

Jeremiah’s Message

Jeremiah 7:1 – 11, 21 - 23

Devotional Reading: Luke 6:40 - 46
Background Scripture: Jeremiah 7:1 - 26

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **State** what the Lord commanded the people when He brought them out of Egypt
- **Contrast** the Judeans’ daily activities with their temple worship practices
- **Write** a note that expresses gratitude to God for His rescue during a time of injustice

INTRODUCTION: Judah was facing a political and religious crisis. Though King Josiah had tried to reform the nation by purging idolatry and restoring proper worship [2 Kings 22 – 23], too often these reforms were superficial. The people still found themselves clinging to rituals and external religious practices instead of genuine repentance and true devotion to God. The city of Jerusalem was in a state of political instability. Babylon was lurking, as they were looking to destroy Jerusalem. Most important, the people in Jerusalem had become complacent in their faith. Instead of living according to God’s commands, they relied on the Temple.

KEY VERSE: *23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. Jeremiah 7:23*

LESSON OUTLINE:

Message Introduced	Jeremiah 7:1 - 2
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Change Needed	verses 3 - 4
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Outcomes Desired

verses 5 - 7

Hypocrisy Exposed

verses 8-11 21-23

Summary: God wanted Jeremiah’s audience to repent and change their way of living so they could remain in their land. He commands His people to treat each other with fairness. They are to refrain from oppressing foreigners who live in the land, children without fathers, and widows. They are to stop their killing and stop worshiping idols. If they would do these things, God would allow them to remain in the land. God’s blessings for His people were based upon their obedience. The same is true today. Many of our blessings require us to follow His Word faithfully.

Questions:

1. *What attracts people to believing or trusting in lies?*
2. *Why is it easy to justify sinful behavior?*
3. *Where do you see hypocrisy present in your own life?*
4. *How does obeying God’s Word affect your relationship with Him?*

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., Oct. 6th</i>	Endure to the End	Mark 13:1 – 13
<i>Tue., Oct. 7th</i>	God Will Protect God’s People	Mark 13:14 – 27
<i>Wed., Oct. 8th</i>	To Obey Is Better than Sacrifice	1 Samuel 15:20 – 26
<i>Thurs., Oct. 9th</i>	Keep Christ’s Commandments	John 14:12 – 17
<i>Fri., Oct. 10th</i>	An Indestructible Temple	John 2:12 – 22
<i>Sat., Oct. 11th</i>	The Sacrifice That Pleases God	Psalm 51:15 – 19
<i>Sun., Oct. 12th</i>	Ament Your Ways!	Jeremiah 7:1 – 11, 21 - 23