

Jeremiah Chapter 16

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Some “Do Not’s” for Jeremiah

- I. **HE SHALL NOT TAKE A WIFE, 16:1-2**
 - A. Not that this was illegal for a prophet, because it was not
 - B. This is because marriage is a happy thing, and Jeremiah is not to be happy due to the promised punishment of God’s people.

- II. **HE SHALL NOT HAVE CHILDREN, 16:2-4**
 - A. Neither sons nor daughters.
 - B. They shall die a grievous death
 - C. They will not be lamented nor buried
 - D. They will be consumed by sword and famine

- III. **HE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THE HOUSE OF MOURNING, 16:5-7**
 - A. They shall have no funerals, because God’s mercy has been set aside
 - B. The great and the small shall die in the land – old and young alike
 - C. They shall not “tear” themselves
 1. This tearing was to “comfort them for the dead”
 2. A practice that was taken from the heathen nations
 - D. They shall not give a “cup of consolation” – This was usually liquor for the soothing of the mind after the death of a child or a loved one. *Prov. 31:6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.*

- IV. **HE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THE HOUSE OF FEASTING, 16:8-9**
 - A. They shall not have a dinner after the death of their children, because there will be no leisure time for them to do this.
 - B. God will cause all joy to be taken away from Judah, the voice of the wedding songs and the voice of singing to cheer the ones who have lost their children.
 - C. This will be to no profit, because God is taking their joy away.

- V. **WHY IS THE LORD DOING THIS?, 16:10-14**
 - A. “Because your fathers have forsaken me”
 - B. See verse 11 for other reasons
 1. Walked after other gods
 2. Served other gods
 3. Worshiped other gods
 4. Forsook God Jehovah
 5. Have not kept the law
 - C. “Ye have done worse than your fathers, 12
 1. Walking after the imagination of everyone’s evil heart

- 2. That they may not hearken to God Jehovah
- D. Therefore, you will serve other gods, 13
- E. They will no longer say, “The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;” 14

VI. ISRAEL SHALL RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY, 16:15-18

- A. But they will rather say, “But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them,” 15
- B. God will send “fishers” and “hunters” to bring back Israel from Babylon through Cyrus and Zerubbabel to bring back his people to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple and to re-establish the worship of Jehovah and the practice of God’s law, 16
- C. God’s eyes are not blind to their locations; he will find them wherever they are, 17
- D. But first God will recompense for their sins, 18

VII. JEREMIAH’S PRAYER AND GOD’S REACHING TO THE GENTILES, 16:19-21

- A. Jeremiah admits to God’s strength and might, 19a
- B. He prophesies that the Gentiles will come from the ends of the earth, a prophecy of the preaching of the Apostles and Jesus’ disciples to the Gentiles and their conversion to Christ, 19b
- C. The Gentiles will understand that their fathers have inherited lies, etc., 19c
- D. They will also realize that a man should not make gods unto himself, which are no gods, 20
- E. God, then speaks, and says he will “at once” (or at this time) cause the Gentiles to know my name, “The LORD” (Jehovah).