



Jeremiah the Prophet of Tears

Main Scriptures: Jeremiah Chapters
1, 7, and 36 ~ 38



God called Jeremiah and said,

“Everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you.”

Jeremiah preached the Word of God to the people. He grieved for them because he knew that they will perish as God had said.

“Israelites, please come back to God!”

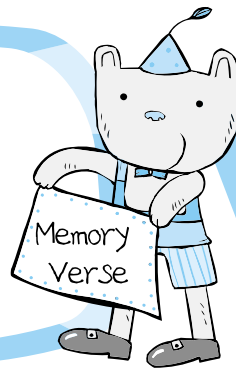
Nevertheless they continued committing more sins.

The Word of God came to Jeremiah again.

“Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you that I will bring disaster to them. Perhaps when the people hear about every disaster I plan to inflict on them, each of them will turn from his wicked way.”



You shall go to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak (Jeremiah 1:7)



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Then the rulers of the country informed the King Jehoiakim of the Words Jeremiah was proclaiming. However, King Jehoiakim did not fear God even after he heard the Word. The king cut the scroll with a scribe's knife and threw it into the firepot.

God said to Jeremiah once again,

“Take another scroll and write on it all the words that were on the first scroll, which Jehoiakim king of Judah burned up. As it is written, I will bring every disaster on them.”

After King Jehoiakim's death, Zedekiah became the king of Judah. Jeremiah continued preaching the Word of God.

“Babylon's army will destroy Jerusalem. Whoever goes over to the Babylonians will live.” Jeremiah eagerly preached the Word of God, hoping the people would turn back from their sin, despite how people hated hearing God's message. They beat Jeremiah and threw him into the mud pit to kill him. Yet, God saved Jeremiah from such dangers.





Today's Study

Calling of Jeremiah

1. Why did God call Jeremiah?

- 1 To destroy people.
- 2 To turn people from their sin and to bring them back to God
- 3 To test whether Jeremiah obeys or not.

2. Why was Jeremiah sorrowful?

Jeremiah's Affliction

1. Write on the line below what afflictions Jeremiah suffered. Look up the following verses for reference. (Jeremiah 37:15, 38:6)



2. Why do you think Jeremiah suffered?

For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of the LORD was made to me a reproach and a derision daily. (Jeremiah 20:8)

Jeremiah earnestly preached the Word of God to the end, even in the midst of many severe afflictions.



Today's Lesson

Let's preach the word



Jeremiah's heart sorrowed for the people of Judah being destroyed due to their sin.



My eyes overflow with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people. My eyes flow and do not cease without interruption. (Lamentation 3:48-49)



When you look at people who will go to hell because they didn't get saved, how do you feel?



Why do you think God saved you and called you?

Jeremiah earnestly preached the Word to the people who were going to perish. Likewise, we should earnestly preach the Word to those around us who are not saved yet.

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which has been brought on me, which the LORD has inflicted in the day of His fierce anger. (Lamentations 1:12)

Parable



Sufferings of Ssundasing

'Ssundasing was called the 'saint of India'. When he was 25 years old, he climbed the Himalayas to preach the Word to the city of Ilm. While he was preaching the Word he was caught and imprisoned, and tortured immensely

Nevertheless, he never brought to his knees but joyfully praised God, preaching as opportunity permits through the small window of the prison cell.

When the judge heard this, he had Ssundasing pulled outside with Ssundasing's feet and wrist bound on the wooden board. Ssundasing was left laid in the marketplace under the heat of sun. Many people gathered to stone and curse him. Some monks poured out dozens of leeches on Ssundasing's body that it turned looking creepy and wretched. Yet, even under such vile circumstance, Ssundasing continued praising God and preaching the Word.

Preaching the Word was the most important and valuable thing to Ssundasing that he could endure such suffering to the end.



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