Jeremiah 14

King James Version (KJV)

(The intercession for Judah by Jeremiah)

- **14** The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the <u>dearth</u>. (Dearth = a scarcity, want, shortage, famine; in this case it is drought) see Amos-8:11
- ² Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. (They are starving for truth spiritual truth God's Word)
- ³ And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads. (Physically, there was no water. There was a drought in the land)

(Spiritually, they didn't have a clue as to how to return to God, from their idol worship. They knew nothing about God's Word. They were Biblically ignorant)

NOTE: (Most Christians today are Biblically ignorant; because most Christian churches don't teach the Bible – chapter by chapter, verse by verse. Instead, they preach sermons written by some preacher)

- ⁴Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads. (This was a tradition when people were in mourning)
- ⁵Yea, the <u>hind</u> also calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass. (hind= deer, cattle)

(They couldn't even nurse their babies because there was a drought. They were all dying of thirst and of starvation)

⁶ And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like <u>dragons</u>; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass. (dragons = jackals - bad translation)

(The drought was killing everything)

O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against

thee. (They are saying – "O Lord, save us for your namesake, although we will keep right on sinning" – what a pathetic excuse for a prayer)

Of the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? ("Why do you delay? Why won't you help us? Even though we ignored You when times were good.")

(This is not a good way to speak to God. They brought all of this on themselves; and now they want God to hurry up an save them)

⁹Why shouldest thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not. (They are saying – "We are called Christians, although we practice idolatry. YOU have no choice. YOU must save us.")

(This is a total disrespect for God. These people dare to try to force God's hand. HE is not their servant. HE rewards those who deserve it; and He also chastises those who deserve that)

- ¹⁰ Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. (God answers their pathetic prayer HE will judge them for their sins. They never repented. They just call themselves Christians, because they think that it will force God to save them)
- ¹¹ Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this people for their good. (Don't have pity on them. They are getting what they have been asking for)
- ¹² When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence. (They will go into captivity. They brought it upon themselves. So, now, they will reap the rewards for their treachery towards God)
- ¹³ Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. (Their false prophets are still lying to them)

(Jeremiah is trying to make an intercession for these people. He is saying – Ah Lord, it not totally their fault. All they ever hear are lies from their false teachers. No one was there to teach them the truth)

(Moses also made intercession for the Israelites while they were crossing the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land)

(Today – they preach the rapture and celebrate Easter. They say that Christians and Muslims worship the same God. That is an insult to God <Yahoveh>. Allah is no god, Mohammad was no prophet)

- 14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. (The false prophets are the true evil ones. They know that they are going against God. They know that they are getting rich from false teaching)
- ¹⁵ Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; <u>By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed</u>. (The false prophets will be judged and corrected for their lies. Judgment begins at the pulpit)
- ¹⁶ And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and <u>the sword</u>; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. (Physically, the sword of the Lord was Nebuchadnezzar. He was coming to take Judah captive)

(Spiritually, the sword of the Lord is the Word of God. It cuts the evil ones; and heals those who repent) Revelation-1:15-16

(God gave the people the truth in the Bible. All they have to do is read it and learn. But they are too lazy. They would rather sit in a church and listen to lies and sermons from some preacher. The result is that they are completely deceived by false teaching)

NOTES: (Because Yahoveh is a loving and forgiving God; the deceived people will get a chance to learn and repent during in the Millennium. God will see to it that they all hear the truth)

(Then they can make an informed decision to either follow God, or to follow Satan when the Millennium ends. Satan will be released from the pit for a short season to tempt them one last time)

¹⁷Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow. (God cries continually for the people who choose to turn away from Him)

(Jesus Christ is coming back at the end of this Age, as the husband; to take a virgin bride <spiritually> for the Great Wedding)

(If she was seduced by antichrist, she will not be fit for the Great Wedding. The virgin bride is the Christian assembly of peoples) see chapter-13:26

¹⁸ If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not. (The false teachers don't know what they are talking about, because they never actually studied God's Word)

(They make it up as they go – with sermons and false teachings. They do it for power and for money. They murder souls because they keep them from learning God's Word)

¹⁹ Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble! ("Woe is us" – say the people. They are wallowing in self pity)

(They did it to themselves. God didn't do it. They turned their backs on God, so He did the same to them. Now, the world was devouring them because they no longer had God's protection)

(They didn't build up Israel into a great nation. God did that for them. And now, they threw it all away with idol worship, sexual perversion and political correctness)

NOTE: (We didn't build up the US into a great nation. God did that for us. And now, we threw it all away with idol worship, sexual perversion and political correctness. An idol is anything that we put before God)

²⁰ We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee. (This is the "holy Joes", trying to put God on a guilt trip. It won't work. They acknowledged their sins, but they didn't repent and change their ways)

²¹ Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, <u>break not thy covenant with us</u>. (Again, they are trying to put God on a guilt trip. They are the ones who broke the covenant; God didn't. They admit that they still continue on with their idol worship)

(God will not forsake the people among them that have remained faithful to Him. HE knows who they are. And they know that God won't forsake them) See chapter-7:23 (God's promise to us)

²² Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things. (They'll wait until God changes His mind. Have they changed their evil ways? No. Have they truly repented? No. Do they still listen to false teachings? Yes. Do they still celebrate Easter? Yes. Do they still think that they will be raptured out, so that they don't need to study God's Word? Yes)

(What are they expecting God to do for them? They haven't changed at all. People have to make the change. They need to return to God. They need to study what the Bible teaches. They need to live by the Ten Commandments and walk away from the perversions of the world)

(Jesus said – I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me) Revelation-3:20