

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Daniel Israel – July 17, 2022

1. Potter has the right to remold he vessel.

Jeremiah 18:1-6

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 “Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will announce My words to you.”

3 So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something on the wheel.

4 But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

6 “Am I not able, house of Israel, to deal with you as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, house of Israel.

Romans 9:19-21

19 You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?”

20 On the contrary, who are you, you foolish person, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this,” will it?

21 Or does the potter not have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one object for honorable use, and another for common use?

2 Timothy 2:20,21

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

2. God has the right to plant or uproot any nation.

Jeremiah 18:5-10

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

6 “Am I not able, house of Israel, to deal with you as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, house of Israel.

7 At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot it, to tear it down, or to destroy it;

8 if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I planned to bring on it.

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9 Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to build up or to plant it;

10 if it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will relent of the good with which I said]that I would bless it.

Jeremiah 18:11-12

11 So now, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'This is what the LORD says: "Behold, I am forming a disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Now turn back, each of you from his evil

Jeremiah 18:11-12

way, and]correct your ways and your deeds!"

12 But they will say, 'It's hopeless! For we are going to follow our own plans, and each of us will]persist in the stubbornness of his evil heart.'

4. Verbal assault against Jeremiah

Jeremiah 18:18

18 Then they said, "Come and let's devise plans against Jeremiah. Certainly, the Law is not going to be lost by the priest, nor advice by the wise, nor the divine word by the prophet! Come, and let's strike at him with our tongue, and let's pay no attention to any of his words."

5. God decided to scatter the nation of Judah

Jeremiah 19:1-2

1 This is what the LORD says: "Go and buy a potter's earthenware jar, and take some of the elders of the people and some of the]senior priests.

2 Then go out to the Valley of Ben-hinnom, which is by the entrance of the Potsherd Gate, and proclaim there the words that I tell you,....

Jeremiah 19:10, 11

10 "Then you are to break the jar in the sight of the men who accompany you, 11 and say to them, 'This is what the LORD of armies says: "To the same extent I will break this people and this city, just as one breaks a potter's vessel, which cannot again be repaired; and they will bury their dead in Topheth, because there is no other place for burial.

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6. Pashhur assaults Jeremiah

Jeremiah 20:1-6

1 When Pashhur the priest, the son of Immer, who was chief overseer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things,

2 Pashhur had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put him in the stocks that were at the upper Benjamin Gate, which was by the house of the LORD.

3 Then on the next day, when Pashhur released Jeremiah from the stocks, Jeremiah said to him, "Pashhur is not the name the LORD has called you, but rather Magor-missabib.

4 For this is what the LORD says: 'Behold, I am going to make you a horror to yourself and to all your friends; and while your eyes look on, they will fall by the sword of their enemies. So I will hand all Judah over to the king of Babylon, and he will take them away as exiles to Babylon and will kill them with the sword.

5 I will also give all the wealth of this city, all its produce and all its valuable things—even all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will hand over to their enemies, and they will plunder them, take them away, and bring them to Babylon.

6 And you, Pashhur, and all who live in your house will go into captivity; and you will enter Babylon, and there you will die and there you will be buried, you and all your friends to whom you have falsely prophesied.'"

7. Jeremiah's prayer

Jeremiah 20:7-9

7 LORD, You persuaded me, and I let myself be persuaded; You have overcome me and prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; Everyone mocks me.

8 For each time I speak, I cry aloud.

I proclaim violence and destruction,

Because for me the word of the LORD has resulted in taunting and derision all day long.

9 But if I say, "I will not remember Him Nor speak anymore in His name," Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; And I am tired of holding it in, And I cannot endure it.

Jeremiah 20:10,11

10. For I have heard the whispering of many, "Terror on every side!

Denounce him; let's denounce him!"

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11. All my trusted friends, Watching for my fall, say: “Perhaps he will be persuaded, so that we may prevail against him And take our revenge on him.”

But the LORD is with me like a powerful champion; Therefore, my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will be put to great shame because they have failed, An everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.

Conclusion

1. God is the potter; we are the clay
2. God has the right to plant or uproot a nation.
3. Turn from wickedness or face the consequence.
4. All people of God will suffer persecution!
5. God’s people will be mocked and reviled, when they proclaim the Word of God!
6. Woe unto us if we don’t preach.

Acts 2:42 Church