

STANDING ALONE

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Sin Leads to Death; God Leads to Life (Jeremiah 46-52)

- This title is also a theme throughout scripture.
 - The Flood - The Ark (Gen. 6-9)
 - The Sea - The Dry Land (Ex. 14)
 - The Tomb - The Resurrection (Mat. 27-28, Mark 16, Lu. 24, John 20-21)

1. The Enemies of God will Reap Destruction

- For there to be peace and for righteousness to flourish, sin must be dealt with.
- Conscious sin is intentional rebellion against God, while indwelling sin is the struggle that we face in our flesh as a part of living in a fallen world. (Rom. 7)
- Jeremiah 46:13-14: God tells Jeremiah to warn Egypt of the coming devouring.
- Though Jeremiah's heart broke over the consequences to come, they did not listen to him.
- Philippians 2:10-11: "every knee should bow..and every tongue confess"

2. Arrogance and Godliness Do Not Mix

- Jeremiah 48:7 - "trusted in your works and your treasures"
- Jeremiah 48:29 - "the pride of Moab"
 - The death of contentment is comparison. We're often not motivated by how much we have, but rather how much we have compared to someone else.
- Proverbs 18:12: "Before destruction a man's heart is haughty"
 - Micah 6:8 says to "walk humbly with your God". You can't walk with God until you let go of your pride.
 - Christians standing up for truth with prideful and haughty hearts are also missing the mark. Have a heart of flesh rather than a heart of stone. Speak the truth in love.
- Galatians 5:17: "desires of the flesh are against the Spirit"

3. The Promised Land Awaits the Faithful

- Jeremiah 52:27: "Judah was taken into exile out of its land"
 - The Jews were exiled to Babylon in 586 BC
 - Bible mentions Jerusalem 800 times and Babylon 250 times ("tale of 2 cities")
- Jeremiah 46:27: "I will save you from far away..Jacob shall return"
- Jeremiah 52:31: "freed Jehoiachin"
 - God stays true to His promises.
 - Jehoiachin is also referred to as Jechoniah and Coniah in scripture (2 Kings 24, 2 Chron. 36, Mat. 1)
- Matthew 1: Jechoniah and Zerubbabel are listed in the lineage of Christ.
 - Zerubbabel led the Jews back to the Promised Land (538 BC after 48 years) and rebuilt the temple.
- Revelation 21:2: "new Jerusalem" represents Heaven and the ultimate fulfillment of the Promised Land. (This can begin NOW: John 10:10 discusses life to the full)
- Revelation 21:8: Those in sin will be in the lake with fire and sulfur.
- Revelation 21:27: "nothing unclean will ever enter it..but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Will you trust in your own works and treasures OR will you begin leading others back to the Promised Land?

1. Jeremiah 46:13-14 discusses Jeremiah's calling to warn the Egyptians of the destruction to come. Have you ever had a hard conversation with someone about faith? How did it go and what did you learn?
2. In Jeremiah 48:7, we see that Moab trusted in their works and treasures. How common is this in American culture and how can we view our works and treasures biblically?
3. Jeremiah 48:29 discusses the pride, arrogance, and haughtiness of Moab. Have you experienced an inner struggle between walking in pride and walking with God? Is it common for people to try to do both?
4. God has always kept his Covenant promises (Noahic Covenant, Abrahamic Covenant, Mosaic Covenant, Davidic Covenant, and the New Covenant). How does the "Promised land" apply to us through the New Covenant today?
5. Ezra 2-3 gives more detail about Zerubbabel helping lead the Jews back to the Promised land. How can you use your gifts and talents to lead others back to God today?