

## ***Jeremiah***

### **1. What words would you choose to describe two (2) of the most prominent attitudes of God toward his people in Jeremiah?**

Hurt, Lonely

### **2. Support your choices in Question 1 with a few phrases for each of the two attitudes, phrases excerpted from Jeremiah (please quote actual phrases, do not simply report verse numbers).**

Jer. 10:19 “woe to me because of my injury! My wound is incurable!” V. 20 “my sons are gone from me and are no more. 12:7 “I will give the one I love into the hands of her enemies.” 12:11 “the whole land will be laid waste because there is no one who cares” 8:6 “I have listened attentively, but they do not say what is right. No one repents of his wickedness, saying, “What have I done?” Each pursues his own course like a horse charging into battle.” 8:21-22 “Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?”

### **3. What would you class as God's two (2) chief complaints against Judah in Jeremiah's day?**

1. Following false prophets and seeking false gods 2. Living immorally and ignoring God.

### **4. Support your choices in Question 3 with a few phrases for each of the two complaints, excerpted from Jeremiah (again, please quote actual phrases, do not simply report verse numbers).**

2:27 “They say to wood, 'You are my father,' and to stone, 'You gave me birth.' They have turned their backs to me and not their faces; yet when they are in trouble, they

say, 'Come and save us!' “ 3:2 “you have defiled the land with your prostitution and wickedness” 7:18 “The children gather wood, the fathers light the fire, and the women knead the dough and make cakes of bread for the Queen of Heaven. They pour out drink offerings to other gods to provoke me to anger.” 19:4-5 4 “For they have forsaken me and made this a place of foreign gods; they have burned sacrifices in it to gods that neither they nor their fathers nor the kings of Judah ever knew, and they have filled this place with the blood of the innocent. They have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as offerings to Baal--something I did not command or mention, nor did it enter my mind.” 7:5-6 “If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, if you do not oppress the alien, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm,” 7:8-9 “But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless. Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known,” 5:13 “the prophets are but wind and the word is not in them”

**5. Read Jer. 4.23-26. What prior biblical event may these words recall? What is the effect of this recollection, as used by Jeremiah?**

This is the Genesis 1 creation account in reverse! God has removed His creation, this is cataclysmic and is being used to show the people what there actions say regarding God's position over His creation.