The Sermon that Shook a Nation

Jeremiah 7
Jeremiah the Christ-like Prophet, part 3

- Jeremiah was undoubtedly a prophet that was Christ like.

  1.) Both served in chaotic times, politically, morally, spiritually.

  2.) Both had godly heritage. Jeremiah came from a family of priests; Jesus came from the line of kings and the family of David.

  3.) Both were tried, persecuted, and imprisoned for political treason.

  4.) Both wept over Jerusalem, Jer.9:1; Luke 19:41.

  5.) Both stood against the religious establishment of his day.

  6.) Both suffered in loneliness; Jeremiah in a muddy pit; Jesus on a cruel cross;

  7.) Both condemned the corruption of the temple ministry and foretold the destruction of the temple, Jer.7:14; Mark 13:2.

- This sermon took place in 608 BC the first year of King Jehoiakim's reign and one year after Josiah's shocking death. Jeremiah's sermon shook the nation so deeply that he became a target of persecution, imprisonment, and death.

- **Jeremiah exposes three realities in this message:**

1. Their **False Faith**, v.1-5

   A. Hear the WORD, v.2

   B. Amend Your WAYS, v.3

Deut.12:11, 14; Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there…If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put His name there be too far from thee…. v.14.

(v.11,12,18,21,26; 14:23-25; 15:20; 16:2, 6,7,11,15,16; 17:8; 18:6; 26:2; 31:11; Josh.9:27; 1 Kings 8:29; 2 Chron.7:12; Psalm 78:68; Josh.18:11).

2. Their **Criminal Conduct**, v.6-11

   A. God's house must magnify His Name, v.10, 11, 12.

   B. God's house became a robber's den, v.11:

3. God will **Topple the Temple**, v.12-15

- The response of this message is given in Jeremiah 26:8, "Thou shalt surely die."