

Jeremiah

A rural priest living in Judah between the Assyrian and Babylonian invasions. Against Jerusalem theology. Not too kind to Israel. Predicts destruction via Babylonians, which makes him an enemy of the King.

Monotheist.

stuff about the reconciliation and prophets dealing with cognitive dissonance

ultimate hopefulness

7:1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

7:2 Stand at the gate of the House of the LORD, and there proclaim this word: Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD!

7:3 Thus said the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel: Mend your ways and your actions, and I will let you dwell in this place.

7:4 Don't put your trust in illusions and say, "The Temple of the LORD, the Temple of the LORD, the Temple of the LORD are these [buildings]."

7:5 No, if you really mend your ways and your actions; if you execute justice between one man and another;

7:6 if you do not oppress the stranger, the orphan, and the widow; if you do not shed the blood of the innocent in this place; if you do not follow other gods, to your own hurt --

7:7 then only will I let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers for all time.

7:8 See, you are relying on illusions that are of no avail.

7:9 Will you steal and murder and commit adultery and swear falsely, and sacrifice to Baal, and follow other gods whom you have not experienced,

7:10 and then come and stand before Me in this House which bears My name and say, "We are safe"? -- [Safe] to do all these abhorrent things!

7:11 Do you consider this House, which bears My name, to be a den of thieves? As for Me, I have been watching -- declares the LORD.

7:12 Just go to My place at Shiloh, where I had established My name formerly, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.

7:13 And now, because you do all these things -- declares the LORD -- and though I spoke to you persistently, you would not listen; and though I called to you, you would not respond --

7:14 therefore I will do to the House which bears My name, on which you rely, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, just what I did to Shiloh.

7:15 And I will cast you out of My presence as I cast out your brothers, the whole brood of Ephraim.

7:16 As for you, do not pray for this people, do not raise a cry of prayer on their behalf, do not plead with Me; for I will not listen to you.

7:17 Don't you see what they are doing in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

7:18 The children gather sticks, the fathers build the fire, and the mothers knead dough, to make cakes for the Queen of Heaven, and they pour libations to other gods, to vex Me.

7:19 Is it Me they are vexing? -- says the LORD. It is rather themselves, to their own disgrace.

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7:20 Assuredly, thus said the Lord GOD: My wrath and My fury will be poured out upon this place, on man and on beast, on the trees of the field and the fruit of the soil. It shall burn, with none to quench it.

10:1 Hear the word which the LORD has spoken to you, O House of Israel!

10:2 Thus said the LORD: Do not learn to go the way of the nations, And do not be dismayed by portents in the sky; Let the nations be dismayed by them!

10:3 For the laws of the nations are delusions: For it is the work of a craftsman's hands. He cuts down a tree in the forest with an ax,

10:4 He adorns it with silver and gold, He fastens it with nails and hammer, So that it does not totter.

10:5 They are like a scarecrow in a cucumber patch, They cannot speak. They have to be carried, For they cannot walk. Be not afraid of them, for they can do no harm; Nor is it in them to do any good.

10:6 O LORD, there is none like You! You are great and Your name is great in power.

10:7 Who would not revere You, O King of the nations? For that is Your due, Since among all the wise of the nations And among all their royalty There is none like You.

10:8 But they are both dull and foolish; [Their] doctrine is but delusion; It is a piece of wood,

10:9 Silver beaten flat, that is brought from Tarshish, And gold from Uphaz, The work of a craftsman and the goldsmith's hands; Their clothing is blue and purple, All of them are the work of skilled men.

10:10 But the LORD is truly God: He is a living God, The everlasting King. At His wrath, the earth quakes, And nations cannot endure His rage.

10:11 Thus shall you say to them: Let the gods, who did not make heaven and earth, perish from the earth and from under these heavens.

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10:12 He made the earth by His might, Established the world by His wisdom, And by His understanding stretched out the skies.

10:13 When He makes His voice heard, There is a rumbling of water in the skies; He makes vapors rise from the end of the earth, He makes lightning for the rain, And brings forth wind from His treasuries.

10:14 Every man is proved dull, without knowledge; Every goldsmith is put to shame because of the idol, For his molten image is a deceit -- There is no breath in them.

10:15 They are delusion, a work of mockery; In their hour of doom, they shall perish.

10:16 Not like these is the Portion of Jacob; For it is He who formed all things, And Israel is His very own tribe: LORD of Hosts is His name.

Bridegroom/bride metaphor, throughout.

33:1 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still confined in the prison compound, as follows:

33:2 Thus said the LORD who is planning it, The LORD who is shaping it to bring it about, Whose name is LORD:

33:3 Call to Me, and I will answer you, And I will tell you wondrous things, Secrets you have not known.

33:4 For thus said the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the palaces of the kings of Judah that were torn down for [defense] against the siegemounds and against the sword,

33:5 and were filled by those who went to fight the Chaldeans, -- with the corpses of the men whom I struck down in My anger and rage, hiding My face from this city because of all their wickedness:

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33:6 I am going to bring her relief and healing. I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of true favor.

33:7 And I will restore the fortunes of Judah and Israel, and I will rebuild them as of old.

33:8 And I will purge them of all the sins which they committed against Me, and I will pardon all the sins which they committed against Me, by which they rebelled against Me.

33:9 And she shall gain through Me renown, joy, fame, and glory above all the nations on earth, when they hear of all the good fortune I provide for them. They will thrill and quiver because of all the good fortune and all the prosperity that I provide for her.

33:10 Thus said the LORD: Again there shall be heard in this place, which you say is ruined, without man or beast -- in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man, without inhabitants, without beast --

33:11 the sound of mirth and gladness, the voice of bridegroom and bride, the voice of those who cry, "Give thanks to the LORD of Hosts, for the LORD is good, for His kindness is everlasting!" as they bring thanksgiving offerings to the House of the LORD. For I will restore the fortunes of the land as of old -- said the LORD.

33:12 Thus said the LORD of Hosts: In this ruined place, without man and beast, and in all its towns, there shall again be a pasture for shepherds, where they can rest their flocks.

33:13 In the towns of the hill country, in the towns of the Shephelah, and in the towns of the Negeb, in the land of Benjamin and in the environs of Jerusalem and in the towns of Judah, sheep shall pass again under the hands of one who counts them -- said the LORD.

33:14 See, days are coming -- declares the LORD -- when I will fulfill the promise that I made concerning the House of Israel and the House of Judah.

33:15 In those days and at that time, I will raise up a true branch of David's line, and he shall do what is just and right in the land.

33:16 In those days Judah shall be delivered and Israel shall dwell secure. And this is what she shall be called: "The LORD is our Vindicator."

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33:17 For thus said the LORD: There shall never be an end to men of David's line who sit upon the throne of the House of Israel.

33:18 Nor shall there ever be an end to the line of the levitical priests before Me, of those who present burnt offerings and turn the meal offering to smoke and perform sacrifices.

33:19 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah:

33:20 Thus said the LORD: If you could break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that day and night should not come at their proper time,

33:21 only then could My covenant with My servant David be broken -- so that he would not have a descendant reigning upon his throne -- or with My ministrants, the levitical priests.

33:22 Like the host of heaven which cannot be counted, and the sand of the sea which cannot be measured, so will I multiply the offspring of My servant David, and of the Levites who minister to Me.

33:23 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah:

33:24 You see what this people said: "The two families which the LORD chose have now been rejected by Him." Thus they despise My people, and regard them as no longer a nation.

33:25 Thus said the LORD: As surely as I have established My covenant with day and night -- the laws of heaven and earth --

33:26 so I will never reject the offspring of Jacob and My servant David; I will never fail to take from his offspring rulers for the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Indeed, I will restore their fortunes and take them back in love.