

Jeremiah Chapter 18

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JEREMIAH'S PARABLE OF THE POTTER AND THE CLAY

I. THE PARABLE, (18:1-4)

A. Going To The Potter's House

1. This as done so that Jeremiah might get a visual lesson about pottery
2. He watched as the potter worked on the wheels

B. The Vessel of Clay Was Marred

1. Every man has been marred with sin; Judah is no exception
2. But we can be made again in new birth. God can make us new if he desires.
3. Judah can be saved physically if they repent, because the potter made the clain again.

II. THE POTTER & CLAY EXPLANATION (18:5-10)

A. The Potter Is God In His Sovereignty

B. The Clay Is Judah

1. Judah was made by God
2. Judah must succumb to God's sovereignty

C. See Romans 9:21-24

III. THE THREAT OF RUIN OF JUDAH (18:11-17)

A. Judah had sinned two sins against God – Jeremiah 2:13

B. See Jeremiah 2:13

C. There is no hope (12), which means that Judah has no hope in God's being the answer to their situation.

D. They were determined to live their own lives. They have done a very terrible thing (13)

E. They have left the fresh waters of Lebanon (14)

F. They have forgotten God and burned incense to idols (vanity) (15)

G. The passerby hisses at Judah in its desolate condition because of shame (16)

H. God will send an east wind, which is a strong and vehement. (17). God says he will shew them the back (his back) instead of his front (face to face).

IV. THE REJECTION OF JEREMIAH (18:18-20)

A. Their Priests Are Not God's Priests (18)

B. God Should Listen To The Cries Of Jeremiah's Enemies (19)

C. Jeremiah Has Pleaded To God For Judah Often (20)

V. THE IMPRECATIONS OF JEREMIAH (18:21-23)

A. Jeremiah Calls Down God's Wrath (Imprecations) To Judah

B. "Forgive not their iniquity" – See 1 John 5:16