



Jeremiah: Torn Down to Build Up

A Bible Study with the Francis Asbury Society

SESSION 6

Jeremiah 9–10

Background: Remember that NIV “Lord Almighty” (Jer. 9:16) is an interpretation of the Hebrew “Lord of (heaven’s) Armies.”

1. The poem seems to begin at Jeremiah 8:21 and carry across into chapter 9. How far does it extend and what is its main point? Notice the prophet’s mixed emotions. What are they, and how do we explain them?
2. Look for a repeated concept in Jeremiah 9:3–8. What is it, and how does it relate to their condition?
3. Where have we seen Jeremiah 9:9 earlier? Evidently the people are questioning Yahweh’s justice and faithfulness. What is he establishing?
4. Study Jeremiah 9:12–26. Overall, what is God saying is the condition of his people?

What is the evidence of this?

Why is death stalking them?

What are they boasting about (vv. 23–26), and what should they be boasting about?

5. Using Jeremiah 10:1–16, make a list of the reasons why it is foolish to worship idols.

Make a similar list of the reasons why it is wise to worship Yahweh.

Notice the verb “make, made.” What does that have to do with the issue here? Remember what we have talked about previously about the distinction between the Bible’s view of reality and that of *all* the rest of human thought.

6. Consider alternate suggestions for who is speaking in Jeremiah 10:17–22. What are the implications of the different possibilities?
7. The NIV labels Jeremiah 10:23–25 as Jeremiah’s prayer. Think of it as a believing Judean’s prayer. How does that affect our interpretation of it?