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It’s fitting that the Jews have named this book “Kinnoth,” meaning “tears.” Jeremiah had cried, wishing his head was as waters, and his eyes as fountains of tears. He wept day and night for the sins and sufferings of the daughters of his people. I wonder, who cries for America? Who is so deeply touched by America’s heinous sins, in light of a holy God whose righteous and terrible judgments will NOT be stayed forever, that they cry out with Thomas Jefferson, *“I tremble for my country*

when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever.”

Jeremiah starts his lamentation out with contrasting the heights of Jerusalem’s splendid blessings to the depths of her despair, only to be outdone by her depravity of sin. Her suffering was great; the memory of her former times of blessing enhanced that suffering. Such suffering was made unbearable by the knowledge that this is the fruit of her sin; she brought this devastation upon herself by her treachery and unfaithful conduct toward the Lord her God. Jehovah, Lord of hosts, had separated and sanctified her to Himself. He alone was her Protector, Provider, and the Glory in her midst; but she wouldn’t walk worthy of her mercies, corrupting her way. The Lord became her enemy; if Judah wouldn’t respond with gratitude and obedience, then she would be laid bare by Jehovah’s righteous judgments.

Here before us sits an illustrative picture of America’s future

—painted by Jeremiah’s laments, tears, burden—if she/we will not repent. Already in some areas we see this as cities burn, businesses are looted, and chaos fills our streets. It wasn’t enough to not teach true history—history from a Providential view—but we see them trying to tear down all remembrance of our heritage, like taking prayer out of school and wanting to remove all memory of God from our public square. That’s not only the socialist way; it’s the devil’s way. But as we see in Jerusalem and Judah—and soon in America if we do not repent and return to the one true God Who blessed us and raised us up—our cities will be as empty as the aborted womb; we will be a laughingstock among the nations; and we will have moved from creditor nation to debtor nation to slave nation.

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refused to be separated from our sin. If God would send His own children (Jerusalem) into captivity, why should we expect any less? Remember, Jehovah Lord of hosts has blessed America and raised us up; but like Judah, and Israel before her, we have squandered these blessings. We have sinned greatly against the Holy One of Israel, our Creator, Benefactor, and Redeemer. Our sin, like chains, is dragging us down to Jonah's watery grave but we don't have the sense to cry out to God in repentance, recognizing the depth of our sin and the depth of its offense—our offense—against a holy God. We continue to murder our young, excuse sin and be Biblically illiterate, allow our courts to condone immorality, and find ourselves becoming used to lawlessness and a lack of justice. We continue to be entertained by godlessness, laughing at sin, and paying for streaming services that support

all manner of wickedness and pornography. We've been on a long path to reprobation that ends in divine and righteous retribution if we will not repent, turning from our wickedness and crying out to God for mercy.

The seeds of reprobation were planted as America and the church slowly turned from righteous self-denial to selfishness, using our liberty as a means of self-gratification rather than glorifying God with our thoughts and lives. That reprobate seed was watered with godless entertainment and nullifying of the standard in teaching the difference between the holy and the profane.

Society's mind was being changed; but her actions maintained a façade of morality, albeit to a lessening degree. Not redeeming the time nor guarding Biblical beliefs, the mind of America became reprobate; and, a reprobate mind leads to a reprobate life. Here we are.

Let us see Jerusalem's fall; let us read Jeremiah and his lamentations. Let us recognize that we (America), like Israel and Judah, have changed our God for

gods that are no gods; that we have refused the fountain of living water to dig out cracked and broken cisterns that hold no water; and that we have refused to be broken to tears of repentance although God has been calling us out. Let such prayerful reading of these holy books bring us to a right fear of God, a hatred of our sin, and a humble return unto the Lord. If not, we will remain entangled in the yoke of sin, experience what it is to be the enemy of God, and feel the weight of His judgment. **America, cry out in repentance NOW!**

At the time of this writing I have no idea who will have won the presidency. In regards to this writing, it doesn't matter. God had blessed us with a reprieve under President Donald J. Trump; but, what has the church – what have we – done with it? If COVID has done anything, it has shown us how fragile our liberty and our faith is. It has shown clearly the godlessness of much of our government and our society. Regardless of who has won the election we must humble ourselves, repent, dig deep down in the Word, and grow boldly in Christ.



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