, 'This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.' **5 For if you truly amend** your ways and your deeds... nor walk after other gods to your own ruin, **7** then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

1 John 2:6

8 "Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail.

9 Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal **and walk after other gods** that you have not known, **10 then come and stand before Me** in this house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered!'—that you may do all these abominations? **11** Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," declares the Lord.

13 And now, because you have done all these things," declares the Lord, "and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you but you did not answer, **14** therefore, I will do to the house which is called by My name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. **15** I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the offspring of Ephraim.

16 "As for you (Jeremiah), **do not pray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you.**

Paul with Hymenius & Alexander... 1 Cor. 5:9-13

20 ..."Behold, My anger and My wrath will be poured out on this place... and it will burn and not be quenched."

23 "...this is what I commanded... **'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.'**

Jesus: "obey = love" & Luke 9:23 & John 17:11

Great Commandments

24 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. **25** Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent you all My servants the prophets, daily rising early and sending them. **26** Yet they did not listen to Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck; they did more evil than their fathers.

Jude 3-5

27 "You shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; and you shall call to them, but they will not answer you. **28** You shall say to them, 'This is the nation that did not obey the voice of the Lord their God or accept correction; truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth... **30** For the sons of Judah have done that which is evil in My sight," declares the Lord, "they have set their detestable things in the house which is called by My name, to defile it.

8:20-21 = "The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved." **21** Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me.

v.21 = **Christ-like love & living!**

9:3-9 = "They bend their tongue like their bow; Lies and not truth prevail in the land; For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me," declares the Lord.

4 "Let everyone be on guard against his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; Because every brother deals craftily, And every neighbor goes about as a slanderer.

5 "Everyone deceives his neighbor
And does not speak the truth,
They have taught their tongue to speak lies;
They weary themselves committing iniquity.
6 "Your dwelling is in the midst of deceit;
Through deceit they refuse to know Me," declares the Lord...
8 "Their tongue is a deadly arrow; It speaks deceit;
With his mouth one speaks peace to his neighbor,
But inwardly he sets an ambush for him.
9 "Shall I not punish them for these things?" declares the Lord.
"On a nation such as this... Shall I not avenge Myself?"

9:25-26 = "Behold, the days are coming"—declares the Lord—"when I will punish all who are circumcised and yet uncircumcised... the whole house of Israel is uncircumcised in heart."

Matthew 7:21-23

14:10-16

Thus says the Lord concerning this people: "**They have loved to wander thus; they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.**"

11 The Lord said to me: "Do not pray for the welfare of this people.

12 Though they fast, **I will not hear their cry**, and though they offer burnt offering and grain offering, **I will not accept them**. But I will consume them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence."

13 Then I said: "Ah, Lord God, behold, the prophets say to them, 'You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.'" **14** And the Lord said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, 16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out... victims of famine and sword, with none to bury them... For I will pour out their evil upon them.

15:6-7 = *You have rejected me," declares the Lord. "You keep on backsliding. So I will... destroy you; I can no longer show compassion. **7** I will winnow them with a winnowing fork at the city gates of the land. I will bring bereavement and destruction on my people, for they have not changed their ways.*

John 15 (vine/branches) & 1 John ("...not really of us")

16:5 *For this is what the Lord says: "Do not enter a house where there is a funeral meal; do not go to mourn or show sympathy, because I have withdrawn my blessing, my love and my pity from this people," declares the Lord.*

17 *My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes. **18** I will repay them double for their wickedness and their sin, because they have defiled my land with the lifeless forms of their vile images and have filled my inheritance with their detestable idols."*

cf... the "American dream in the American church"

17:1,5,7-10

1 *The sin of Judah is written down with an iron pen;
With a diamond point it is engraved upon the tablet of their heart...*

5 *Thus says the Lord,*

*"Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind
And makes flesh his strength,
And whose heart turns away from the Lord.*

7 ***"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord
And whose trust is the Lord.***

8 *"For he will be like a tree planted by the water,
That extends its roots by a stream
And will not fear when the heat comes;
But its leaves will be green,
And it will not be anxious in a year of drought
Nor cease to yield fruit.*

9 *"The heart is more deceitful than all else
And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?"*

10 "I, the Lord, search the heart,
I test the mind,
Even to give to each man according to his ways,
According to the results of his deeds.

22:21 = "I spoke to you in your prosperity; But you said, 'I will not listen!' This has been your practice from your youth, That you have not obeyed My voice.

2 Chronicles 36:15-16 = "The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; **16 but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people...**"

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