

## DISAGREEING WITH GOD IS FATAL BUSINESS

The prophet Jeremiah preached to a generation of God's people that God Himself described in this fashion: "But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart. They are revolted and gone" (Jeremiah 5:23). How did the nation of Judah manifest such a rebellious spirit? One way in which she did so was by flatly contradicting what Jehovah said.

In response to God's warning of an impending doom for Judah if she did not return to Him, some of the Jews declared, "... neither shall evil come upon us, neither shall we see sword nor famine" (Jeremiah 5:12). Note what was taking place: Jehovah through Jeremiah proclaimed, "... for I WILL BRING evil from the north, and a great destruction" (Jeremiah 4:6, emphasis mine, rdc). Despite this, some of the Jews persisted in saying that such evil would not come upon them (5:12). Somebody was dead wrong about whether or not evil was going to come upon the nation, and it was not God!

Again, some of the Jews stated, "... neither shall we see sword nor famine" (5:12). But God basically said, "Oh, yes you will." In foretelling of the Babylonians coming to destroy the nation of Judah, God said, "... they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword" (5:17). Was the sword going to come to destroy the nation of Judah? The people said, "No," but God said, "Yes, it will." Somebody was wrong, and again, it was not the Lord!

These two simple examples from the Book of Jeremiah plainly show that it is possible that even some of God's own children will disagree with His inspired message. It is dangerous business, yea, a fatal business, to disagree with God! It just does not pay. Judah was destroyed for

having such a revolting and rebellious heart. How sad. It didn't have to be that way.

Friends, we must respect what the Lord says. We must accept His message in its entirety. Whatever the Bible says about events that took place in the past, we need to accept it. Did God create heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is in six days? Many of our time say, "No," but God said He did! (Exodus 20:11). If God said it, then that settles it! God does not lie (Titus 1:2).

Well, what about future events? Will Jesus really come again? Many scoffers don't think so (2 Peter 3:3,4), but the Bible says otherwise: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout..." (1 Thess. 4:17). Will Jesus one day judge all men? Again, many people say, "No," but God's answer is, "Yes, He will." Hear what is written: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

If a person disagrees with what God says, then he/she will not be willing to obey His word. Not obeying His word will cause one to be lost eternally (2 Thessalonians 1:8,9). Yes, disagreeing with God is fatal business. May we all humble ourselves before Him and with meekness receive His word, which is able to save our souls (James 1:21).

**Roger D. Campbell** *from The Encourager*

### HOW MANY TIMES?

- How many times did Adam and Eve have to eat the forbidden fruit to surely die (Genesis 3:3)?
- How many times did Cain have to kill Abel, his brother, to become a murderer (Genesis 4:14)?

- How many times does a sow have to return to the mire to become filthy (2 Peter 2:22)?
- How many times did Nadab and Abihu modify the worship of God before they were worthy of death (Leviticus 10:1-2)?
- How many times does one have to have a sexual affair with someone other than their spouse to become an adulterer (Galatians 5:19-21)?
- How many times did Moses have to disobey God in striking the rock (instead of speaking to it), before God refused him entrance into the promised land (Numbers 20:11)?
- How many times did Ananias and Sapphira need to tell a lie before they were subjected to God's punishment (Acts 5:1-11)?
- How many times do we have to put things, people, desires before God, before we are displeasing in His sight (Matthew 6:33)?
- How many times did God pardon someone because they offered Him an excuse for sinning?

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"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." **Isaiah 1:18-20**

## ILL

**Sunday:** Tammy, Sarah and Jillian Marcum; Millie Robertson (PM); Steven and Debbie Schleif; Tom Tucker.

**Wednesday:** Millie Robertson; Steven and Debbie Schleif; Paula Stillwell; Tom Tucker.

**Those battling cancer:** Ledgia Campbell, David Cole, Shauna Heck, Betty James and Cleo Stone. Please remember these in your prayers.

## HOME BOUND

Kathleen Camp is in Room 101 at the Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe. Barbara James' Aunt, Evelyn Marquardt is at Sharon Lane in Shawnee. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

## OUT OF TOWN

Debra Gragg continues on vacation in Arizona and New Mexico for a couple of weeks. The Nemechek's were visiting relatives in Abilene, KS last weekend. Chris Edwards was in California and Chicago last week. George Thomas was in Iowa on business on Wednesday. Paula, Abby and Erin Stillwell and Chelsea Nelson were visiting at Oak Grove last Sunday evening. Mrs. Leah Thrasher was visiting relatives in Owensville, MO last Sunday morning.

## MISSION UPDATE

John Shafer, Don Underwood and Randy Watson arrived in India on Thursday and have had two responses at one meeting in Chennai. There are several meetings scheduled in Vijayawada later.

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 27; Sunday PM, 28; Wednesday PM, 25.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”  
Galatians 5:22-23

## Those To Serve

January 24, 2010

**BUILDING AND COMMUNION.....Thomas**

### MORNING WORSHIP

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Trent Thrasher**  
**SONG LEADER.....Joel Nelson**  
**OPENING PRAYER.....Stanley Anderson**  
**PRESIDE.....Jared Nelson**  
**ASSIST.....Jeff Nemechek**  
**ASSIST.....Dave Parish**  
**CLOSING PRAYER.....John Cody Carter**

### EVENING WORSHIP

**OPENING PRAYER.....George Thomas**  
**CLOSING PRAYER.....John Dodson**  
**LORD'S SUPPER.....Jared Nelson**

### WEDNESDAY 27th

**SONG LEADER.....Ted Thrasher**  
**INVITATION.....George Thomas**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

Bible Study..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study..... 10:00 AM  
Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

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