

Jeremiah 10

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Idols and the True God

- ¹ Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:
 - ² Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.
 - ³ For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.
 - ⁴ They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.
 - ⁵ They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.
 - ⁶ Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy name is great in might.
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- ⁷ Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee.
 - ⁸ But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities.
 - ⁹ Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple is their clothing: they are all the work of cunning men.

- 10 But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.
- 11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.
- 12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.
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- 13 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
- 14 Every man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
- 15 They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.
- 16 The portion of Jacob is not like them: for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts is his name.
- 17 Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress.
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- 18 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find it so.
- 19 Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it.
- 20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.
- 21 For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

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- 22** Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons.
- 23** O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.
- 24** O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.
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- 25** Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Kingdom — מַלְכוּת (Malkhut)

Kingdom, reign, royal power

The Hebrew **malkhut** (מַלְכוּת) denotes kingdom or royal rule—the realm and reign of a king. God's kingdom represents His sovereign rule over all creation.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Truth — אֱמֶת (Emet)

Truth, faithfulness

The Hebrew **emet** (אֱמֶת) means truth or faithfulness—reliability and conformity to reality. God is true (emet), utterly faithful to His word and character.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

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Jeremiah 10:3 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 2:5; 10:8; Leviticus 18:30; Isaiah 45:20; Matthew 6:7; Romans 1:21; 1 Peter 1:18

Jeremiah 10:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 115:4; 135:15; Isaiah 44:12; 46:7

Jeremiah 10:5 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 45:20; 46:1; 46:7; Habakkuk 2:19; 1 Corinthians 8:4; 12:2

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Jeremiah 10:8 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 10:14; Psalms 115:8; 135:18; Isaiah 41:29; 44:19; Habakkuk 2:18; Zechariah 10:2

Jeremiah 10:9 **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 10:22; Psalms 115:4; Isaiah 40:19; Daniel 10:5

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