



Series: Bible Survey

Lesson: 35. Jeremiah C

- **Main Themes Covered So Far:**

- God's value of covenants
- The burden of proclaiming God's Word
- The need to submit to God's will

- **The horror of God's _____**

- The book ends with a bloody and depressing chapter to emphasize the main message of Jeremiah's ministry: God's judgment poured out against Judah.
- God's wrath is poured out in different ways:
 - Gentiles –
 - Israel –

- Judah's sins are enumerated multiple times just like their judgments are enumerated multiple times to show the connection between the seriousness of their sin that merited the seriousness of their judgment.
- The excruciating detail of how their punishments were carried out shows:
 - How serious God's judgment was
 - The need to fear it
 - The foolishness of taking it lightly

All earthly judgments are meant to point toward the _____ judgments to come.

- **The nature of God's _____**
 - Even after judgment is proclaimed, God still holds out an offer to relent if the people _____ (cf. ch18).
 - This is available no matter how much someone sins, but once time runs out, that's it.
 - The frequent appeals to repent in Jeremiah are because a) the coming judgment is so intense and b) previous kings showed God would respond.

- All of the most forward-oriented parts of Jeremiah are focused on mercy and restoration (e.g., ch3) even though the weight of the text is on coming judgment.
- God's mercy *will* come for His people—even if He must chastise them—because His love is everlasting (cf. chs30–31).
- God's mercy is offered as a response to repentance, not to religious ceremony.
 - God explicitly tells people *not* to pray for mercy if they're unwilling to repent (cf. ch7).

Discussion:

1. Is it okay to soften the language of God's wrath? Why or why not?
2. What is the different between God's mercy for believers vs. for unbelievers?

FOR REFLECTION: Read Ex. 34:6–7—Can you hold both truths in your mind that God's wrath and mercy are each infinite?

Blanks: wrath, eschatological, mercy, repent