

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, May 18, 2025

Sermon Series: The Potter & the Clay – Jeremiah/Lamentations

Message 38. Jeremiah's Prayer from Prison – Jeremiah 32:1-44

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- I. The Siege of Jerusalem – vs. 1-2
 - A. The Timeline – 2 Kings 25:1, 3, 8
 - 1. Siege – Jan. 15, 588 BC to July 18, 586 BC
 - 2. The Destruction of Jerusalem – August 14, 586 BC
 - B. The Prophet Imprisoned
- II. Zedekiah's Question – vs. 3-5
 - A. Why Do You Prophesy? Because It's True!
 - B. Zedekiah Will Meet Nebuchadnezzar, and be Dealt with by God
- III. What Hope is there in a Land Purchase? – vs. 6-15
 - A. Help a Brother Out?
 - 1. Jeremiah's family tried to have him killed – Jer. 12:6
 - 2. Now they need help, they need a kinsman redeemer – Lev. 25:25
 - B. Silver Shekels
 - 1. Paid 17 shekels, each shekel is 0.4 ounces, approx. 7 ounces (2 ½ months wages)
 - 2. Total = \$220 at today's rate for silver
 - C. The Deed – transferring legal ownership, with witnesses
 - 1. Written on a single page of papyrus, twice
 - 2. Sheet was then cut in two: one half stayed in the records, the second half was rolled into a scroll, tied, and sealed for safe keeping
 - 3. Two seals have been discovered that read "Berekyah son of Neriah the Scribe"
 - D. Why Invest in Land with the Country about to be Destroyed?
 - 1. This signifies that the people will come back and rebuild
 - 2. They will one day resume "normal life" – Jer. 12:15
- IV. Jeremiah Prays – vs. 16-25
 - A. God's Promise Leads to Worship and Prayer
 - 1. Ah (sigh), Lord Yahweh – God's Covenant Name
 - 2. "Nothing is too difficult for You" – Gen. 18:14; Zech. 8:6
 - 3. Lovingkindness and Accountability – love, mercy, judgment
 - 4. Deliverance from Egypt and the Promised Land, but they did not obey/listen
 - 5. The city is about to fall...but You want me to buy land?
- V. Yahweh Answers – vs. 26-44
 - 1. Is Anything too Difficult for Me? (vs. 26) - The God of all humanity (all people, nations, and even Babylon are under God's control and authority)
 - A. God's Case for Judging Judah – He was Provoked! (vs. 27-35) – 2 Kings 21:2-7
 - B. Seven Promises (vs. 36-44)
 - 1. God will bring His people back to their land
 - 2. God will cause them to live in safety
 - 3. They will be My people – the New Covenant
 - 4. There will be harmony – one heart, one way – Psa. 86:11
 - 5. An everlasting covenant – the New Covenant
 - 6. God will rejoice in doing good to them
 - 7. He will plant them in the land

2 Kings 25:1, 3, 8

1 Now in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his military force, against Jerusalem, and he camped against it and built a siege wall all around it.

3 On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so strong in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

8 Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 12:6

6 For even your brothers and the household of your father, Even they have dealt treacherously with you, Even they have called aloud after you. Do not believe them, although they may say nice things to you.”

Leviticus 25:25

25 ‘If a brother of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his possession of land, then his nearest kinsman redeemer is to come and redeem what his brother has sold.

Jeremiah 12:15

15 And it will come about that after I have uprooted them, I will return and have compassion on them; and I will cause them to return, each one to his inheritance and each one to his land.

Genesis 18:14

14 Is anything too difficult for Yahweh? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

Zechariah 8:6

6 Thus says Yahweh of hosts, ‘If it is too difficult in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be too difficult in My sight?’ declares Yahweh of hosts.

2 Kings 21:2-7

2 And he did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh dispossessed before the sons of Israel. 3 Indeed, he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he erected altars for Baal and made an Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of Yahweh, of which Yahweh had said, “In Jerusalem I will put My name.” 5 Indeed, he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of Yahweh. 6 He even made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying and interpreted omens, and dealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much that was evil in the sight of Yahweh provoking Him to anger. 7 Then he put the graven image of Asherah, which he had made, in the house of which Yahweh had said to David and to Solomon his son, “In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever.

Psalms 86:11

11 Teach me Your way, O Yahweh; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.