

Jeremiah 18

King James Version (KJV)

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

² Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

³ Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. (The potter is a type for God, who forms the clay vessels <us>) (The wheels <oben - Hebrew> are stone and one is used to turn the other; symbolic for the true Christ and the antichrist. People need to know one from the other)

⁴ And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. (The vessels are symbolic for the people God created)

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁶ O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. (Before it is fired, the pottery is still pliable and repairable. God is asking if Israel can still be repaired. Or have they been spiritually fired and cured, such that they must be broken and trashed)

⁷ At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; (God has the authority to do whatever He wants with His creation. At what instant will it be too late for you?)

⁸ If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. (He is always willing to save anyone who repents of their evil ways and returns to God)

⁹ And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; (When does it become too late for them to repent?)

¹⁰ If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. (Evil in the

kingdom was idolatry, revolt against God, and perverting their religion with traditions of men. They had also fallen into decadence and sexual perversion) (But if they keep on returning to their evil ways, God will take back His blessings from them)

¹¹ Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. (Repent while there is still time. It may be too late for Israel, but Judah hadn't yet fallen so far)

¹² And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart. (Even when it was pointed out to them, they refused to change their ways)

¹³ Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing. (Go and ask the heathen if the father should still love a disobedient and evil daughter? They would answer no – better translation)

¹⁴ Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon which cometh from the rock of the field? or shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken? (Do you want to drink pure water from the mountain snows of Lebanon, or from a mud puddle in the desert? An analogy for comparing God's Word to the made up religions of men; God is the living water, man's idolatries are worthless)

¹⁵ Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up; (They forsook God for the traditions of the heathen, and the perversions of the world) (They traded in the living God, for inanimate idols)

¹⁶ To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head. (They have turned their promised land into desolation, through perversion and idol worship. So much so that even the heathen passing by will be astonished at their fall)

(Look at the US today. we have been on a downward spiral since the end of WW2. Our prosperity is gone, as are our blessings from God.

We have allowed the heathen and atheists to take over. Our women believe that abortion is acceptable)

¹⁷ I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity. (God will turn His back on them, because they deserted Him) (The east wind came in from the desert – a hot, dry wind) (The day of calamity is the time that antichrist will come to deceive the whole world into a spiritual death)

¹⁸ Then said they, Come and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words. (They resent Jeremiah for trying to persuade them to change their ways and return to God. They want to silence him or even kill him. They don't want to hear the truth)

¹⁹ Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. (Jeremiah was asking God for help)

²⁰ Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn away thy wrath from them. (Jeremiah tried to intercede for them before God; to give them another chance to do the right thing. They are fighting him because of it)

(Today, the liberals have turned everything upside down. Traditions of men are good – reading God's Word is not. Abortion is good – pro life people are considered fascist. Muslims are praised – Christians are vilified as right wing radicals)

²¹ Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle. (Let them reap what they have sown. Don't protect them anymore. On a spiritual level, if they don't want eternal life, so be it)

²² Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. (They were trying to kill Jeremiah, so don't protect them when others come for them)

(Past- they were taken by Nebuchadnezzar; Future- They will be taken by antichrist, through deception)

²³ Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me: forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal thus with them in the time of thine anger. (Punish them for their evil deeds. Give them what they deserve) (The time of God's anger will be when the 7 vials of His wrath will be poured out upon the world, in the end days) see Revelation