

The Judgment of God

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‘The LORD Our Righteousness.’

I. King Zedekiah tries to manipulate!

Jeremiah 21:1,2

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah and Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah, saying,

2 “Please inquire of the LORD in our behalf, because Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is making war against us; perhaps the LORD will deal with us in accordance with all His wonderful acts, so that the enemy will withdraw from us.”

Jeremiah 21:3-7

3 But Jeremiah said to them, “You shall say to Zedekiah as follows:

4 “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says: “Behold, I am going to turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you are making war against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who are besieging you outside the wall; and I will gather them into the middle of this city.

5 And I Myself will make war against you with an outstretched hand and a mighty arm, and in anger, wrath, and great indignation.

6 I will also strike the inhabitants of this city, both the people and the animals; they will die of a great plague.

7 Then afterward,” declares the LORD, “I will hand Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants, and the people, that is, those who survive in this city from the plague, the sword, and the famine, over to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to their enemies, and to those who seek their lives; and he will strike and kill them with the edge of the sword. He will not spare them nor have pity nor compassion.”

Jeremiah 21:8-10

8 “You shall also say to this people, ‘This is what the LORD says: “Behold, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death.

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9 Anyone who stays in this city will die by the sword, by famine, or by plague; but anyone who leaves and goes over to the Chaldeans who are besieging you will live, and he will have his own life as plunder.

10 For I have set My face against this city for harm and not for good,” declares the LORD. “It will be handed over to the king of Babylon and he will burn it with fire.”**

Messianic promise of Jesus!

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IV. The fig parable

Jeremiah 24:1-3

1 After Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had taken into exile Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the officials of Judah with the craftsmen and metalworkers from Jerusalem and had brought them to Babylon, the LORD showed me: behold, two baskets of figs placed before the temple of the LORD.

2 One basket had very good figs, like first-ripe figs, and the other basket had very bad figs which could not be eaten due to rotteness.

3 Then the LORD said to me, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” And I said, “Figs: the good figs are very good, and the bad ones, very bad, which cannot be eaten due to rotteness.”

Jeremiah 24. 4-10

4Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

5“This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says: ‘Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans.

6 For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this land; and I will build them up and not overthrow them, and I will plant them and not uproot them.

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7 I will also give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me wholeheartedly.

8' But like the bad figs which cannot be eaten due to rottenness,' indeed, this is what the LORD says, 'so will I give up Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials, and the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and the ones who live in the land of Egypt.

9 I will make them an object of terror and an evil for all the kingdoms of the earth, as a disgrace and a proverb, a taunt and a curse in all the places where I will scatter them.

10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the plague upon them until they are eliminated from the land which I gave to them and their forefathers.'"

V 23 years of preaching,
but no one cares to listen to Jeremiah!

Jeremiah 25:1-3

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),

2 the word which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3"From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened.

Jeremiah 25:8-11

8 Therefore this is what the LORD of armies says: 'Because you have not obeyed My words,

9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' declares the LORD, 'and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these surrounding nations; and I will completely destroy them and make them an object of horror and hissing, and an everlasting place of ruins.

10 Moreover, I will eliminate from them the voice of jubilation and the voice of joy, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

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11 This entire land will be a place of ruins and an object of horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years.

VI. King of Babylon to be punished!

Jeremiah 25:12

12 Then it will be when seventy years are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the LORD, 'for their wrongdoing, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.

VII. All nations will be judged and punished

Jeremiah 25:15-17

15 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to me: "Take this cup of the wine of wrath from My hand and give it to all the nations to whom I send you, to drink from it.

16 Then they will drink and loudly vomit and act insanely because of the sword that I am going to send among them."

17 So I took the cup from the LORD'S hand and gave it to all the nations to whom the LORD sent me, to drink from it:

VIII. Death Sentence for Jeremiah?

Jeremiah 26:11

11 Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the officials and to all the people, saying, "A death sentence for this man! For he has prophesied against this city, just as you have heard with your own ears!"

Jeremiah 26:12-15

12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.

13 Now then, reform your ways and your deeds and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will relent of the disaster which He has pronounced against you.

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14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hands; do with me as is good and right in your sight.

15 Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city and its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words so that you hear them.”

IX. False prophet, Hananiah punished!

Jeremiah 28:10-17

10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke it.

11 Hananiah spoke in the sight of all the people, saying, “This is what the LORD says: ‘Even so within two full years I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations.’” Then Jeremiah the prophet went his way.

12 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

13 “Go and speak to Hananiah, saying, ‘This is what the LORD says: “You have broken the yokes of wood, but in their place you have made yokes of iron.”

14 For this is what the LORD of armies, the God of Israel says: “I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, to serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him. And I have also given him the animals of the field.”

15 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen now, Hananiah: the LORD has not sent you, and you have made this people trust in a lie.

16 Therefore, this is what the LORD says: ‘Behold, I am going to remove you from the face of the earth. This year you are going to die because you spoke falsely against the LORD.’”

17 So Hananiah the prophet died in the same year, in the seventh month

Conclusion:

The judgement of God is coming.

Choose life today

The Lord Jesus is our righteousness.

What kind of fruit are you bearing?

The judgement begins in the house of the Lord first.

God will not tolerate false prophets!