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Sermon – Does History Repeat? Scripture – 1 Cor 10:1-12, Jeremiah 7 GTT 34 FB 8

Main Message - Distancing ourselves from God as a people or as a person never yields a good outcome

Read 1 Cor 10

Some Background for you to know before I give this message.

- Jeremiah was a prophet anointed by God to speak to those in the southern kingdom at Jerusalem.
- The northern kingdom has already been overwhelmed by the Assyrians and those 10 tribes of Israel scattered for nearly 100 years.
- Judah had its share of BAD kings and it was coming to the time in which the Babylonians would overcome Jerusalem.
- Other prophets like Ezekiel, Obadiah, Zephaniah, Habbakuk were his contemporaries. Jeremiah was not alone.

This message and this upcoming Bible Study I want to emphasize the situation that Jeremiah was faced with and its correlation to today's world. We must always be open to what else God may have for us.

7:1=3 – Hear the Lord tell you to Reform you way. Few if any listened. They went on with their lives like there is nothing to worry about.

7:4 – Deception has always been around. It is a huge topic for me because you must always be on your guard. I hope everyone hear knows and understand the lies and deception being spread is to keep you in bondage to the powers of this world. They put their hope in the fact that the TEMPLE of the LORD was there, and he would save them regardless of their deeds. What is it today that people are putting their faith in to keep us safe? Government? Science? Well, whatever it is, it clearly isn't God first. God is telling us to follow his ways first and not fit him in when it's convenient so we can follow other Gods. Jesus warned us about deception also, but are you warned?

7:5-7 – God has only plans for how to treat each other properly, recognizing his supreme authority and skip seeking after worldly replacements (little **g** GOD) to satisfy. The never satisfy and are only seductive replacements which lead us astray.

7:8-11 – Yes this is our world. Who is trying to scam you out of your money? Who commits adultery and lies incessantly. Baal required sacrificing of INFANTS by casting them into the fire. Is not our abortion up to the moment of birth now any different? And then stand in front of a building and say we are safe to do whatever we want because we are America!

7:12-15 – Shiloh was the in the northern kingdom which housed the Ark of the Covenant. They followed the path that Judah was now following. GOD says LEARN from HISTORY or it will REPEAT itself.

7:17-18 – The Queen of Heavan, Astarte' was the Goddess of Fertility. So we had a vicious cycle here that the worshiped procreation so they could then throw the infants into the fire. The entire family was in on the game ensuring that the corruption could continue. This is how evil works.

7:22-29 – No one listened back then. They thought they were so smart – so clever. No one is listening today either otherwise the churches would be full. People believe God is only a fairy tale now. God said it himself. Truth has perished. People now make their own truth. This generation will be under his wrath.

7:30-34 – AT some point even God's patience is done. God has seen this many times before. Prior to the flood people thoughts were evil continually. They got swept away. The Northern tribes were swept away. God is warning them in no uncertain terms that it is coming for them. And it does.

One final point. If you don't think you've been deceived, you already have and your pride stands in your way. These things written of as old, weren't just written for those living in that time, but also to remind us that history repeats itself. Among the many reasons for studying God's word, this one is becoming more important each day.