

SUNDAY SCHOOL Section Review

Judah, From Isaiah to Exile

Jeremiah and the Promise of Renewal

■ **10/5: Jeremiah 1:6-10; 26:8-9, 12-15**

Jeremiah called in last days and
arrested for his prophecy

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■ 10/12: Jeremiah 7:1-11,21-23

Jeremiah speaks out against the idolatry of the Temple and reminds the people of what God truly wants

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■ 10/19: Jeremiah 35:5 – 11

Jeremiah uses the example a non-Jewish family that follows their rules more faithfully than those of the Jews who are supposed to follow God

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Changes Promised

Jeremiah 31:29-34;

John 1:17

640 - 608	Josiah (Son)	Good/Good	Huldah (2 Kings 22:8-20; 2 Chronicles 34:15-28) Habakkuk Zephaniah Jeremiah Ezekiel (Lamentations)	2 Ki 22-23 2 Ch 34-35
608	Jehoahaz (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 23 2 Ch 36
608 - 597	Jehoiakim (Son of Josiah)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 23-24 2 Ch 36
597	Jehoiachin (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 24-25 2 Ch 36
597 - 586	Zedekiah (Son of Josiah)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 24-25 2 Ch 36
Judah into Babylonian captivity - 586 BC				
586-450			Jeremiah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	

Background

- Much of Jeremiah's prophecies were against Judah, promising judgement and captivity for their idolatry and hardness of heart
- In today's lesson, Jeremiah begins to give them hope of restoration

*Bonus Text

Future Prosperity of Judah

JEREMIAH 31:23 (NLT)

²³ This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says:
"When I bring them back from captivity, the people of Judah and its towns will again say, 'The Lord bless you, O righteous home, O holy mountain!'"



*Bonus Text

Future Prosperity of Judah

JEREMIAH 31:24-25 (NLT)



²⁴ Townspeople and farmers and shepherds alike will live together in peace and happiness. ²⁵ For I have given rest to the weary and joy to the sorrowing."

*Bonus Text

Future Prosperity of Judah

JEREMIAH 31:28 (NLT)



²⁸ In the past I deliberately uprooted and tore down this nation. I overthrew it, destroyed it, and brought disaster upon it. But in the future I will just as deliberately plant it and build it up. I, the Lord, have spoken!

Lesson Text

JEREMIAH 31:29-30 (NKJV)

²⁹ In those days they shall say no more: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge.'³⁰ But every one shall die for **his/her own** iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.



*Bonus Text

EXODUS 20:5 – 6 (NKJV)

⁵ For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting^[c] the iniquity of the fathers **upon the children to the third and fourth *generations*** of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.



Commentary: Sayings and Such

- Sometimes sayings and adages evolve from Scriptures – sometimes to the level of Scripture itself – e.g. “God helps those who help themselves”. It’s not in the Bible, but is quoted as such

Commentary: Sayings and Such

- The saying Jeremiah cites is also cited in Ezekiel, so it must have been a common saying amongst the people, and it could have gotten its origin from **Exodus 5**

Lesson Text

JEREMIAH 31:31 (NKJV)

31 “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—



Lesson Text

JEREMIAH 31:32 (NKJV)

³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, ^[a]though I was a husband to them, says the Lord.



Commentary: Covenants Broken

- The covenants Jeremiah is referring are 2 of the 7 promised by God in the Scriptures – The Mosaic (Exodus 31:12 – 18; Deuteronomy 11:26-28) and the Palestinian (Deut. 30:1-10)

Commentary: Covenants Broken

- Unlike other covenants, these were **conditional** land covenants where the terms needed to be honored by the people. God never broke His end of the covenant, but the people did because of their disobedience

Lesson Text

JEREMIAH 31:33 (NKJV)

³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their ^[b]hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.



Lesson Text

JEREMIAH 31:34 (NKJV)

³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."



Lesson Text

JOHN 1:17 (NKJV)

17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.



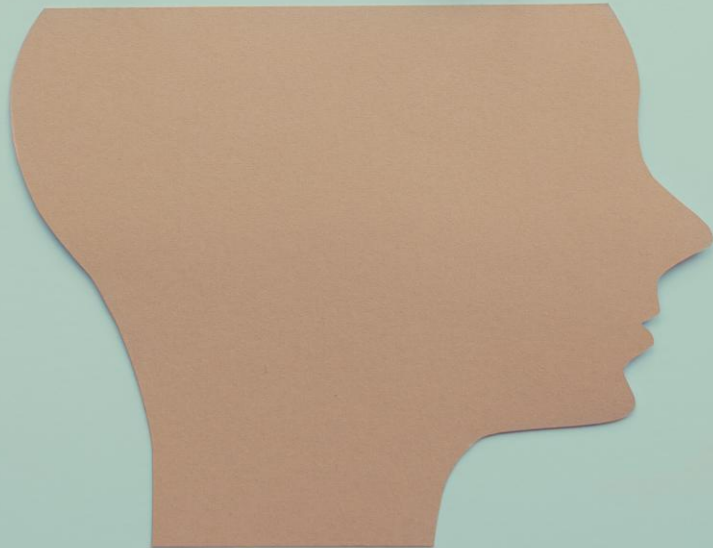
Culture



Practice



Morality



RELIGION

- **A set of practices, morals and beliefs that are meant to shape a person in a society**
- **Religion often mirrors culture – which can be good or bad**

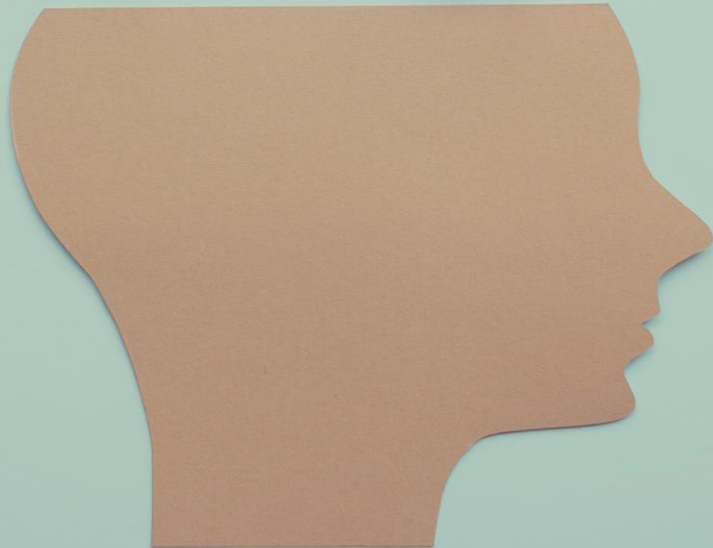
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RELIGION

- **But religion alone cannot get us closer to God, and our human nature makes it impossible for us to truly know God**

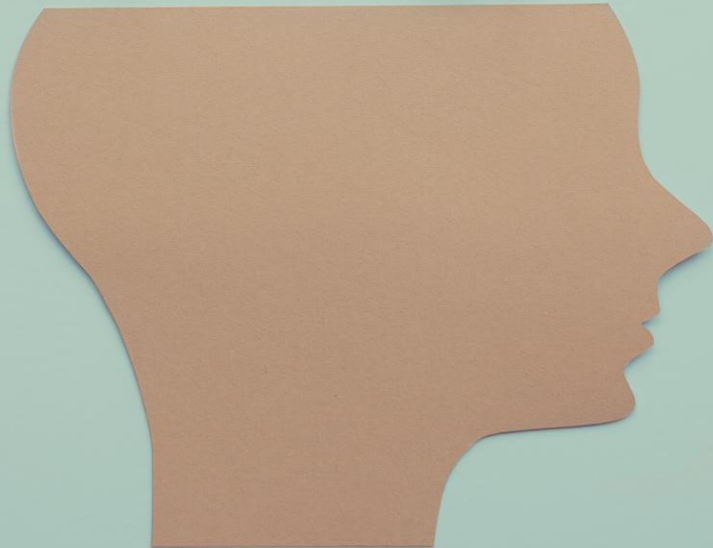
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RELIGION

- **Religion can be a tutor, but ultimately, one must come to God on their own and God must make a way for them to do so**

Holy Spirit



CHRIST

- **The new covenant Jeremiah is referring to is the New Covenant through Jesus Christ**

Holy Spirit



CHRIST

- **In this covenant, God will give the people what they do not have – a portion of Himself that will guide them in all truth**



CHRIST

- **We receive this covenant by sincere confession of sin and our belief that Christ died for our sins and was risen from the dead**

Holy Spirit



CHRIST

- **As we abide in the Spirit of God – through prayer, study, fellowship and service, the true Law is written on our hearts**

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Scripture References

Galatians 3

Acts 17

Hebrews 10

James 1:27

True Religion



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Church School Creed

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a Christian
Every Christian a worker
Every worker trained
A worker that will not be ashamed
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

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Church School Benediction

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN