

The Right Route!

Jeremiah 6:10-20 (MSG)

10-11 "I've got something to say. Is anybody listening?
I've a warning to post. Will anyone notice?
It's hopeless! Their ears are stuffed with wax—
deaf as a post, blind as a bat.
It's hopeless! They've tuned out God.
They don't want to hear from me.
But I'm bursting with the wrath of God.
I can't hold it in much longer.

11-12 "So dump it on the children in the streets.
Let it loose on the gangs of youth.
For no one's exempt: Husbands and wives will be taken,
the old and those ready to die;
Their homes will be given away—
all they own, even their loved ones—
When I give the signal
against all who live in this country."
God's Decree.

13-15 "Everyone's after the dishonest dollar,
little people and big people alike.
Prophets and priests and everyone in between
twist words and doctor truth.
My people are broken—shattered!—
and they put on Band-Aids,
Saying, 'It's not so bad. You'll be just fine.'
But things are not 'just fine'!
Do you suppose they are embarrassed
over this outrage?
No, they have no shame.
They don't even know how to blush.
There's no hope for them. They've hit bottom
and there's no getting up.
As far as I'm concerned,
they're finished."
God has spoken.
16-20 God's Message yet again:

"Go stand at the crossroads and look around.
Ask for directions to the old road,
The tried-and-true road. Then take it.
Discover the right route for your souls.
 But they said, 'Nothing doing.
 We aren't going that way.'
 I even provided watchmen for them
 to warn them, to set off the alarm.
 But the people said, 'It's a false alarm.
 It doesn't concern us.'
 And so I'm calling in the nations as witnesses:
 'Watch, witnesses, what happens to them!'
 And, 'Pay attention, Earth!
 Don't miss these bulletins.'
 I'm visiting catastrophe on this people, the end result
 of the games they've been playing with me.
 They've ignored everything I've said,
 had nothing but contempt for my teaching.
 What would I want with incense brought in from Sheba,
 rare spices from exotic places?
 Your burnt sacrifices in worship give me no pleasure.
 Your religious rituals mean nothing to me."

Jer. 6:13-14 (NIV) - "From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace.

Hebrews 10:19-21

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,
 20 by a NEW AND LIVING WAY opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,
 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Judges 17:6 - In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.

Judges 21:25 - In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.

KJV- but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Message - People did whatever they felt like doing.

Pr. 14:12 - There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Pr 16:25 - There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Gal. 1:8 - But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

Proverbs 14:14 - The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways,

1 Chr. 13:7-12 tells how David was led astray by the philistine way of handling the things of God!

1Chr. 15:2 - Then David said, "No one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, because the LORD chose them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister before him forever."

1Chr. 15:13 - It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the LORD our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way."

1Kings 12:28-29 - After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." And he set the one in BETHEL, and the other put he in DAN.
Does this sound familiar?

Ex. 32:4 - He (Aaron) took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

Bethel= House of God,

Dan= Judge

1Kings 12:30-31 - And this thing became a sin; the people went even as far as Dan to worship the one there. Jeroboam built shrines on high places and

appointed priests from all sorts of people, even though they were not Levites.

Mt. 7:13-14

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Mt. 11:28-29

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.