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Jeremiah 44.

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Jeremiah 44.

The following is a brief overview of the main topics.
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God's Word comes to Jeremiah concerning the Judeans in Egypt.

Jeremiah 44:1 ----- ¹The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Judeans who lived in the land of Egypt, at Migdol, at Tahpanhes, at Memphis, and in the land of Pathros,

All the Judeans who lived in the land of Egypt; refers to Johanan, the commanders and all the remnant of Judah who remained in the land of Judah after the fall of Jerusalem, Nebuchadnezzar had appointed Gedaliah (a Judean) to be the governor over this company. But when Gedaliah was treacherously murdered all those who had submitted to him fled from the land of Judah (against the LORD'S word) to Egypt because they feared Babylon would send armies against them (Jeremiah (41:2-7) (Jer 43:5-7).

The LORD'S Word to the People of Judah in Egypt: -

Jeremiah 44:2-6 ----- ²Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: You (the people of Judah) have seen all the disaster that I brought upon Jerusalem and upon all the cities of Judah. Behold, this day they are a desolation, and no one dwells in them, ³because of the evil that they committed, provoking me to anger, in that they went to make offerings and serve other gods that they knew not, neither they, nor you, nor your fathers. ⁴Yet I persistently sent to you all my servants the prophets, saying, 'Oh, do not do this abomination that I hate!' ⁵But they did not listen or incline their ear, to turn from their evil and make no offerings to other gods. ⁶Therefore my wrath and my anger were poured out and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, and they became a waste and a desolation, as at this day.

This company of Judeans who had fled to Egypt had seen everything the LORD spoke through Jeremiah come to pass, they witnessed the destruction of the cities of Judah, Jerusalem and saw the inhabitants Jerusalem and of the land of Judah taken captive to Babylon, yet they still did not listen to Jeremiah when he warned them not to go to Egypt (Jer 43:2-4).

The LORD'S Word to the People of Judah in Egypt continued: -

Jeremiah 44:7-10 ----- ⁷And now thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel: Why do you commit this great evil against yourselves, to cut off from you man and woman, infant and child, from the midst of Judah, leaving you no remnant? ⁸Why do you provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, making offerings to other gods in the land of Egypt where you have come to live, so that you may be cut off and become a curse and a taunt among all the nations of the earth? ⁹Have you forgotten the evil of your fathers, the evil of the kings of Judah, the evil of their wives, your own evil, and the evil of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? ¹⁰They have not humbled themselves even to this day, nor have they feared, nor walked in my law and my statutes that I set before you and before your fathers.

The foolishness and rebellion of the people of Judah; the LORD destroyed the cities of Judah and made the streets of Jerusalem a waste because the people of Judah were making idols and serving pagan gods and even though God persistently sent his prophets to warn them they did not listen to His word or turn from their wicked ways.

The following are some of the sins that were in the land of Judah: -

Gross idolatry----Baal altars, Asherim, star and planetary worship, Moloch deity acknowledged in the sacrifice of children in the Hinnom Valley, astrology, occultism, altars for worshipping the host of heaven in the Temple court, and the

shedding of innocent blood. Cheating the innocent out of justice, not helping the less fortunate and oppressing the poor for their own gain----all these permeated the land of Judah prior to the fall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity and now those of Judah who have seen the word of the LORD come to pass and survived the destruction of Jerusalem have, against the words of Jeremiah the LORDS prophet fled to Egypt and are making idols and worshipping Egypt's gods.

The LORD'S Word to the People of Judah in Egypt continued: -

Jeremiah 44:11-14 --- ¹¹"Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will set my face against you for harm, to cut off all Judah. ¹²I will take the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to come to the land of Egypt to live, and they shall all be consumed. In the land of Egypt they shall fall; by the sword and by famine they shall be consumed. From the least to the greatest, they shall die by the sword and by famine, and they shall become an oath, a horror, a curse, and a taunt. ¹³I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence, ¹⁴so that none of the remnant of Judah who have come to live in the land of Egypt shall escape or survive or return to the land of Judah, to which they desire to return to dwell there. For they shall not return, except some fugitives."

• The LORD will punish the remnant of Judah in the land of Egypt: -

- By war, famine and pestilence.
- So that surrounding nations mock them.
- As He punished Jerusalem and the cities of Judah.
- So that no-one escapes or return to the land of Judah (except some fugitives).

The Men and Woman of Judah in Egypt answer Jeremiah: -

Jeremiah 44:15-19 --- ¹⁵Then all the men who knew that their wives had made offerings to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, all the people who lived in Pathros in the land of Egypt, answered Jeremiah: ¹⁶"As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we will not listen to you. ¹⁷But we will do everything that we have vowed, make offerings to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we did, both we and our fathers, our kings and our officials, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then we had plenty of food, and prospered, and saw no disaster. ¹⁸But since we left off making offerings to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine." ¹⁹And the women said, "When we made offerings to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, was it without our husbands' approval that we made cakes for her bearing her image and poured out drink offerings to her?"

This is a principle many are fooled by.

Even though the people of Judah were in rebellion to God and worshipping pagan gods, and the so called Queen of Heaven etc., they prospered. They believed it was these pagan gods who were blessing them, but in actual reality it was the goodness of God allowing them time to repent and turn from their wicked ways while He sent prophet after prophet to warn them of the impending doom.

Had they listened to the LORD'S prophets Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah would still be standing and Judah would be the head of all nations instead of the tail.

The Lesson we can learn Today.

Material success and prosperity is not always a sign that a religious organisation, institution, church or group is in the will of God. The Jews had plenty of food, and prospered, and saw no disaster, yet all the while they were stirring up the LORD'S wrath toward them.

Jeremiah answers the Men and Woman of Judah in Egypt: -

Jeremiah 44:20-23 --- ²⁰Then Jeremiah said to all the people, men and women, all the people who had given him this answer: ²¹"As for the offerings that you offered in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your officials, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them? Did it not come into his mind? ²²The LORD could no longer bear your evil deeds and the abominations that you committed. Therefore your land has become a desolation and a waste and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day.

²³It is because you made offerings and because you sinned against the LORD and did not obey the voice of the LORD or walk in his law and in his statutes and in his testimonies that this disaster has happened to you, as at this day."

Jeremiah replies to the men, the women and all the people; he tells the people the LORD has always seen them making offerings to idols, and the so called Queen of Heaven, but He can no longer bear their gross wickedness because their sins have become so horrific that the LORD cannot tolerate it anymore and that is why all this disaster has come upon them.

This same principle applies to the entire world today; we live in an age of God's Grace, He is at this time giving the global population of the world various warnings (through disasters, troubles, loneliness, smashed dreams etc., and a time of grace to repent and acknowledge His existence and His ways. The Bible pictures the world as a woman in labour pains waiting to give birth to the sons of God (resurrected believers and those who belong to Christ), the labour pains (Crisis's and disasters etc) will increase globally (as they do with a pregnant woman) until the day God dramatically intervenes in the history of the world and a New Age Begins with the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the birth of a new government who will rule the world in righteousness and justice and do what is fair to all, joy, happiness and peace will prevail and God's glory will cover the earth.

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Jeremiah answers the Men and Woman of Judah in Egypt continued: -

Jeremiah 44:24-29 --- ²⁴Jeremiah said to all the people and all the women, "Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah who are in the land of Egypt. ²⁵Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: You and your wives have declared with your mouths, and have fulfilled it with your hands, saying, 'We will surely perform our vows that we have made, to make offerings to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings to her.' Then confirm your vows and perform your vows! ²⁶Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, says the LORD, that my name shall no more be invoked by the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, 'As the Lord GOD lives.' ²⁷Behold, I am watching over them for disaster and not for good. All the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, until there is an end of them. ²⁸And those who escape the sword shall return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, who came to the land of Egypt to live, shall know whose word will stand, mine or theirs. ²⁹This shall be the sign to you, declares the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, in order that you may know that my words will surely stand against you for harm:

Jeremiah basically tells the rebellious and stubborn people of Judah, because they have determined to perform their vows to the Queen of Heaven go ahead and do it, but know that God will no longer have His Name associated with pagan gods by His people saying, "As the Lord God lives" from here on God will: -

- Watch over them for disaster and not for good.
- Consume all the men of Judah in the land of Egypt to die by famine and by war (Babylon later conquered Egypt).

But; the few who escape will return to the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, who came to the land of Egypt to live, will then know who spoke the word of the LORD. Jeremiah or the men and woman of Judah who trusted in pagan gods and the so called, Queen of Heaven.

Jeremiah answers the Men and Woman of Judah in Egypt continued: -

Jeremiah 44:30 -----³⁰ Thus says the LORD, behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those who seek his life, as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy and sought his life."

The LORD through Jeremiah tells the people of Judah in Egypt: -

The King of Babylon will conquer Egypt as God gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

Zedekiah; was the son of Josiah he reigned 11 years and was the last king of Judah. Because of the wickedness of Judah, God finally brought on the predicted Babylonian captivity. King Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem, took Jehoiachin Judah's king, captive to Babylon and made Mattaniah, whose name he changed to Zedekiah, king in his place. Nebuchadnezzar having taken away the men of influence from Judah, felt the remaining Jews would be easily subdued, but foolishly Zedekiah, rebelled against the king of Babylon, and as a result, he was taken by Nebuchadnezzar and bound. Zedekiah's sons were killed before his eyes and his own eyes put out. He was then taken to Babylon where he died.

A Brief History of those who remained at Jerusalem.

Against the word of the LORD some Jews remained at Jerusalem and in the land of Judah, but out of fear of the king of Babylon sending his warriors against them they later fled to Egypt for protection (against Jeremiah's advice and the word of the LORD). Babylon later came against Egypt and conquered it, many of the Jews who had fled there were killed during the battles and those who survived were taken into Babylonian captivity and joined the others who had previously been taken captive.

End.