

Lamentations 2:1-3; 14

We need Revival!

How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud of His anger! He has cast from heaven to earth the glory of Israel, and has not remembered His footstool in the day of His anger. The Lord has swallowed up; He has not spared all the habitations of Jacob. In His wrath he has thrown down the strongholds of the daughter of Judah; He has brought them down to the ground; He has profaned the kingdom and its princes. In fierce anger he has cut off all the strength of Israel; He has drawn back His right hand from before the enemy. And He has burned in Jacob like a flaming fire consuming round about.

Your prophets have seen for you false and foolish visions; and they have not exposed your iniquity so as to restore you from captivity, but they have seen for you false and misleading oracles. -Word of the Lord through Jeremiah

These words were part of an eye witness account through Jeremiah of the fulfillment of God's promise to punish Israel if they continued on in their sin. This is the aftermath of their being taken captive into Babylon. Jeremiah 7:25 says, *"Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent you all of My servants the prophets daily rising early and sending them."*

These words need to be our wake-up call. Words and accounts of how seriously we are to understand God does indeed punish sin in a terrible way. Out of compassion He sometimes waits so long that it seems like the word punishment is just an old fashioned saying that no longer applies to us anymore but here Jeremiah reveals differently. If you continue to read Lamentations you will see that God's justice is all consuming and that those who do not fear the Lord and turn away from their sin will indeed experience things very similar to these chapters. God's day of justice is coming quickly. We can only mock God for so long before our cup runs over for judgment.

"Your prophets have seen for you false and foolish visions; and they have not exposed your iniquity so as to restore you from captivity." These words ring true! Any pastor who can get up and use the Lord of the Rings or Spiderman for the text of his sermon will never expose the iniquity of our land. We are far gone and our moral compass is dictated by Hollywood. Our iniquity is not being exposed therefore we will not see the dire need we are in to repent, which is the only way that God will rescue us from destruction. While the people of the church plan their weekends around movies, BBQs, and vacations the battle for men's lives rages on! Most of the church is so asleep it doesn't even know that there is a war going on! Which is understandable. If you could be on the front lines during WWII or at home having a cookout - which would you choose? But the truth is, unless we wake up and start to fight, we have already lost the war and soon the truth of this will be evident everywhere. God continually promises to strip away every good and pleasant thing from His people if they forsake Him and turn to wickedness. We in North America, get ready to lose all the comforts and conveniences that we take for granted everyday. We have given up our freedoms in order to indulge in sin.

We are at a cross road where we either willfully humble ourselves before God and put all compromising sin out of our camp or suffer the consequences of holding onto our old life. Judgement will not be averted unless we turn whole-heartedly and repent. I know these are strong words, but we Christians have to take a stand. It's now or never. So let us turn our hearts to the Lord today and plead with Him to pour out a revival so big across our land that wickedness is driven out instead of righteousness!

God bless you all!

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