

Jeremiah 4 -- What to do if you are left behind

1 "If you, Israel, will return, then return to me," declares the Lord. "If you put your detestable idols out of my sight and no longer go astray, Many want to know what they should be doing to prepare to meet God. First, get rid of the detestable idols. I discussed this a little when I talked about the frogs in Exodus 8. Also, know that money is a "graven image". It is made out of wood (paper money) and it is a molten image (coins). **2** and if in a truthful, just and righteous way you swear, 'As surely as the Lord lives,' then the nations will invoke blessings by him and in him they will boast." Walk according to the truth (word of God), in a just and righteous way (the Lord's commandment to do unto others as you would have them do unto you). Boast in the Lord, rejoice in Him, praise Him, testify of His goodness. **3** This is what the Lord says to the people of Judah and to Jerusalem: "Break up your unplowed ground and do not sow among thorns. In the gospels the Lord let us know He was talking about our heart. If our heart is consumed with the world it is like thorns choking the word of God. Do not sow the word of God among the thorns. **4** Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, circumcise your hearts, you people of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, or my wrath will flare up and burn like fire because of the evil you have done—burn with no one to quench it. I talk about circumcision in the posts concerning the book of Galatians. Circumcision was the sign that we have a covenant with God. A wedding ring signifies you have a marriage covenant, well circumcision signifies we have a covenant with God. In the New Testament the cross of Christ is the sign that we have a covenant with God, it is the New Testament "circumcision" and it is on our hearts. You need to apply the cross of Christ to your hearts or you will invoke the wrath of God. **5** "Announce in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem and say: 'Sound the trumpet throughout the land!' Cry aloud and say: 'Gather together! Let us flee to the fortified cities!' **6** Raise the signal to go to Zion! Flee for safety

without delay! For I am bringing disaster from the north, even terrible destruction.” There are two possible references here. We know that the high holy days are a shadow of things to come, that the first four feasts were key events in the beginning of this age (Passover -- crucifixion of Jesus, Feast of unleavened bread -- burial of Jesus, Feast of the first fruits -- resurrection of Jesus, and Pentecost -- birth of the church). The next big feast is the Festival of Trumpets where you sound the trumpet throughout the land. However, the word Jubilee also means trumpet and on the Jubilee year they sound the Trumpet on Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, and they consider the festival of Trumpets to be on Yom Kippur. The sound of the trumpet can be both an alarm and a sound of rejoicing. The idea is that at the rapture it will be a sound of rejoicing for those who are raptured, whereas for those who are left behind it will be a sound of alarm. This chapter is dealing with those who are left behind. (Also, it should be noted that this year is said to be the year of Jubilee and the 28th of September is said to be Yom Kippur. The reason for the uncertainty is that we are not completely sure they are using the correct calendar.) **7 A lion has come out of his lair; a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to lay waste your land. Your towns will lie in ruins without inhabitant.** There have been several prophetic visions concerning this. First, it appears that China will have a terrible flood, their harvest this year will be completely devastated resulting in a sure famine. This will cause them to go to war, and before they can do that they need to take out the US. They do that by setting off EMP devices strategically placed to cause the nation’s power grid to collapse. Also, once the rapture takes place the man of lawlessness will be revealed and the “riots” you have been watching will roar to life in full on blazes with violence, bloodshed, looting, and terror. One man died and saw that the entire country was without electricity and the violent rioting in the streets was virtually incomprehensible. **8 So put on sackcloth, lament and**

wail, for the fierce anger of the Lord has not turned away from us. This is the seven years of the tribulation. The goal for all those who believe in the Lord Jesus and confess His name is that they will be taken by Him in three and half years. After the Festival of Trumpets there are ten days of awe, this is a time to convince God that you belong in the book of life. It is a little confusing so let me try and explain all these dates as simply as I can. September 21-22 in 2017 was the Festival of Trumpets. On September 23rd the great heavenly sign of the woman crowned with 12 stars, clothed with the sun and with the moon beneath her feet travailing to give birth was seen in the heavens. This was the sign spoken of by John in Revelation 12, the last time it appeared in the heavens was 3915 BC and was prophetic that the seed of the woman would crush the serpent's head. That is the first prophecy concerning Jesus. Revelation begins with Jesus saying "He is the first and the last, the alpha and the omega". In the Jewish wedding the bride circles the groom three times before the wedding. The earth has circled the sun three times since 2017. Think of these three years as the first 3 days of awe of the ten. Now this year the feast of atonement, that is judgement, only this is the Bema seat of Christ, this is where He judges the believers. It is like awarding the gold medal at the olympics. That is what the rapture is. Those that are raptured it is a reward for being faithful servants, those that are left have seven more years of tribulation. Think of that as the last seven days of awe. If you convince the Lord to put your name in the book of life during that time you will be taken in the middle of these 7 years, if you don't you will be given to Satan and remain till the end of the 7 years where we will see the Great White Throne of judgment. 9 "In that day," declares the Lord, "the king and the officials will lose heart, the priests will be horrified, and the prophets will be appalled." The people who run the country fall into three groups. The president would be viewed as the king, the CDC would be seen as the priests, and the press would be seen as

the prophets. **10** Then I said, "Alas, Sovereign Lord! How completely you have deceived this people and Jerusalem by saying, 'You will have peace,' when the sword is at our throats!" You may remember that a peace treaty promising a period of economic prosperity was just signed in Washington D.C. with Israel, UAE and Bahrain on September 15th. **11** At that time this people and Jerusalem will be told, "A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows toward my people, but not to winnow or cleanse; **12** a wind too strong for that comes from me. Now I pronounce my judgments against them." So China and Russia will attack Israel, most likely after a preemptive attack on the US. **13** Look! He advances like the clouds, his chariots come like a whirlwind, his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us! We are ruined! **14** Jerusalem, wash the evil from your heart and be saved. How long will you harbor wicked thoughts? The peace treaty was all about Jerusalem, it recognized Jerusalem as being under the jurisdiction of Israel. **15** A voice is announcing from Dan, proclaiming disaster from the hills of Ephraim. **16** "Tell this to the nations, proclaim concerning Jerusalem: 'A besieging army is coming from a distant land, raising a war cry against the cities of Judah. **17** They surround her like men guarding a field, because she has rebelled against me,'" declares the Lord. The problem is they rebelled against the Lord. Humble yourself, repent of your rebellion. Turn to Jesus, call on His name, for that is where your salvation is. Do not trust in yourself, do not trust in man. **18** "Your own conduct and actions have brought this on you. This is your punishment. How bitter it is! How it pierces to the heart!" Repent! Confess your sins and Repent! **19** Oh, my anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain. Oh, the agony of my heart! My heart pounds within me, I cannot keep silent. For I have heard the sound of the trumpet; I have heard the battle cry. The rapture takes place at the sound of the Trumpet. But that sound is also the sound of an alarm. It signals the beginning of the tribulation. **20** Disaster follows disaster; the whole land lies

in ruins. In an instant my tents are destroyed, my shelter in a moment. The rapture takes place in a moment, in an instant. Another meaning of rapture is when the water breaks for a woman who is giving birth. The birth canal where the baby is looks like "3 gorges". We are told that when the woman gives birth in Revelation 12 that the great dragon will unleash a great flood to wash her away. I suspect that refers to the collapse of the 3 Gorges Dam in China. That disaster will lead to others like China setting off EMPs in the US to wipe out our electricity and cause our tents and shelter to be destroyed in a moment. **21** How long must I see the battle standard and hear the sound of the trumpet? **22** "My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good." This is reminiscent of the Lord's word concerning the foolish virgins. They were awoken by the sound of the trumpet and the call that the Bridegroom comes. But they were foolish, they didn't fill their vessel with oil, with the spirit, with the living word of God. As a result they were senseless, no understanding, no knowledge of how to do good. **23** I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. **24** I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. **25** I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away. **26** I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. The call was to "behold the Bridegroom" But the foolish virgins are those who were distracted beholding everything but the Lord. The wise virgins are those whose eyes are firmly set on Him. **27** This is what the Lord says: "The whole land will be ruined, though I will not destroy it completely. **28** Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark, because I have spoken and will not relent, I have decided and will not turn back." **29** At the sound of horsemen and archers every town takes to flight. Some go into the thickets; some climb up among

the rocks. All the towns are deserted; no one lives in them. **30** What are you doing, you devastated one? Why dress yourself in scarlet and put on jewels of gold? Why highlight your eyes with makeup? You adorn yourself in vain. Your lovers despise you; they want to kill you. Many Christians and many pastors and many churches sold themselves to the world like a harlot. Revelation 17 and 18 refer to this. The Lord's wrath will burn with fire towards them. Everyone will know that the rapture of the believers has caused a collapse of society, so they will hate those who are left behind yet have the name of Christian. Those who are nominal Christians. **31** I hear a cry as of a woman in labor, a groan as of one bearing her first child—the cry of Daughter Zion gasping for breath, stretching out her hands and saying, "Alas! I am fainting; my life is given over to murderers." The analogy here is to two groups. The child she gives birth to is called "the man child" and he is caught up to heaven. He represents the raptured saints. The woman represents God's people who are left on earth.