



Practice Justice

Lesson Scripture: Jeremiah 21

Focus Scripture: Jeremiah 21:8-14

Key Verse:

“This is what the Lord says to the dynasty of David: “Give justice each morning to the people you judge! Help those who have been robbed; rescue them from their oppressors. Otherwise, my anger will burn like an unquenchable fire because of all you’re your sins.”

21:12 (NLT)



Understanding and taking God's word to heart and life application

- Acknowledging God, Jehovah, and worshiping other gods
- God's judgement and His instruments of judgement
- A particular judgement on the king and House of David, the ruling class, leaders?
- Worshiping God, Jehovah, only, and following His commandments and repentance



Jeremiah

“Jehovah establishes, appoints or sends”
“the weeping prophet”

- Served as both priest and prophet
- Ministered under Judah’s last five kings
- For 40 years he served as God’s spokesman to Judah – to urge God’s people to turn from their sins (idolatry) and back to God
- Jeremiah’s message of repent and turn to God, or he will punish Israel and Judah
- The people rejected his warning and did not repent
- He prophesied the destruction of Judah/Jerusalem at the hands of Babylon
- Jeremiah was mocked, ridiculed, and persecuted
- He often felt discouraged and wondered if he was doing any good



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► Key Verses

“Your wickedness will bring its own punishment. Your turning from me will shame you. You will see what an evil, bitter thing it is to abandon the Lord your God and not to fear him. I, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, have spoken!”

(2:19)

“And if you still refuse to listen,
I will weep alone because of your pride.
My eyes will overflow with tears,
because the Lord’s flock will be led away into exile.”

(13:17)

No Deliverance from Babylon

21 The LORD spoke through Jeremiah when King Zedekiah sent Pashhur son of Malkijah and Zephaniah son of Maaseiah, the priest, to speak with him. They begged Jeremiah, ² “Please speak to the LORD for us and ask him to help us. King Nebuchadnezzar^[a] of Babylon is attacking Judah. Perhaps the LORD will be gracious and do a mighty miracle as he has done in the past. Perhaps he will force Nebuchadnezzar to withdraw his armies.”

³ Jeremiah replied, “Go back to King Zedekiah and tell him, ⁴ ‘This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I will make your weapons useless against the king of Babylon and the Babylonians^[b] who are outside your walls attacking you. In fact, I will bring your enemies right into the heart of this city. ⁵ **I myself will fight against you with a strong hand and a powerful arm, for I am very angry.** You have made me furious! ⁶ I will send a terrible plague upon this city, and both people and animals will die. ⁷ And after all that, says the LORD, I will hand over King Zedekiah, his staff, and everyone else in the city who survives the disease, war, and famine. I will hand them over to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and to their other enemies. He will slaughter them and show them no mercy, pity, or compassion.’

No Deliverance from Babylon

⁸ “Tell all the people, ‘This is what the LORD says: Take your choice of life or death! ⁹ Everyone who stays in Jerusalem will die from war, famine, or disease, but those who go out and surrender to the Babylonians will live. Their reward will be life! ¹⁰ For I have decided to bring disaster and not good upon this city, says the LORD. It will be handed over to the king of Babylon, and he will reduce it to ashes.’

Judgment on Judah’s Kings

¹¹ “Say to the royal family of Judah, ‘Listen to this message from the LORD! ¹² This is what the LORD says to the dynasty of David:

“Give justice each morning to the people you judge!
Help those who have been robbed;
rescue them from their oppressors.

Otherwise, my anger will burn like an unquenchable fire
because of all your sins.

¹³ I will personally fight against the people in Jerusalem,
that mighty fortress—

the people who boast, “No one can touch us here.
No one can break in here.”

¹⁴ And I myself will punish you for your sinfulness,
says the LORD.

I will light a fire in your forests
that will burn up everything around you.’”



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The Book of Daniel and End Time Prophecy





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- ▶ The book of Daniel centers around the profound truth of the sovereignty of God
- ▶ Daniel's apocalyptic visions (Chapters 7-12) give a glimpse of God's plan for the ages, including a direct prediction of the Messiah.
- ▶ Daniel had many dreams that he did not understand. He dreamed of four beasts, which represented four kingdoms of the world, and of a ram and goat, which depicted two of the kingdoms.
- ▶ Daniel's visions reveal that the messiah will be ruler of a spiritual Kingdom that will overpower and overshadow all other earthly kingdoms.
- ▶ Prophecy of the End Time – Chapter 12

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12 “At that time Michael, the archangel^[a] who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued. **2** Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace. **3** Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever. **4** But you, Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal up the book until the time of the end, when many will rush here and there, and knowledge will increase.”

5 Then I, Daniel, looked and saw two others standing on opposite banks of the river. **6** One of them asked the man dressed in linen, who was now standing above the river, “How long will it be until these shocking events are over?”

7 The man dressed in linen, who was standing above the river, raised both his hands toward heaven and took a solemn oath by the One who lives forever, saying, “It will go on for a time, times, and half a time. When the shattering of the holy people has finally come to an end, all these things will have happened.”

8 I heard what he said, but I did not understand what he meant. So I asked, “How will all this finally end, my lord?”

9 But he said, “Go now, Daniel, for what I have said is kept secret and sealed until the time of the end. **10** Many will be purified, cleansed, and refined by these trials. But the wicked will continue in their wickedness, and none of them will understand. Only those who are wise will know what it means.

11 “From the time the daily sacrifice is stopped and the sacrilegious object that causes desecration^[b] is set up to be worshiped, there will be 1,290 days. **12** And blessed are those who wait and remain until the end of the 1,335 days!

13 “As for you, go your way until the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days, you will rise again to receive the inheritance set aside for you.”