

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 146--Jeremiah 7:1-8:3

Introduction: Among the Jews were prophets who contended that God would not allow Judah to be destroyed because it was the geographical location of the temple. Jeremiah, in this poignant sermon, reminds the people of Judah that the presence of the temple will not save them; but rather, true repentance and righteousness is the only thing that can bring deliverance. Since that was not forthcoming, only judgment could come.

Lesson aim: To show that the hope of God's people resides in trusting Him, not in mere association with sacred symbols.

The sermon at the temple gate--Jeremiah 7:1-8:3

1. Where was Jeremiah instructed to stand in order to deliver this message from the Lord? (v. 2) Who was to hear this message?
2. With what exhortation did Jeremiah open his sermon? (v. 3) What promise was connected with it?
3. What deceptive words had influenced the people of Judah? (v. 4) What specifically did God want the people to change? (v. 5-6)
4. Of what did Jeremiah accuse the people? (v. 8-10) Such a practice made the temple into what? (v. 1)
5. Where did God urge the Jews to go to learn that God would allow the place of his dwelling to be destroyed? (v. 12) What had God done there? What did God say He would do to the people of Judah? (v. 15)
6. What charge did God give to Jeremiah? (v. 16) Why? (v. 17-19) What did God threaten to do? (v. 20)

7. What did God not speak to the Israelites about when He brought them to Sinai? (v. 22) What did God command? (v. 23) What did He promise? (v. 23)
8. How did God characterize His people? (v. 24, 26) Who had God sent to warn them? (v. 25)
9. Did God expect Jeremiah's message to have any real impact on the people as a whole? (v. 27) How would Jeremiah describe the nation of Israel? (v. 28)
10. Of what specific transgressions did God say the people were guilty? (v. 30-31) What would the valley of the son of Hinnom be called? (v. 32) What would cease from the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem? (v. 34)
11. What would happen to the bones of Judah's kings, princes, priests, prophets, and inhabitants? (8:1-2) What will the remnant of people surviving the destruction choose over their condition? (v. 3)