### Jeremiah

## Chapter 8

1‘Then, during that time,’ says Jehovah,  
 Within the graveyards of JeruSalem,  
 They’ll dig up the bones of Judah’s kings,  
 As well as the bones of its rulers,  
 Along with the bones of its Prophets and Priests,  
 And the bones of the rest of the people,  
 2And let them dry under the sun…  
 Yes, under the moon and the stars,  
 Beneath the armies of the heavens  
 That they have served and so loved…  
 Those whom they worshiped and followed,  
 And those before whom they have bowed.  
  
 ‘Thereafter, they will not be lamented,  
 Nor will their bones be returned to their tombs…  
 3They’ll just lie on the ground as examples…  
 For, rather than life, they chose death.  
 Then, all that remain of those generations  
 Will be laid wherever I choose.’  
  
 4‘Then Jehovah asked:  
  
 Will the fallen not be resurrected…  
 Will those who rebelled not return?  
  
 5‘Why did they choose My rejection  
 And hold so firmly to their resolve…  
 Why didn’t they wish to [live once again]?  
  
 6‘So give ear and pay close attention;  
 For, since they’re not being told what is right,  
 None have repented their badness,  
 Nor have they asked what they have done wrong…  
 They’ve just stopped running the race  
 Like a horse that’s snorting and covered with sweat.’  
  
7‘Well, storks in the skies know their time,  
 As do swallows and doves in the fields…  
 Even sparrows keep watch for their end.  
 Yet, my people do not understand  
 The judgments that Jehovah has made.  
  
8‘So, how can they say, ‘We are wise,  
 And we have the Law of Jehovah?’  
 For, all the lies that are written  
 By the quills of their scribes are in vain!  
  
 9‘[Jehovah continues:]  
  
 ‘Now the wise are frightened and shamed  
 Because they’ve rejected My Word…  
 So what wisdom do they truly have?  
  
 10‘For I’ll give their women to other men,  
 And I’ll leave their fields to other men’s heirs.  
 Since, from the small to the great,  
 They have chased after money;  
 And from prophets to priests, they’ve all lied!  
  
 11‘They’ve dishonored the daughters of My people,  
 And they shout, ‘Peace! Peace!’ when there’s really no peace!  
  
 12‘So, by the disgusting things that they’re doing,  
 They have brought shame on themselves…  
 Yet they’re not ashamed of their shame…  
 They refuse to know any shame!  
  
 ‘And because of this, they will fall  
 Along with the rest that will fall…  
 In the time of My visit, they’ll fall,’ says Jehovah.  
 13And they will reap what they’ve [sown].’  
  
 ‘Now, there are no grapes on the vines,  
 And there are no figs on their trees…  
 Even the leaves have dropped off.  
  
 14‘So, why are you just sitting there…  
 You should flee to the fortified cities!  
 But there, you will be turned away,  
 Because your God has disowned you.  
  
 ‘Then, bile you’ll be given for water,  
 Because you have sinned against [God].  
 15And although you will gather for peace,  
 You will not receive any peace…  
 Just worry when you really need healing.  
  
 16‘Then from Dan, you’ll hear sounds of swift horses  
 (The sounds of snorting and those riding steeds)…  
 So many that the ground will be shaken.  
  
 ‘They’ll come here and eat up your land  
 Along with everything in it…  
 The cities and all those who dwell there.  
  
 17‘{Look!} I’ll send snakes against you to kill you  
 (The types that have never been charmed).  
 18Then, they will incurably bite you,  
 Adding grief to hearts already disturbed.  
  
 19[And Jehovah says:]  
  
 ‘Look! Hear these cries of the daughters of My people,  
 Which will come from far-away lands:  
  
 ‘Isn’t Jehovah on Zion…  
 Don’t we have a king anymore?’  
  
 ‘But, they’ve provoked Me to rage  
 With their carvings of idols,  
 And by following many strange, worthless things.’  
  
20Now, although summer has already passed,  
 We’ve not received any harvest.  
 21And about the destruction of the daughters of my people,  
 I’m perplexed and swallowed by darkness…  
 I’m in labor like a woman about to give birth.  
  
22For in GileAd, there aren’t any ointments,  
 Nor do they have any doctors.  
 So the daughters of my people will never be healed.