

God Times V.25. Jeremiah bible study & more.

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God Times is a Faith based, social, memory enhancement tool for Seniors, Veterans & disabled individuals, as well as all individuals looking for a daily lift in heart, mind & spirit, from some true friends through Christ. We hope to assist all people, including Christians & non-Christians alike, in realizing that we are never truly alone, regardless of what our lying thoughts, beliefs & feelings tell us.

We are all navigating through this overly prideful broken world together, while keeping faith, patience & hope alive for all, including those who have entrusted their spirit to an eternal loving Father, through Christ, as well as those who exercise their right to dismiss God & hold onto other personal beliefs, as we all have the right to be loved, respected & cared about & for, regardless of individual or societal knowledge bases of learned beliefs, that seem to lack the empathy that once made us a strong nation & family of loving, caring, God filled, God trusting people.

We must love all, regardless of life, religious & political beliefs, that we all differ on. Free will gives us the right to think & be different, while still being friends. You have the right to personal beliefs, just as I have mine & at the end of the day, it's not our jobs to judge each other, as life can be lived in peace with friends who think differently, dismissing those who think that one way, their way, is the only way?

Let's respect each other's right to personal beliefs, while enjoying some social time & maybe learning some important truths together, as we leave judgements up to the One, who has already filled that position & needs no help from us, lest we be judged, as we judge.

We cannot know if today will be hard, or not, but we can make sure that it isn't bad, as hard & bad are not the same & we can give the bad to God, as He walks through the hard with us.

Coming soon. Gather together for some weekly trivia & memory learning fun.

Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah, a.k.a. "the weeping prophet", c.600 B.C. who also wrote the books of Kings & Lamentation, was a priest of God, a prophet who tried to show the people the seriousness of their sinful ways & prophesied of the coming king & the New Covenant that would be made, he was young & was the only prophet ever instructed by God not to pray for his own nation, as God was so angered as to say, do not pray for this people, nor lift them up, or cry for them, for I will not hear thee, Jeremiah 7:16, as God was angry with their constant worship of false idols & burnt sacrifices.

The book of Jeremiah was to warn Judah of the destruction that they were about to face if they would not return back to God. Jeremiah warned of the destruction that would be poured out on Judah. He writes about God's holy anger. Jeremiah wrote on the New Covenant & the hope that God would bring, when He delivered the people. King Zedekiah who did not heed his warning, threw Jeremiah into prison & then a well, as Jeremiah warned him that he would fall into the hands of the King of Babylon.

Jeremiah records the events of the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. & as many prophets had prophesied, Babylon did lay siege to Jerusalem & the land of Judah, which completed the exile of both of Israel's kingdoms, the Northern in 722 B.C. & now the Southern in 586 B.C. & as Jeremiah prophesied, King Zedekiah would be captured, bound & dragged off to Babylon in captivity, as God Had said, in Jeremiah 50, Behold, I am going to punish the king of Babylon & his land, just as I punished the king of Assyria.

As the one proclaiming the destruction & end of the Jewish nation, Jeremiah became a despised & persecuted prophet during King Josiah & the 4 following kings reigns & during his 40 years of ministry; he often stood alone, opposed by people, false prophets, princes & priests. He was mocked, whipped, accused, threatened, despised, hated, rejected, imprisoned & cast into a pit, but in Jerusalem's final hours Jeremiah advised Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, to surrender to the Babylonians, since God was using Babylon as His tool of judgment, which he referenced over 160 times. He also prophesied that the Babylonian captivity would only last 70 years & for this he was branded a traitor & imprisoned.

When the Babylonians did invade, King Zedekiah foolishly ignored Jeremiah's Godly advice & attempted to escape & was captured & forced to watch the death of his sons, then was blinded & carried off to Babylon, never to return.

Jeremiah also wrote the book of Lamentations, "the saddest book in the Bible", as an eyewitness report of the siege & fall of Jerusalem, followed by the grief of a people with no nation.

Jeremiah is the only prophet to give us an eyewitness account of Jerusalem's destruction, ch.39 & records more personal life than other prophets, as he was alone; he was not allowed to marry, his family & the people turned against him, leaving him alone, while knowing the horrors coming to Judah.

Jeremiah's "Temple sermon", Jeremiah 7:1-15, 26:1-24, denounced the people for depending on the Temple for security, instead of turning to God with their hearts. Jeremiah preached a lot of doom & punishment, but his message was ultimately one of repentance & restoration. God was quick to remind His people that although there would be consequences for sin, He still had a plan.

Judah was sent into captivity, the Promised Land stripped from them, and it was entirely their own fault. They were warned, over & over, but they did not repent. God did not deal with them with any unusual harshness & gave the wicked people a long time to repent, truly showing His love. I have loved you with an everlasting love, God says in Jeremiah 31:3.

God gave opportunity after opportunity for repentance. Our God is a God of forgiveness. But when we refuse this forgiveness, a just God can only allow wickedness to continue for so long, before He will act.

So what happens when we don't repent? What happens when we mess up badly, like Judah & end up in a terrible situation that is entirely of our own causing.

It turns out that God doesn't abandon us then, either.

In one of the most famous passages in the Bible, Jeremiah 29:11, God addresses the captive Jews, For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you & not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. I will bring health & healing, I will heal my people & will let them enjoy abundant peace & security. I will bring Judah & Israel back from captivity & will rebuild them as they were before. I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me & will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me. Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise & honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it & they will be in awe & will tremble at the abundant prosperity & peace I provide, Jeremiah 33:6-9.

No matter how far we have fallen, we have not fallen from the love of God & we are not beyond His reach. Jeremiah served God even when it meant giving up everything, everyone & facing persecution in a culture that had abandoned God, could you?

Can I prove that God is real, absolutely NOT.

When asked if I could prove that God exists, all's I could say was, I know that He does; I have felt Him, seen Him, talked with Him, heard Him & witnessed His presence, signs & wonders, so many times, in so many things. So, I know that He is real & He is everything that He says He is. But my knowing Him, is not proof, for you, so I prayed, can I prove God is real? & the spirit told me "absolutely not"? Which stunned me & then was explained to me; why I could not prove this.

God says prove all things, 1Thes.5:21, as there are evil spirits working to keep us from His truth. He also says that those who are blinded & who doubt Him; cannot see, nor understand & will not turn to Him for truth, or healing, as He has blinded the unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel, 2Corin. 4:4.

So, God only reveals Himself, to those who truly have faith in their need for Him; forcing none to believe, as He wants to be loved for who He truly is; a loving Father, not because of what He can do.

So to prove God exists, it can be done, but no one can do it for you. Only God can prove Himself to you, when you truly seek Him. God says to test Him; So, tell Him that you don't believe & ask that if He is real, for Him to prove Himself to you & then be patient & prepare. Study the bible, pray, talk to believers & prepare, as He is waiting for all to call on Him. God wants your faith, love & trust, as He wants to give you an inner life change unlike anything you have ever imagined, as He loves & believes in you & says in Math. 7:7-11, ask & it shall be given, seek, & ye shall find, knock & it shall be opened. For whosoever asks, receives & he that seeks, finds & to him that knocks, it shall be opened.

For what man is there among you, if your son asks for bread, would you give him a stone? If ye then, which are evil, can give to your children good gifts, how much more shall your Father in heaven, give good things to them that ask Him?

So open your heart, listen & follow His plans for your life & come to see how real He truly is. Open your eyes, heart & mind, as God has revealed Himself in all Creation, in His living powerful eternal Word & in His Son; the Heavens proclaim His mighty works, Psalm 19:1.

The universe, where He hung the Sun, moon & stars, declares His glory. So, can I prove to you, that God is real, no but you can! just by asking, believing, watching & waiting, as the time is coming, when you will be glad that you joined with God, in spirit, love & truth. So call on Him today & prove for yourself that He does indeed exist & does love you & wants you in His eternal Kingdom, with Him.