

Lecture 17 – The Role of Jeremiah

For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. Lamentations 3:31-32

Key Terms

Assurance, monarchy, covenant, shepherds

Objective

To evaluate the role of Jeremiah in the context of God's covenant relationship with His people

The Role of Jeremiah

- I. Introductory Comments
 - A. Davidic epoch
 - B. Time
 - C. Experiences
 - D. Character
- II. Proclamation: "Too Late!"
 - A. No king; harvest is past (Jeremiah 8:18-22)
 - B. Two main periods in prophetism (Vos, pp. 189-190)
 1. Samuel to 750 B.C.: Repent, convert, reconstruct
 2. 750-600 B.C.: Not repair but regeneration; replace Mosaic theocracy, make room for new
 - C. Jeremiah's emphasis: changing gods (Jeremiah 2:9-14)
 1. Monarchy is finished
 2. Curse of covenant unavoidable
 3. Blessings of covenant assured in regenerated environment
- III. Key Passages
 - A. Jeremiah 3:1-25
 1. Yahweh's joy (Jeremiah 2:2, 3)
 2. Question: Take back a divorced wife? (Jeremiah 3:1)
 3. Assurance
 - a. I am your husband (Jeremiah 3:11-14)
 - b. I am with you, no Ark of the Covenant needed (Jeremiah 2:16)
 - c. Shepherds after Yahweh's heart (Jeremiah 3:15)
 - d. Jerusalem the throne – all nations there (Jeremiah 3:17)
 - e. Cure backsliding (Jeremiah 3:22)
 - B. Jeremiah 11:1-17
 1. Curse of Mosaic covenant (Jeremiah 11:1-8), disaster decreed (Jeremiah 11:17)
 2. Covenant broken (Jeremiah 11:9-13)
 3. Do not intercede for them (Jeremiah 11:14)
 - C. Jeremiah 23:1-8
 1. Faithless shepherds – Davidic descendents (verses 1-2)
 2. Yahweh the true shepherd (verse 3)
 3. Faithful shepherds (verse 4)
 4. The royal, righteous shepherd (verses 5-6)
 5. Restored people (verses 7-8)
 - D. Jeremiah 31 and 33
 1. Robertson on broader context of Jeremiah 31:31-34 (pp. 273-278)

2. Robertson's exegetical observations
3. Jeremiah 33:14-22 (*the following points are not on the CD lecture, but are included for your benefit*)
 - a. Davidic house restored (Jeremiah 33:14-18)
 - b. Assurance regarding Davidic house (Jeremiah 33:19-22)
 - c. Assurance regarding covenant with patriarchs (Jeremiah 33:25, 26)