

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

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PART 8: FAKE REPENTANCE

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

God had given Moses a specific commandment regarding marriage and divorce. If a man divorced his wife and married another woman, whom he also later divorced, he could never return to his first wife. **Deuteronomy 24:1-4**

God spoke to Jeremiah concerning this moral law and applied it to the nation of Judah. **Jeremiah 3:1**

Judah had committed spiritual adultery and polluted the land. **verse 2**

As a result, God has caused the rain to stop and ushered in a draught while Judah walked about with the attire of a whore. **verse 3**

Are you as a nation ready to repent? **verse 4**

God asked a couple of rhetorical questions: Will He be angry forever? Will He keep being wrathful until the end of the world? Judah had sinned and committed evil, ignorant of the fact there would be consequences for their idolatry. **verse 5**

JEREMIAH LOOKS BACK IN HIS LIFE

When King Josiah began reforming Judah and removing idolatry, Jeremiah was there as a young prophet; he remembered what the Lord had told him at that time. **verse 6; 2 Kings 17:7-18**

God warned the northern kingdom of Israel, but the people refused to repent and were carried away into captivity. The people in Judah witnessed the destruction that happened to Israel. **Jeremiah 3:7**

When God divorced Himself from the kingdom of Israel, her treacherous sister (Judah) saw what happened, but she had no fear of God and continued whoring. **verses 8-9**

Judah as a nation pretended to repent. **verse 10**

God stated that the northern kingdom of Israel made no attempt to repent, but openly continued to commit adultery, while the leadership in Judah faked repentance. **verse 11**

RESTORATION OF THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

Jeremiah was given the following message from the Lord concerning the northern kingdom of Israel: Repent and return unto Me and I will be merciful and forgive and restore you. **verses 12-14**

This promise to the northern kingdom of Israel was not to the generation which lived at this time but a message of what God would do in the future. This promise is for the remnant that will be restored in the end times. **Isaiah 10:20-23; 14:1; Romans 9:25-29**



The prophet Isaiah died some 127 years before Jeremiah started his ministry. God had spoken to Isaiah about a future kingdom on earth, where Israel would be restored again and the city of Jerusalem would become a center for the entire world. Neither Isaiah nor Jeremiah knew when this would take place; nor did they know how long this period would last. **Isaiah 43:5-6**

God had also prophesied to Isaiah about the coming Messiah, but when He would come was not revealed to any of the prophets in the Old Testament. **Isaiah 9:6-7**

The future restoration of Israel would also affect the animal kingdom. **Isaiah 11:1-9**

There were pastors in those days taking care of the spiritual needs of the people, in addition to the Levitical priesthood, scribes and prophets, whom God did not hold in high esteem. **Jeremiah 23:1-2**

In the future kingdom of Israel, God would send caring pastors, who would do His will and meet the needs of the people. **Jeremiah 3:15**

VOIDING THE FIRST COVENANT

God told Jeremiah it would not be necessary to observe the Ark of the Covenant. **verse 16**

Jerusalem will be the throne of God and the rest of the nations will know without a doubt this is the city of God on earth. **verse 17**

God also informed Jeremiah that the ten northern tribes would be reunited with Judah and Benjamin during this glorious future time period. **verse 18**

God provided the same message to the prophet Ezekiel. **Ezekiel 37:15-22**

The people of Israel and Judah had rejected the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but He would still restore them when they repented. **Jeremiah 3:19-22**

Altars of idol worship were set up in groves on the mountains and hills throughout the land of Israel. There was no salvation found in these satanic places of worship. The only thing they would find was shame for having walked away from the Lord. **verses 23-25**

The apostles wanted to know when the kingdom of Israel would be restored and were rebuffed when Jesus stated this information would not be given to them. **Acts 1:6-7**

Some 60 years later Jesus provided the revelation to the apostle John. Included among this information was the restoration of the kingdom of Israel that will take place after the time of the Antichrist and will last 1,000 years. **Revelation 20:1-4**

SUMMARY

The majority of the Israelites from the twelve tribes who lived during the time of Isaiah and Jeremiah died in their sins and went to hell. For more than 2,718 years, generation after generation of Abraham's descendants have lived on earth, rejected Jesus as their Messiah and went to hell when they died. Only the remnant came to Christ over the centuries and this will hold true in the waning days of the Antichrist.

The modern day Jewish leadership laments the fact that six million Jews died during World War II, but they are criminally negligent for the fact that hundreds of millions of descendants of the children of Israel have died in their sins and are now in hell.

It is a shame that so many of God's chosen people are going to be cast into the Lake of Fire. This is a great tragedy that few Christian pastors have understood or dare to even speak about. **Matthew 16:26**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?