**Biblical Perspective – Prophecy Series**

**Session #3**

Jeremiah

Overview / Recap

Jer1: The LORD said to me: I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. Do not be afraid. I am calling the northern kingdoms against Judah.

Jer2: Go and proclaim: My people have exchanged their glory for idols. You have all rebelled against me. Now I will bring you to judgement.

Jer3: Israel played the whore on every hill. Her false sister Judah saw it. Return, O faithless children! Surely the LORD is our salvation.

Jer4: Flee to safety! I am bringing disaster from the north, says the LORD. I have heard the trumpet! The whole land shall be a desolation.

Jer5: Israel and Judah have been utterly unfaithful to me. I am bringing a distant nation against you. Your sins have deprived you of good.

Jer6: Flee from Jerusalem! I appointed watchmen but you would not listen. An army is coming from the north. My people are rejected silver.

**JEREMIAH THEME:**

God of Weeping. Judgment: God’s ultimate control over the chaotic world. The Fall Of Judah: Prophecies announcing the captivity of Judah, its sufferings, and the final overthrow of its enemies.

**MAJOR CHARACTERS:**

God, Jeremiah, Baruch the Scribe, King Josiah, and King Jehoiakin.

Chapter#1: The Prophet’s Call. Jeremiah appointed as a prophet. The vision of the almond tree. The vision of the cooking pot. Jeremiah fortified for his commission  
Chapter#2: Israel’s Apostasy. Israel abandons Jehovah for other gods. Israel like a foreign vine. Her skirts stained with blood  
Chapter#3: Judah Worse Than Israel. The depth of Israel’s apostasy. Israel and Judah guilty of adultery. A call to repentance  
Chapter#4: Approaching Desolation of Judah. Repentance brings blessings. Disaster to come from the north. Jeremiah’s pain over the coming disaster  
Chapter#5: Universal Depravity of Judah. The people refuse Jehovah’s discipline. Destruction but not complete extermination. Jehovah calls the people to account  
Chapter#6: Destruction From the North. Siege of Jerusalem near. Jehovah’s rage on Jerusalem. Saying “Peace!” when there is no peace. Cruel invasion from the north. Jeremiah to serve as a metal tester

**How do your own conduct and actions impact your daily life?**

Calamity, Strife, Evil, Fear, Death, War, etc… comes as a consequence of our own behavior. Think about some of the wars throughout history (American or other nations).

What were some of the consequences of those wars?

Should we expect consequences for our sinful behaviors?

**Jeremiah stresses it is important to repent!!**

Repent - feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin / To turn Towards God

The fact that we feel remorse, regret, or just plain bad when we do something wrong after our salvation experience means God is working within us, wants to talk to us, and have us keep walking His way (not the way of Steven Tyler’s).

**Is there something you’ve regretted doing, saying, or even thinking?**

Taking it to God and lifting it to Heaven is how we deal with these things.

**Who do you know that may need to hear the story of repentance and the consequences that come from not repenting?**

**PRAYER:**

For those who we have thought of to come to God with repentance.

For our country to realize the need for repentance in our actions as a people.

For the world to come to full repentance in God through Jesus.

For God to intervene in the wars, rumors, blasphemy, and evils lurking in our world today!