Bible Alive 365 – Day #219

Jeremiah 4-6

Jeremiah 4:1-31 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. **2** And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory. **3** For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. **4** Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench *it,* because of the evil of your doings. **5** Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities. **6** Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. **7** The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. **8** For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us. **9** And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, *that* the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder. **10** Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul. **11** At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse, **12** *Even* a full wind from those *places* shall come unto me: now also will I give sentence against them. **13** Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots *shall be* as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled. **14** O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee? **15** For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim. **16** Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, *that* watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. **17** As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD. **18** Thy way and thy doings have procured these *things* unto thee; this *is* thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart. **19** My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. **20** Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a moment. **21** How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet? **22** For my people *is* foolish, they have not known me; they *are* sottish children, and they have none understanding: they *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. **23** I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form, and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light. **24** I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. **25** I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. **26** I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger. **27** For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. **28** For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken *it,* I have purposed *it,* and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. **29** The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city *shall be* forsaken, and not a man dwell therein. **30** And *when* thou *art* spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee

with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life. **31** For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, *and* the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, *that* bewaileth herself, *that* spreadeth her hands, *saying,* Woe *is* me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

Jeremiah 5:1-31 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. **2** And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely. **3** O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. **4** Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God. **5** I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds. **6** Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, *and* a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are increased. **7** How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. **8** They were *as* fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. **9** Shall I not visit for these *things?* saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? **10** Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they *are* not the LORD'S. **11** For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD. **12** They have belied the LORD, and said, *It is* not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: **13** And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them: thus shall it be done unto them. **14** Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. **15** Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it *is* a mighty nation, it *is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. **16** Their quiver *is* as an open sepulchre, they *are* all mighty men. **17** And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword. **18** Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you. **19** And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these *things* unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours. **20** Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, **21** Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: **22** Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand *for* the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? **23** But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. **24** Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. **25** Your iniquities have turned away these *things,* and your sins have withholden good *things* from you. **26** For among my

people are found wicked *men:* they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. **27** As a cage is full of birds, so *are* their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich. **28** They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. **29** Shall I not visit for these *things?* saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? **30** A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; **31** The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love *to have it* so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Jeremiah 6:1-30 O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Bethhaccerem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction. **2** I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate *woman.* **3** The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch *their* tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place. **4** Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. **5** Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces. **6** For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this *is* the city to be visited; she *is* wholly oppression in the midst of her. **7** As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually *is* grief and wounds. **8** Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited. **9** Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall throughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets. **10** To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear *is* uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. **11** Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with *him that is* full of days. **12** And their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their* fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD. **13** For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one *is* given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. **14** They have healed also the hurt *of the daughter* of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace. **15** Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time *that* I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. **16** Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein.* **17** Also I set watchmen over you, *saying,* Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. **18** Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what *is* among them. **19** Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it. **20** To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings *are* not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me. **21** Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish. **22** Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. **23** They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter

of Zion. **24** We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail. **25** Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy *and* fear *is* on every side. **26** O daughter of my people, gird *thee* with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, *as for* an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us. **27** I have set thee *for* a tower *and* a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way. **28** They *are* all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: *they are* brass and iron; they *are* all corrupters. **29** The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away. **30** Reprobate silver shall *men* call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.