

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 146--Jeremiah 8:4-10:25

Introduction: This section continues the third general discourse of Jeremiah to the masses at the temple gate. Having pointed out the error that Judah was safe because God would not allow the temple to be destroyed (7:1-8:3), Jeremiah reveals God's retribution for Judah's impenitence (8:4-17). Lamenting her sins (8:18-9:26), Jeremiah proceeds to show the utter folly of Judah's having rejected God for pagan idols (10:1-25).

Lesson aim: To reveal that deliverance may come only by genuine repentance and trust in God.

Judah's impenitence will bring God's judgment--8:4-22

1. What did God charge Judah with refusing to do? (v. 4-7) How were they unlike the various birds mentioned in v. 7?
2. What did God say about the scribe and the wise man? (v. 8-10) What motivated them to pervert the truth? (v. 10) With what words do they seek to console the people? (v. 11) Were they ashamed of their lies? (v. 12) What would be their fate? (v. 10-12)
3. What is the message of v. 13-17?

Lamentation over the sins of Judah--Jeremiah 8:18-9:26

1. What are the causes of Jeremiah's sorrow? (8:18-9:6)
2. Why was it necessary that God refine and assay his people? (v. 7-9) What things will occur in this process? (v. 10-11) Why would the wise man conclude these things had happened? (v. 12-16)
3. For whom are the people Judah urged to call? (v. 17-22) Why?

4. Wherein does God say the wise man should boast?
(v. 23-24)
5. What does God promise to do in the days to come?
(v. 25-26)

The true God and idols contrasted--Jeremiah 10:1-25

1. How does Jeremiah point out the folly of fearing the signs in the heavens and making idols?
2. What affirmations does Jeremiah make about the true God in contrast to idols? (v. 6-10)
3. How does God make known His power? (v. 11-13)
What is God's view of those who worship idols?
(v. 14) The idols themselves? (v. 15)
4. What figure does God use to convey the destruction of Jerusalem? (v. 19-22)
5. What does Jeremiah acknowledge about man? (v. 23)
What is his plea to God? (v. 24-25)