

Jeremiah 16

Chapter 16 of 52 · 21 Verses · Authorized King James Version

Day of Disaster

- ¹ The word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,
- ² Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.
- ³ For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land;
- ⁴ They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcases shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.
- ⁵ For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even lovingkindness and mercies.
- ⁶ Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them:
- ⁷ Neither shall men tear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.
- ⁸ Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

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- 9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.
- 10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?
- 11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;
- 12 And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me:
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- 13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.
- 14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
- 15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.
- 16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.
- 17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

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- 18** And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.
- 19** O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.
- 20** Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?
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- 21** Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The LORD.
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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).

Iniquity — אָוֶן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (אָוֶן) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

Law — תּוֹרָה (Torah)

Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

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.

Sin — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

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).

CROSS REFERENCES

Jeremiah 16:4

Parallel theme: Jeremiah 7:33; 9:22; 25:33; 34:20; Psalms 83:10; Isaiah 18:6; Zephaniah 1:17

Jeremiah 16:5 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 31:17; Isaiah 27:11. **Peace:** Revelation 6:4

Jeremiah 16:6 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 41:5; 47:5; 48:37; Leviticus 19:28; Deuteronomy 14:1; Isaiah 22:12

Jeremiah 16:7 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 26:14; Ezekiel 24:17; Hosea 9:4

Jeremiah 16:8 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 15:17; Psalms 26:4; Matthew 24:38; 1 Corinthians 5:11; Ephesians 5:11

Jeremiah 16:9 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 7:34; 25:10; Ezekiel 26:13; Hosea 2:11

Jeremiah 16:10 **References God:** Jeremiah 5:19. **Sin:** Jeremiah 13:22

Jeremiah 16:11 **Worship:** Jeremiah 8:2; 22:9; 1 Kings 9:9. **References God:** Ezekiel 11:21. **Parallel theme:** 1 Peter 4:3

Jeremiah 16:12 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 7:26; 9:14; Judges 2:19; 1 Samuel 15:23. **Evil:** Jeremiah 7:24; 13:10; Ecclesiastes 9:3; Mark 7:21

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Jeremiah 16:18 **Sin:** Isaiah 40:2. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 2:7; 3:9; 17:18; Isaiah 61:7; Ezekiel 11:18; 11:21; Revelation 18:6

Jeremiah 16:19

Parallel theme: Jeremiah 17:17; Isaiah 25:4; 44:10; 49:6. **References Lord:** Psalms 86:9; Nahum 1:7; Zechariah 2:11; Malachi 1:11

Jeremiah 16:20 **References God:** Jeremiah 2:11; Isaiah 37:19; Galatians 4:8

Jeremiah 16:21 **References Lord:** Jeremiah 33:2; Exodus 15:3; Psalms 9:16; Isaiah 43:3; Amos 5:8. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 83:18