

JEREMIAH 25  
(Revised Standard Version)

- 1) THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAH CONCERNING ALL THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH, IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF JEHOIAKIM THE SON OF JOSIAH, KING OF JUDAH (THAT WAS THE FIRST YEAR OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR KING OF BABYLON.)

This doesn't mean it was the first Jeremiah began to prophesy, but it was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar, and he was king of Babylon.

- 2) WHICH JEREMIAH THE PROPHET SPOKE TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM:
- 3) FOR TWENTY THREE YEARS, FROM THE THIRTEENTH YEAR OF JOSIAH THE SON OF AMON, KING OF JUDAH, TO THIS DAY, THE WORD OF THE LORD HAS COME TO ME, AND I HAVE SPOKEN PERSISTENTLY TO YOU, BUT YOU HAVE NOT LISTENED.

Here was a lonesome man speaking. And naturally people are people, and at that time people were people, so a person speaking to them is taken no differently at that time, than it is taken today. Now you know that you have hit your head against the wall talking to the Witnesses in this day. And it was the same thing with Jeremiah talking to Israel at that time. They just had their mind made up on what they wanted, and if anyone said anything that didn't go along with what they desired, it was completely ignored. So HE says "but you have not listened."

- 4) YOU HAVE NEITHER LISTENED NOR INCLINED YOUR EARS TO HEAR, ALTHOUGH THE LORD PERSISTENTLY SENT TO YOU ALL HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS,
- 5) SAYING, TURN NOW, EVERY ONE OF YOU, FROM HIS EVIL WAY, AND WRONG DOINGS, AND DWELL UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD HAS GIVEN TO YOU AND YOUR FATHERS FROM OF OLD AND FOR EVER;

This was the continual plague of Israel, that they continued to do their own thing. YAHWEH gave them the Law, HE told them how they must conduct themselves. HE gave them rules and regulations, to be fair with their neighbors, not to seek outside gods, not to associate with demon worshippers or heathen nations. HE told them everything that could possibly be told to a people to preclude any possibility of them giving wrong. And if they had stayed in their own little world and listened to YAHWEH, YAHWEH would have been pleased with them and they would have continued to possess the land. HE said HE had given it to them forever.

- 6) DO NOT GO AFTER OTHER GODS TO SERVE AND WORSHIP THEM, OR PROVOKE ME TO ANGER WITH THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS. THEN I WILL DO YOU NO HARM.

What does YAHWEH mean "I will do you no harm?" Does this mean YAHWEH does the harm to them? Does HE destroy them? No, HE removes HIS protecting hand from them and the world is thoroughly demonized, the devil is after Israel. And the minute YAHWEH removes HIS protecting hand from HIS People, the devil pounces right on them. So what HE is saying in plain language is "I will continue to protect you from destruction, if you obey me." The enemy is here, and the Israel of Promise should be well aware of this.

7) YET YOU HAVE NOT LISTENED TO ME, SAYS THE LORD, THAT YOU MIGHT PROVOKE ME TO ANGER WITH THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS TO YOUR OWN HARM.

So you see how often YAHWEH has to repeat HIMSELF. "You have not listened to me." HE is proving one thing conclusively to me at least, that you can't get people in by just pressuring them or by repeating something. If the heart isn't there, you are wasting your time. Likewise, we can begin to help people who begin to miss meetings, and begin to be wrapped up in other things that interest them. WE can speak to them and make everything as clear as possible, but don't push them. It is a covenant between them and their GOD; especially if they know the truth. If they know the truth, I think if you let them go, they will hit bottom sooner, and if they are to wake up, they will wake up sooner. But if you persistently continue to try to pick them up, they begin to feel that they will never fall, someone is going to hold them up, and they begin to feel that their sin is not that bad either because you are right there with them. It is cruel, you might say, it is harsh, but I have learned the hard way. The more you chase after a person, the faster they run away. So make yourself clear the first time, or maybe two times, then let them find out for themselves, if they know the truth. Now we have some of them who know the truth, and they are trying something else. They are trying to keep away.

8) THEREFORE THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS: BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT OBEYED MY WORDS,

9) BEHOLD, I WILL SEND FOR ALL THE TRIBES OF THE NORTH, SAYS THE LORD, AND FOR NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING OF BABYLON, MY SERVANT, AND I WILL BRING THEM AGAINST THIS LAND AND ITS INHABITANTS, AND AGAINST ALL THESE NATIONS ROUND ABOUT; I WILL UTTERLY DESTROY THEM AND MAKE THEM A HORROR, A HISSING, AND AN EVERLASTING REPROACH.

Was YAHWEH dealing with Nebuchadnezzar? Was he a consecrated member of israel? Was he pleasing to YAHWEH? No, not at all. But he is YAHWEH'S Servant. And another one that is YAHWEH'S Servant is satan the devil. Everyone in the universe is going to serve YAHWEH in one way or another. Even by disobeying, and going contrary to YAHWEH'S Will, the devil is serving YAHWEH. he is helping YAHWEH clean house; he gets rid of the evil, wicked element. And if it wasn't for the devil, they would be there. But with the devil they show their true colors. So Nebuchadnezzar is like the devil. HE punishes wicked israel: israel that was not really Israel, but should have been. They are created exactly like Israelites, they are free moral agents. They have all the attributes of YAHWEH, but they don't function like True Israel. Why? Because they don't have it in here, they don't want it. But they could if they wanted to, the whole earth could be Israel if they wanted to be. If they really strove for what is really important, but this is not the case. In other words, HE is going to bring babylon and allow babylon to take over israel. "I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants and against all these nations round about; I will utterly destroy them and make them a horror and a hissing and an everlasting reproach." Now this is the deplorable condition that reveals over the conquered nations; now this has always prevailed when nations were conquered. But primarily this has a much farther reaching effect. Nebuchadnezzar was the king of babylon. babylon will be at its peak during the abomination. When the abomination takes over, all nations will be humbled; there will be no singular nation that can say 'we are

independent, we have our own policy, and we copy from no one.' Every nation will be humbled, every nation will be subdued, every nations will be submissive to the abomination of desolation which is the devil's capital organization. Like Nebuchadnezzar conquering the whole world, the devil, with his anti-typical babylon, overcomes the entire earth, and humbles them. And they become an 'everlasting reproach' because they have chosen the side of the devil, they go down as nations, never to come up again.

10) MOREOVER, I WILL BANISH FROM THEM THE VOICE OF MIRTH AND THE VOICE OF GLADNESS, THE VOICE OF THE BRIDEGROOM AND THE VOICE OF BRIDE, THE GRINDING OF THE MILLSTONES AND THE LIGHT OF THE LAMP.

This brings out that when the time of the end comes, the nations will lose their joy, they begin to see the pressure of the coming abomination; of this one world, one government that will actually take away all of their freedom. They begin to see themselves subdued by something they have no really accepted in the past. And we have, well, a lot of tradition is in the nations; we see they celebrate holidays, weddings, and different things. They do these things traditionally. And many of the people of these nations look forward to these celebrations, indicating they are happy, there is your greek dances, and different celebrations in austria, different beer days, and they have their good times. But this brings out that all this will stop because the joy will leave them. They will no longer be individual free thinking or free operating nations. But the devil will take over through his mighty organization.

11) THIS WHOLE LAND SHALL BECOME A RUIN AND A WASTE, AND THESE NATIONS SHALL SERVE THE KING OF BABYLON SEVENTY YEARS.

This prophecy that YAHWEH gave to Jeremiah, that babylon would conquer for 70 years, and at the end of 70 years Jerusalem would begin to be restored. Now the 70 years has another meaning. It is seven times ten. It is also the lifespan of a man; 'three score and ten.' The devil is pictured as a man. This means that the 'king of bayblon', the devil, would take over for his entire allotted lifespan, which is actually the entire 6000 years, and then it come to an end. Now at the end of the 70 years, typically Jerusalem began to be restored. This was only a type. Seven times ten, is a complete time; complete lifespan, the complete time allotted to the devil, but after this Jerusalem, and the LORD'S People will begin to be restored.

12) THEN AFTER SEVENTY YEARS ARE COMPLETED, I WILL PUNISH THE KING OF BABYLON AND THAT NATION, THE LAND OF THE CHALDEANS, FOR THEIR INIQUITY, SAYS THE LORD, MAKING THE LAND AND EVERLASTING WASTE.

This means that the true king of babylon, the devil, would be punished, and his system, pictured by babylon, would be an everlasting waste. We can't say that with the demise of the babylon of old, that this wicked confused satanic system would end. The devil continued to rule, he still had politics, commerce, and religion, and still continued to have all the horrible injustice, and inadequacies and selfishness that existed in babylon before and after. So it was not a complete end. And babylon was not put to an everlasting waste, and destruction because Revelation 18 speaks of babylon and says that HIS "people should come out of her." HE says "Come out of her MY People, that you receive not of her plagues." Now this was recorded some 500 years or more after babylon fell. There is still a babylon for the LORD'S People to come out of. So the true fulfillment is in the everlasting destruction of the real king of babylon; satan the devil, and his entire world organization, which YAHWEH terms 'babylon'.

- 13) I WILL BRING UPON THAT LAND ALL THE WORDS WHICH I HAVE UTTERED AGAINST IT, EVERYTHING WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK WHICH JEREMIAH PROPHESED AGAINST ALL THE NATIONS.

The prophecy against all the nations is their utter destruction. And so he not only prophesied about babylon, but about the destruction of all the nations.

- 14) FOR MANY NATIONS AND GREAT KINGS SHALL MAKE SLAVES EVEN OF THEM; AND I WILL RECOMPENSE THEM ACCORDING TO THEIR DEEDS AND THE WORK OF THEIR HANDS.

babylon being conquered by other nations means that it goes down, it is submissive, and as an organization it does not come up again. "For many nations, and great kings shall make slaves even of them." A slave has nothing to say, he can not rule. A slave actually does not make his impression felt anywhere. This means that these nations conquering babylon means that the devil's organization will be forever conquered and never able to raise its head again. And this takes place after the [final battle].

- 15) THUS THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, SAID TO ME: "TAKE FROM MY HAND THIS CUP OF THE WINE OF WRATH, AND MAKE ALL THE NATIONS TO WHOM I SEND YOU DRINK IT.

- 16) THEY SHALL DRINK AND STAGGER AND BE CRAZED BECAUSE OF THE SWORD WHICH I AM SENDING AMONG THEM.

In a typical sense Jeremiah did have to warn the nations of what was coming. But we find that the world still continued. So this was not the final end. This takes place in the last days and it begins not with Jeremiah alone, but begins with Jeremiah and Israel and all of the Prophets that YAHWEH has chosen. And Israel has this work to perform with Jeremiah. In other words, at that time Jeremiah was alone, but in these last days, he has help. People will begin to understand and are filled with fiery zeal and are willing to go right along with him and perform this work that has to be done in these last days.

- 17) SO I TOOK THE CUP FROM THE LORD'S HAND, AND MADE ALL THE NATIONS TO WHOM THE LORD SENT ME DRINK IT:

Every nation of the face of the earth is going to hear about the Restored Israel of YAHWEH. They are going to hear of the new nation. They are going to hear of our allegiance to our King, who is in the heavens. They are going to hear of our renouncement of any semblance of earthly citizenship, and they are going to see that we will not support any of their schemes or ambitions for continuation of the success of babylon. We will warn the world against babylon and describe it as truly satanic, as the devil's organization and that it is doomed for destruction. And Israel will never change its tune. They will continue to harp on these words until the results begin to be felt, and they will go down. Now here are some of the nations he had to go to:

- 18) JERUSALEM AND THE CITIES OF JUDAH, ITS KINGS AND PRINCES, TO MAKE THEM A DESOLATION AND A WASTE, A HISSING AND A CURSE, AS AT THIS DAY;

"Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its kings and princes." He starts with his own people. We are spending alot of effort with the Witnesses, we are telling them all we can. Anything you can devise, any way that you can think of, to get the message across to them, anything you can do. Studies are beautiful, quoting scriptures, signs; anything you can do--do it. But don't neglect the other people. "To make them a desolation and a waste, a hissing and a curse, as at this day." The Witnesses will have to go down, they are on the wrong track. WE don't change their heart, if their heart is right, they will come in. But the organization which is built up of new members, without YAHWEH'S Authority, men who have usurped the position of the Prophets, will have to be destroyed. And they will have to go down in humiliation. And this will be the first victory of Israel. Gathering the members who are part of Israel, who were taught by the remnant. Who the devil has overreached. YAHWEH through HIS infinite wisdom, has permitted this. In other words, to show everyone the superiority of the Prophets over all other people. All religion is in darkness, all of the overseers have gone into darkness. Everyone on the face of the earth either have no light, or have lost what light they had, most of it. So YAHWEH permits this to happen to show you that these men can see in darkness, that the whole world is in darkness. These men continue to seem, and they will have to admit that YAHWEH has dealt with the Prophets.

19) PHAROAH KING OF EGYPT, HIS SEVANTS, HIS PRINCES, ALL HIS PEOPLE

20) AND ALL THE FOREIGN FOLK AMONG THEM; ALL THE KINGS OF THE LAND OF UZ AND ALL THE KINGS OF THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES (ASHKELON, GAZA, EKRON, AND THE REMNANT OF ASHDOD);

HE is not leaving anybody out; everyone has to be warned. Everyone has to be told. "This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached to the whole world as a witness unto all naitons." (Matt. 24) This just doesn't stop with the just the Kingdom, it is like saying 'believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved'. We don't stop with just preaching the Kingdom, we tell them the faults of satan's organization, we tell them what has happened to them; that the devil have overreached them, that they are in darkness, and headed for destruction. They have to 'come out of babylon.'

21) EDOM, MOAB, AND THE SONS OF AMMON;

politics, commerce and religion; all of them.

22) ALL THEKINGS OF TYRE, ALL THEKINGS OF SIDON, AND THE KINGS OF THE COASTLAND ACROSS THE SEA;

23) DEDAN, TEMA, BUZ, AND ALL WHO CUT THE CORNERS OF THEIR HAIR;

In other words, some of them had a different hair style, indicating that they were in a different nation. But whoever they are, everyone must be reached.

24) ALL THE KINGS OF ARABIA AND ALL THEKINGS OF THE MIXED TRIBES THAT DWELL IN THE DESERT;

25) ALL THE KINGS OF ZIMRI, ALL THEKINGS OF ELAM, AND ALL THE KINGS OF MEDIA;

26) ALL THE KINGS OF THE NORTH, FAR AND NEAR, ONE AFTER ANOTHER, AND ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD WHICH ARE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH. AND AFTER THEM THE KING OF BABYLON SHALL DRINK.

"After the king of babylon shall drink" who is the king of babylon? The devil. So you notice the king of babylon went down (the literal king) first. It wasn't speaking of Nebuchadnezzar. What is happening to the devil? he is entering into hell, and "there are all the kings and all the chief ones of the earth getting up ready to greet him." So they were there before him, he comes down afterwards. The king of babylon is last, the devil.

27) THEN YOU SHALL SAY TO THEM, THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS, THE GOD OF ISRAEL: DRINK, BE DRUNK AND VOMIT, FALL AND RISE NO MORE, BECAUSE OF THE SWORD WHICH I AM SENDING AMONG YOU.

When they oppose the truth, when they oppose reasoning, when they are told what is going to happen to them, and they go contrary to it, and try to find other ways to circumvent it, then they are like drunken people who cannot reason. They are going against what is right. It is like a builder that takes the wrong measurement and deliberately does the wrong thing and it comes out wrong. And they are going to be told what is right because Israel alone has YAHWEH'S Spirit. This caused them to go down, this caused them to sicken and die and go down.

28) AND IF THEY REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE CUP FROM YOUR HAND TO DRINK, THEN YOU SHALL SAY TO THEM, THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS, YOU MUST DRINK!

29) FOR BEHOLD, I BEGIN TO WORK EVIL AT THE CITY WHICH IS CALLED BY MY NAME, AND SHALL YOU GO UNPUNISHED? YOU SHALL NOT GO UNPUNISHED, FOR I AM SUMMONING A SWORD AGAINST ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH, SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS.

The "city that is called by HIS NAME"; it doesn't mean that they are called YAHWEHITES, or anything like that, but it refers to those who bear the NAME of YAHWEH. Those who claim that YAHWEH is with them. These are all those who claim to be GOD'S People. Starting with israel and going on down to christendom, who claim to be saved, who claim to be truly the LORD'S People. The trouble begins with the LORD'S People, then goes on to those who claim to be HIS People. So HE says "I didn't spare MY own, so am I going to spare you?" No. "You shall not go unpunished, for I am summoning sword against all the inhabitants of the earth, says the LORD of hosts." All of the inhabitants of the earth. This is not then, this is now.

30) YOU, THEREFORE, SHALL PROPHECY AGAINST THEM ALL THESE WORDS, AND SAY TO THEM: THE LORD WILL ROAR FROM ON HIGH, AND FROM HIS HOLY HABITATION UTTER HIS VOICE; HE WILL ROAR MIGHTILY AGAINST HIS FOLD, AND SHOUT, LIKE THOSE WHO TREAD GRAPES, AGAINST ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH.

In other words, YAHWEH is going to be heard. How is HE going to be heard? Through Israel. Israel will glorify YAHWEH. Audibly Israel will make YAHWEH'S Voice heard throughout the entire earth. This is the only sound that they will hear; YAHWEH'S. Two witnesses bringing out the message of blessing and the message of doom. Setting the record straight before their eyes. "HE will roar mightily against HIS fold, and shout like those who tread grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth."

31) THE CLAMOR WILL RESOUND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, FOR THE LORD HAS AN INDICTMENT AGAINST THE NATIONS; HE IS ENTERING INTO JUDGMENT WITH ALL FLESH, AND THE WICKED HE WILL PUT TO THE SWORD, SAYS THE LORD.

"The clamor will resound to the ends of the earth." In other words it will be heard all over. A clamor, it is like a clamor. It causes a lot of discord because of the opposition that will result from the message of truth. We come in love, but in reality we are their enemies because they don't want what we have to offer. They don't want the victory of YAHWEH, and Israel. They consider us enemies. Now HE says "for the LORD has an indictment against all the nations." Or HE has a controversy. You might say HE is going to bring them to court; all nations. "HE is entering into judgement with all flesh, and the wicked HE will put to the sword. says the LORD." This did not happen in Jeremiah's day, this is to happen now with Jeremiah and all of Israel. We are going to see the fulfillment of these words. And you are living in the day of fulfillment.

32) THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS: BEHOLD, EVIL IS GOING FORTH FROM NATION TO NATION, AND A GREAT TEMPEST IS STIRRING FROM THE FARTHEST PARTS OF THE EARTH!

33) AND THOSE SLAIN BY THE LORD ON THAT DAY SHALL EXTEND FROM ONE OF THE EARTH TO THE OTHER. THEY SHALL NOT BE LAMENTED, OR GATHERED OR BURIED; THEY SHALL BE DUNG ON THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND.

This is what happened with Nebuchanezzar of old. This is the [final battle]. This is the true work of Jeremiah and all of Israel. The preaching work will bring this about.

34) WAIL, YOU SHEPHERDS, AND CRY AND ROLL IN ASHES, YOU LORDS OF THE FLOCK, FOR THE DAYS OF YOUR SLAUGHTER AND DISPERSION HAVE COME, AND YOU SHALL FALL LIKE CHOICE RAMS.

These are all the ones that had positions, all the ones who are directing the people of the earth. (tape side over) Religionists, or religionists beliefs in say and so forth. Anything that history or the world has found wrong with one, another religion will claim that they no longer do these things. They don't believe in those things, so they are different. So we have the protestants who protested the atrocities of the catholics. Then we have those who see that the catholics are not as bad as the protestants, so they say they are non-denominational; they sneak underneath like a snake. But the abomination is really going to bring them all together. And the old saying 'birds of a feather flock together.' You will find all of the religionists of this world together supporting the abomination. Except for Israel. Israel alone will be set apart; Israel alone will be YAHWEH'S nation. All the other religionists will work together as one showing that they are really one; they are really all part of the devil's organization. And when religion goes down, when the catholic church goes down, which is the head, the bulwork of the organization, what is going to happen with all those who supported her? Who went along with her? How are they going to answer when the accusations are made against the catholic church? The things that she did, they did likewise, they will be a part of it. So they will be guilty of doing the same thing that the catholic church did; they will all be one. And when the world turns against them there will be no place to hide at all. Religion will be completely destroyed; all religion. Because all religion will ban together and show its true colors. Israel alone will remain aloof and apart and stand for the glory and honor of YAHWEH, there will be no hypocrisy in Israel.

35) NO REFUGE WILL REMAIN FOR THE SHEPHERDS, NOR ESCAPE FOR THE LORDS OF THE FLOCK.

36) HARK, THE CRY OF THE SHEPHERDS, AND THE WAIL OF THE LORDS OF THE FLOCK! FOR THE LORD IS DESPOILING THEIR PASTURE,

This is happening with the publicity. This is happening when all of a sudden Israel comes up and gives them a beautiful and harmonious understanding of the entire plan of YAHWEH, which they never knew and the people start coming in. And you think they are going to rejoice because someone knows the truth? No, they are going to weep and wail because they are losing customers. They are going to feel terrible because they are losing members. Not because the truth has been found; they will not rejoice.

37) AND THE PEACEFUL FOLDS ARE DEVASTATED, BECAUSE OF THE FIERCE ANGER OF THE LORD.

38) LIKE A LION HE HAS LEFT HIS COVERT, FOR THEIR LAND HAS BECOME A WASTE BECAUSE OF THE SWORD OF THE OPPRESSOR, AND BECAUSE OF HIS FIERCE ANGER.

YAHWEH is pictured as a lion who leaves HIS court, or leaves HIS hiding to come out in the open. There is only one reason a lion comes out and that is to kill; otherwise he just sleeps and lulls around and keeps hidden. But when he comes out he is coming out to get his prey. So this is YAHWEH coming out like a lion, coming out of HIS court. "For their land has become a waste because of the sword of the oppressor, and because of HIS fierce anger." This all takes place in the very last days; this was never fulfilled in the time of Jeremiah. But YAHWEH has prophesied it, and it shall be fulfilled. And it is about to be fulfilled now. And the beautiful part of it is that all Israel will have in it and they will see the glory and the victory of YAHWEH the Almighty GOD, and the destruction of all the wicked, who persistently do what is wrong, who are incorrigible, who would never be a blessing to anyone; to anyone who wants to do what is right.

#### QUESTIONS

1) Verse 9): Does the north have any significance?

That is Nebuchadnezzar; he was north of Jerusalem. That is referring to Nebuchadnezzar when he is coming down to conquer the land.

2) Verse 32): Is all this trouble here referring to what Israel does?

No, this is referring to the trouble that comes upon the world; a tempest or whirlwind symbolize trouble. Now of course it begins with Israel, but this here is referring to the trouble between nations.