

# MESSAGE NOTES

## “Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

### WEeping: TEARS FROM HEAVEN

Jeremiah

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***As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it*** and said, “If you, even you, had only known on ***this day what would bring you peace***—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, ***because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.***” (Lk 19:41–44).

- WEeping \_\_\_\_\_

1 If only my head were a pool of water  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
I would ***weep day and night***  
for all my people who have been slaughtered.  
2 Oh, that I could go away and forget my people  
and live in a travelers’ shack in the desert.  
For they are all adulterers—  
a pack of treacherous liars.  
(Je 9:1–2).

- WEeping \_\_\_\_\_

***I will weep*** for the mountains  
and wail for the wilderness pastures.  
For they are desolate and empty of life;  
the lowing of cattle is heard no more;  
the birds and wild animals have all fled.  
(Je 9:10).

- WEeping \_\_\_\_\_

### WHY IS GOD WEeping?

***Should I not punish them for this?***” says the Lord.  
“***Should I not avenge myself against such a nation?***” (Je 9:9).

13 The Lord replies, “This has happened because ***my people have abandoned my instructions***; they have ***refused to obey*** what I said. 14 Instead, they have ***stubbornly followed their own desires*** and ***worshiped the images of Baal***, as their ancestors taught them. 15 So now, this is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, says: Look! I will feed them with bitterness and give them poison to drink. 16 ***I will scatter them around the world***, in places they and their ancestors never heard of, and even there I will chase them with the sword until I have destroyed them completely.” (Je 9:12–16).

The basic core message is easily summarized:

- Israel has \_\_\_\_\_ **Lord God**, broken his covenant laws and \_\_\_\_\_ **all pleas to repent** and \_\_\_\_\_ **to him**.
- As a result they face the **full weight of covenant** \_\_\_\_\_, which will fall upon them in the form of enemy invasion from the north.
- This can **no longer be** \_\_\_\_\_, and no religious rituals or sacred places will provide protection from the wrath to come.

### **What Breaks GOD'S HEART SHOULD BREAK Your Heart?**

1. People who are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then **why do these people stay on their self-destructive path?***

*Why do the people of Jerusalem **refuse to turn back?***

*They cling tightly to their lies  
and will not turn around.*

*6 I listen to their conversations  
and don't hear a word of truth.*

***Is anyone sorry for doing wrong?** (Je 8:5–6)*

2. People who don't \_\_\_\_\_ **God's Word**.

*"They have rejected the word of the Lord" (Jer. 8:9).*

3. People who don't realize time is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus' heart broke over the harvest when he said, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38).*

4. People who are \_\_\_\_\_.

*I hurt with the hurt of my people.  
I mourn and am overcome with grief. (Je 8:21).*

5. People who refuse the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Is there no medicine in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?  
Why is there no healing  
for the wounds of my people? (Je 8:22).*