

Jeremiah 9

What an amazing chapter lies in front of us in light of the recent Presidential election and the election for the Senate seats in Georgia. The burden of Jeremiah for the plight of his countrymen and nation is seen in the first verse where he wishes "his head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears." Yet, he was so dismayed about the sin of the country and its direction he also wished he could retreat to the wilderness with like-minded people. Lies, evil, and no interest in truth are all part of the fabric of the nation. God's judgment is irrevocable. What did Jeremiah tell the remnant in the land to do to encourage them? His encouragement is part of this chapter and is applicable for the child of God, a Bible believing, born-again Christian today, and what should be done in light of what is happening in the country.

1 **Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!**

Jeremiah begins by lamenting that his head is not waters and his eyes fountains of tears in order to enable him to weep for his people.

Psalm 126:

- 1 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.
- 3 The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.
- 4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.
- 5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
- 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

"But in Israel's return to the land, there is a seed-sowing that must be accomplished, which is referred to in verses 5 and 6. This seed-sowing is the sowing of the Word of God, the only kind of seed-sowing that can possibly be connected with Israel's return to the land and re-establishment in the home of their fathers. These verses refer to the sowing of the seed in Israel now, while she is returning to the land. Unfortunately, these verses have been torn from their connection and applied to the sowing of the seed, the Word of God, anywhere and among various groups of people.

While such an application may be made of the passage, its real meaning is an undoubted reference to the giving forth of the Word of God to the Jews now.

The person who engages in this task does so in tears, there being many heartaches and disappointments. Now is the time of seed-sowing. This is not the period for reaping. That comes later. There will be an abundant harvest. Those who sow now will reap the greatest harvest possible in the form of an innumerable host of people who will be led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ by the 144,000 Jews to whom we are now giving the truth in our seed sowing throughout all Israel in this generation.

May the Lord stir our hearts and energize our spirits to do greater and better service for Him in the field of Israel!" David Baron, <https://www.biblicalresearch.info/page118.html>

Luke 19:

- 41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,
- 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.
- 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,
- 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Is the prayer of Franklin Graham the correct sentiment for Bible believers?

Franklin Graham responds to alleged efforts to 'steal' the election by 'the enemies of God'
Randy DeSoto, The Western Journal January 5, 2021

"I ask that you continue to pray for our nation and this election," Graham tweeted. "Many fear that some are trying to steal the election, so join me in praying that the will of God would be done.

"Pray that the enemies of God would be quieted and that all their plans would be put to nothing."

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places

Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.
 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.
3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.

Vs. 2 Jeremiah wishes he could find a place in the wilderness (perhaps where like minded people are - wayfaring men) to escape his people who have become [spiritual] adulterers and treacherous (to act covertly; deal deceitfully).

1. "To close a prayer he delivered from the House chamber Sunday to mark the swearing in of the 117th Congress, Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-Mo.), an ordained [United Methodist] minister, altered the traditional "amen" to say "amen and awoman."

"We ask it in the name of the monotheistic God, Brahma, and 'God' known by many names by many different faiths. Amen and awoman."

2. **Yes, It Was a Stolen Election:** You'd have to be blind not to see it
 Wed Dec 23, 2020 John Perazzo

"As Americans continue to watch the 2020 election controversy unfold, the very same publications that spent years lying about President Trump's "Russia collusion" are once again telling us what we are dutifully supposed to believe. The Los Angeles Times, for instance, assures us that Trump's "baseless" and "dangerous" claim "that the election was rigged to benefit Joe Biden" has been thoroughly "debunked." [1] The New York Times proclaims that "Trump's false election fraud claims" are founded upon nothing more than a "torrent of falsehoods." [2] Sneering at "how Trump drove the lie that the election was stolen," The Washington Post mocks Republicans who "are still pretending that there was election fraud." [3] And CNN.com warns that "Trump's obsession with overturning the election" has now begun to spiral "out of control." [4]

But so much for what the comic books have to say. What follows is a compilation of vital facts that will demonstrate, to anyone interested in following the truth wherever it may lead, that the 2020 presidential election was indeed rife with fraud, and that Joe Biden, if he should in fact be sworn into office next month, will be an illegitimate president from the very start."

<https://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/2020/12/yes-it-was-stolen-election-john-perazzo/>

The people and leaders are a wicked and deceitful. The government has the following characteristics.

1. Lying is easy.
2. They don't fight for the truth - with a few exceptions think of politicians, media, judges.
3. The policies start with evil and continue with evil.
4. They don't know God although they speak of [a] god.

4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.
5 And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.
6 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

Deceit is throughout the land. Don't trust anyone who doesn't know the LORD, "through deceit they refuse to know me."

7 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?
8 Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait.
9 Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear

11 the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone. And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

Notice vs. 9 says “**shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?**”

Once again, deceit is rampant, vs. 8, and one speaks to his neighbor peacefully but in his heart despises him and can't wait for his destruction, vs. 8.

God will judge this nation, vs. 9-11.

12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?

The question is asked where is the wiseman that understands what is happening? And, where is the prophet who will declare the truth?

13 And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

14 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

The problem is the nation has forsaken the Mosaic law, not obeyed God, and has followed the imaginations of their own heart, following a false god (Baalim).

In what areas has the U.S. forsaken biblical truths following the imaginations of their (evil) heart?

Abortion

Homosexuality accepted and marriage voted as okay by the government.

Lying hypocrisy (think of Adam Schiff, main stream media, Democrat party, etc.)

Forbidden churches to worship (this will get worse after January 21, 2021).

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

God's judgment is inevitable.

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come:

18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out.

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

The call is to be made that the wise and mourning women are to weep over the land.

It is not that women are guiltless, but the leadership of the nation, both politically and religiously, was primarily in the hands of men - kings from the line of David; priests were all men; prophets almost exclusively men.

Men have abandoned their godly heritage and leadership so the plea is for women to hear the word of God and teach their daughters truth.

21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.

22 Speak, Thus saith the LORD, Even the carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them.

Death, as a result of God's judgment, will be throughout the land.

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

Those who consider themselves wise (think politicians, educators, and liberal religious leaders), those who are strong, and the rich shouldn't glory in these things.

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

The only thing that one should glory in is the understanding and personal knowledge (relationship) with God. Glory in the knowledge that God that "**exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth.**"

Why? Because God delights in the understanding of the above.

So, what does this verse challenge us with, as it challenged the people of Jeremiah's day?

1. A relationship with God is paramount? Are you born again? Do you have a personal relationship with God?
2. Rejoice in God's actions - when He judges a nation or shows love.

If God is judging a nation by allowing evil people to take control (as with the Democrats and enabled by too many Republicans); and this is one further step toward the destruction (yes, by God) of an evil, sinful country, we should glory (celebrate, praise) that God is fulfilling what He has promised.

How can a patriotic citizen of the U.S. do this?

1. We are citizens of heaven first and foremost!
"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:" Philippians 3:20
"For our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."
ASV
"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." NKJV
"For our citizenship is in the heavens, whence also a Saviour we await--the Lord Jesus Christ."
YLT
2. We are appointed as ambassadors for King Jesus, representing Him in a foreign country.
"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20
3. Don't let the things of this world get you off track.
"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4
"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:2

WARNING!!! Don't let secular, conservative talk shows guide your decision making.

25 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised;

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

Judgement will come upon Jew and Gentile who are not saved (uncircumcised in the heart).