

## Jeremiah 16:1-21 **Israel punished double for her sins – Hope in the Kingdom**

### Jeremiah commanded not to marry or have children

1 The word of the Lord also came to me, saying,

2 "You shall not take a wife, nor shall you have sons or daughters in this place."

3 For thus says the Lord concerning the sons and daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them and their fathers who begot them in this land:

4 "They shall die gruesome deaths; they shall not be lamented nor shall they be buried, but they shall be like refuse on the face of the earth. They shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, and their corpses shall be meat for the birds of heaven and for the beasts of the earth."

### Yahweh has taken His peace, loving kindness, and mercy from the people

5 For thus says the Lord: "Do not enter the house of mourning, nor go to lament or bemoan them; for I have taken away My peace from this people," says the Lord, "lovingkindness and mercies.

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land. They shall not be buried; neither shall men lament for them, cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them.

7 Nor shall men break bread in mourning for them, to comfort them for the dead; nor shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or their mother.

8 Also you shall not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and drink."

9 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will cause to cease from this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

### Yahweh answers the question "why?"

10 "And it shall be, when you show this people all these words, and they say to you, 'Why has the Lord pronounced all this great disaster against us? Or what is our iniquity? Or what is our sin that we have committed against the Lord our God?'

11 then you shall say to them, 'Because your fathers have forsaken Me,' says the Lord; 'they have walked after other gods and have served them and worshiped them, and have forsaken Me and not kept My law.

12 And you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dictates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens to Me.

13 Therefore I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know, neither you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods day and night, where I will not show you favor.'

### Kingdom Restoration of Israel(cf. Jeremiah 23:7,8)

14 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that it shall no more be said, 'The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,'

15 but, 'The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

16 "Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says the Lord, "and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

17 For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden

from My eyes.

### First Yahweh will repay double for their iniquity and sin – Gentiles will see and know

18 And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols."

19 O Lord, my strength and my fortress, My refuge in the day of affliction, The Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable things."

20 Will a man make gods for himself, Which are not gods?

21 "Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; And they shall know that My name is the Lord.

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### Facts Revealed:

#### Jeremiah commanded not to marry or have children

✧ The word of Yahweh (the Lord) also came to me, saying,

"You shall not take a wife, nor shall you have sons or daughters in this place."

For thus says the Lord concerning the sons and daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them and their fathers who begot them in this land:

"They shall die gruesome deaths; they shall not be lamented nor shall they be buried, but they shall be like refuse on the face of the earth. They shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, and their corpses shall be meat for the birds of heaven and for the beasts of the earth."

[[Jeremiah 16:1-4](#)]

✧ When time of God's wrath is coming, Yahweh warned His prophet against starting a family.

✧ The children born during the time of Wrath will suffer gruesome deaths and terrible tribulation.

✧ Speaking of the End Time Great Tribulation, Jesus said, " But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!" [[Matthew 24:19](#)]

✧ Yahweh uses the carrion birds and beasts of the earth as His clean-up crew. [[Deuteronomy 28:26](#), [Psalm 79:1-4](#), [Ezekiel 39:4](#), [Revelation 19:17-21](#)]

#### Yahweh has taken His peace, loving kindness, and mercy from the people

✧ For thus says Yahweh (the Lord): "Do not enter the house of mourning, nor go to lament or bemoan them; for I have taken away My peace from this people," says Yahweh (the Lord), "lovingkindness and mercies.

Both the great and the small shall die in this land. They shall not be buried; neither shall men lament for them, cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them.

Nor shall men break bread in mourning for them, to comfort them for the dead; nor shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or their mother. [[Jeremiah 16:5-7](#)]

✧ The coming trouble is from Yahweh in judgment against the sinful people and Yahweh commanded Jeremiah not to mourn, lament, or bemoan them.

✧ Yahweh has taken His peace, loving kindness and mercies from the people in judgment.

✧ When Yahweh has pronounced judgment against a people, it is too late to intercede for them because He has already said that He will not relent even if Moses and Samuel were the ones making intercession. [[Jeremiah 15:1](#)]

✧ Destruction is coming on the land for both young and old.

- ✧ Also you shall not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and drink." For thus says Yahweh Tsebavta Elohey Yisrael (the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel): "Behold, I will cause to cease from this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride..[[Jeremiah 16:8-9](#)]
- ✧ Jeremiah is also commanded to not join the people in feasting food or drink because Yahweh will bring an end to merriment and weddings in Jerusalem and Judea.
- ✧ Jeremiah will witness the destruction.

#### Yahweh answers the question "why?"

- ✧ "And it shall be, when you show this people all these words, and they say to you, '**Why** has Yahweh (the Lord) pronounced all this great disaster against us? Or what is our iniquity? Or what is our sin that we have committed against Yahweh Eloheynu (the Lord our God)?'

Then you shall say to them, '**Because** your fathers have forsaken Me,' says Yahweh (the Lord); 'they have walked after other elohiym (gods) and have served them and worshiped them, and have forsaken Me and not kept My law.

And you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dictates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens to Me.

**Therefore** I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know, neither you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other elohiym (gods) day and night, **where I will not show you favor.**' [[Jeremiah 16:10-13](#)]

- ✧ People always think they are doing the right thing in their own eyes and consider themselves as innocent so they can not see their ways as God sees them.
- ✧ Even today I have personally heard so many people say, "Well I have never really sinned."
- ✧ Mankind has deceived themselves in their own minds and proclaim their own righteousness even when the thing they are doing is clearly pronounced evil by Scriptures.
- ✧ Yahweh compares the behavior of mankind to the revelation He has already declared in His law and commandments where He demonstrates the difference between right behavior and wrong behavior. Right will always be right and wrong will always be wrong no matter what men do attempting to change the commandments of God.
- ✧ The reason for the coming destruction is the fact that the people have turned their backs on Yahweh and His laws in favor of what seems right in the eyes of the sinners.
- ✧ At this point the nation of Judah has gone deeper into sin than the northern kingdom of Israel had done that brought their destruction and carrying away by the Assyrians, which the nation of Judah watched happen.
- ✧ The consequence for continual sin is for Yahweh to do what He said He will do in the face of rebellion against Him and His commandments to cast out of His sight the people and their temple. [[1 Kings 9:6-9](#), [2 Chronicles 7:19-22](#), [Deuteronomy 28:36-37](#), [Jeremiah 7:15](#), [15:1](#)]
- ✧ When the people have been cast out of their land and dispersed among the nations Yahweh will not show them favor.

#### Kingdom Restoration of Israel (cf. [Jeremiah 23:7,8](#))

- ✧ "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says Yahweh (the Lord), "that it shall no more be said, 'Yahweh (The Lord) lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' but, 'Yahweh (The Lord) lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

"Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says Yahweh (the Lord), "and they shall fish them;

and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. [\[Jeremiah 16:14-17\]](#)

- ✧ In the midst of a prophecy of pending destruction, Yahweh always offers a message of hope by speaking of the Kingdom age restoration for Israel.
- ✧ The glory of the Kingdom restoration will be so much greater than their deliverance from Egyptian bondage that the exodus from Egypt will not even be remembered and Yahweh's fame will be of the restoration of His people Israel and Judah from all the countries where they had been scattered.
- ✧ Though they are cast out of His sight from the Land of Promise, their ways and iniquity is not hidden from His eyes.

### First Yahweh will repay double for their iniquity and sin – Gentiles will see and know

- ✧ And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols." [\[Jeremiah 16:18\]](#)
  - ✧ Before the Kingdom age, Yahweh will have exacted from Israel double for her sins.
- ✧ O Yahweh (Lord), my strength and my fortress, My refuge in the day of affliction, The Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable things." [\[Jeremiah 16:19\]](#)
  - ✧ Jeremiah has all his hope and faith in Yahweh.
  - ✧ From the ends of the earth the Gentiles will come to see the King at Jerusalem and acknowledge that their fathers have passed on to them futile things.
- ✧ Will a man make elohiyim (gods) for himself, Which are not elohiyim (gods)? [\[Jeremiah 16:20\]](#)
  - ✧ Foolishness of Idolatry.
- ✧ "Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; And they shall know that My name is Yahweh (the Lord). [\[Jeremiah 16:21\]](#)
  - ✧ When Yahweh sets up the Kingdom, all the world will know His mighty power and that the name of the only true God is Yahweh.