

Jeremiah – Part 4

Rebuke and Retribution

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a new series of studies on the book of the prophet Jeremiah. Our topic today: Rebuke and Retribution

Scripture Theme Song: “For I know the thoughts”
(Jeremiah 29:11-13)

- 1) Only two roads
 - a) Psalm 1:1-6
 - b) Jeremiah 17:5-10
 - c) Proverbs 14:12; Proverbs 16:25
 - d) How can we be sure we are taking the right path and not deceiving ourselves or being deceived?
- 2) God’s rebuke to Judah through the prophet Jeremiah
 - a) Jeremiah 17:1-4
 - b) How does sin become engraved on your heart?
 - c) What hope is there for a person who is deeply entrenched in a life of sin?
 - i) Ezekiel 36:26
 - ii) Psalm 51:10
 - iii) 1 John 1:9
 - iv) Other promises?
- 3) Response to Jeremiah’s warning
 - a) Jeremiah 11:18-19
 - b) Fulfillment of the LORD’s word – Jer. 1:19
- c) Why would those who heard Jeremiah’s warning message want to kill him? John 3:19
- d) Jesus warned His disciples that fierce opposition would occur. John 15:18-19; John 16:1-4
- e) Share a time when you witnessed or experienced fierce opposition simply for sharing the truth of God’s Word.
- 4) Jeremiah’s response to fierce opposition
 - a) Jeremiah 12:1-4
 - b) Jeremiah 20:7
 - c) How do you react when people oppose you or persecute you for proclaiming truth?
 - d) What important lesson can we learn from the experience of Elijah after the great victory at Mount Carmel?
 - i) 1 Kings 19:1-4
 - ii) 1 Kings 19:5-8; 19:9-18
 - e) What are some ways we can prepare for the fierce opposition that will surely come our way?
- 5) Hope in the midst of a desperate situation
 - a) Jeremiah 14:1-6
 - b) Have you ever found yourself in a desperate situation? What can we learn from the response of Jeremiah in Jer. 14:7-9
 - c) Lamentations 3:22-26
 - d) What other promises give you hope when your world seems to be falling apart all around you?
- 6) Discussion question: How can I make sure that I receive needed rebuke rather than retaliating against the messengers of truth?