

B e w a r e, for all the prophetic words of Jeremiah the prophet would have just met their fulfillment in this time of the end, in the Laodicean Church of Seventh day Adventists !

(Part - 2)

* * *

This article contains further deliberation on the book of Jeremiah. In the first deliberation we have found that, in fact prophet Jeremiah had a double task to accomplish. As a prophet for his own time he was commissioned to warn the leaders of how to guide their steps and to convince all the Jews of Old. And as well as what he had done for the Jews of his time, he was also commissioned to guide the behavior of God's people in this time of the end, even the condition and fate of the nations from whom they as God's people are to be called out from their midst.

Furthermore we are again to deliberate certain verses in the book of Jeremiah, that might help to convince us more, that those verses were actually directed to the end time Church of the Laodiceans. And then at the same time to test the capacity of our mind to understand as Seventh-day Adventists

Let us now begin to read the following verses of how Jeremiah was called and commissioned in Jeremiah 1 : 5, 9 and 10 as follows :

1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

1:9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

1:10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

From the verses above we could have understood that the Lord had entrusted to Jeremiah His words, not only for the sake concerning the fate of the people of Judah and their kingdom, but also "for the nations and for the kingdoms," which means the next chapters up to the last one of the book of Jeremiah, would not only speak of the Jewish nation --- Jeremiah's own

nation, but of the fate of the whole nations and their kingdoms on earth. The following words : “to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant,” make us to understand, that those words of the Lord through Jeremiah do not speak of the nations and kingdoms before his lifetime, but just the nations and kingdoms during and after his lifetime, even after the generation of Jeremiah up to the time of the end. Why dare we say thus ? Because :

1. The words : “to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy and to throw down, to build, and to plant,” these are all presented in Present Tense and Future Tense.
2. It is impossible for Jeremiah to root out or to pull down a nation and a kingdom that existed beforehand, such as Israel of the ten tribes, because the nation and their kingdom had been fallen before his presence and even before he was sent by the Lord. And the fall of the nation and kingdom of the ten tribes has nothing to do with the words of Jeremiah above.

The words : “to root out, and to pull down and to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant”, also to show that the word of God from Jeremiah would cover a long period of time to exceed his own lifetime, which from the moment the Lord through prophet Jeremiah the first time issued a warning, and then avenged the sins of His unfaithful people, and at last to lift up again and to restore all things. These are the facts from the words “to build and to plant” in the sequence after the words “to root out, to pull down, and to destroy.” Certainly all these are the work of restoration from an overall broken down. And they would certainly be accomplished at the end of the plan of God.

Again from Jeremiah 23 : 20 which was deliberated in the first part of this article we read :

23:20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

It is more clearly understood from the above verse, that those spoken by the Lord through Jeremiah would just be understood in this time of the end. It means that actually Jeremiah himself as the mouthpiece of the Lord was yet in the dark at the time, when he wrote the statement. In regard to new cases, therefore, they would have been just understood in the time of the end. Similar to the case was the one of prophet Daniel at the time when he finished his book. He was himself not as yet fully aware of all the plans and purposes of the Lord as those provided in his book.

So as well as in the book of Daniel which was yet very limited understood by him of his own life experience, so was it with the book of Jeremiah which was partly applied to his own time and the rest to be a prophecy, which was yet to be understood later than his lifetime.

The anger of the Lord mentioned in that verse would certainly be the same of its kind with that mentioned in Jeremiah 1 : 9, that is, “to root out, to pull down, to destroy and to throw down.”

And since it is said, that “in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly,” it should then be understood that the anger of the Lord mentioned in that verse would just be poured out in the time of the end, just upon the Israelites and the Jews of this time of the end, who are no more to be Jeremiah’s people of the time when this prophecy was written.

Furthermore in relation to the deliberation of Jeremiah 1 : 9 above, this could also be concluded that there are two occasions to come to pass : first when the Lord is to root out, to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, and secondly after that, the Lord is to build and to plant. Both occasions are to take place in the time of the end.

Such perception is going along with what Jeremiah said in the following verse, when he said :

Jeremiah 31 : 28 :

31:28 And it shall come to pass, [that] like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.

To whom will the Lord do : “to root out, to pull down, to destroy and to throw down” and then “to build and to plant”, if not for the sake of His own people, the Israelites and the Jews, and not to other people, nor to the heathen. Just after the restoration of His own people will then come the turn of all the heathens to become people of the living God.

If we study the whole book of Jeremiah with the above perception in mind, we would have understood, that there are two times “anger” of the Lord : the first anger is against the Jews in the time of Jeremiah himself, and the second anger is upon both the nations : the Israelites and the Jews in the time of the end : the one in the time of Jeremiah is a type, and the other which is to come to pass in this time of the end is to be the antitype.

As well as in the time of Jeremiah before the Lord to pour out His anger, He would have first sent Jeremiah as His messenger to turn the Jewish people from their backslidden, so is in this time of the end, the Lord should have done the same thing by sending us the end time Jeremiah of His own choice. And he would have interpreted the prophecy of Jeremiah that should have met its fulfillment in this time of the end, to convert us from our backslidden that we may be delivered from the coming anger of the Lord.

The same things could be understood from the following verses here below, such as among others :

1. The people to whom addressed by the words written by Jeremiah at his later days :

a. The people who were commissioned to proclaim the warning message of the Lord,

Beside the commission to proclaim the message of warning was given to Jeremiah personally, the fact is that the commission applied more to other people, who are to be invincible, and then delivered as related in Jeremiah 1 : 17 – 19 :

1:17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

1:18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

1:19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

From the same verse we know, that :

1) In verse 19 is found the words : “....*but they shall not prevail against thee ; for I am with thee, to deliver thee.*” Here we see that as a prophet Jeremiah got God’s protection so that they who were against him could not prevail. However, the fact is that Jeremiah personally already died. Whereas from the word of the Lord that Jeremiah was yet “to build and to plant”, they were not as yet accomplished. At the time he died the Jews as a nation was still dominated by other people, even up to the first coming of Jesus the Jews were still under the domination of another nation. And at last after their status as the chosen people of God terminated in the year 34, they as Jewish nation were then destroyed completely in the year 70 by an heathen nation. This means that “t h e e “ mentioned in the verse 19 is not as yet fully fulfilled with only Jeremiah’s personality, who was to be delivered. That certainly the “t h e e “ mentioned, who was to be delivered by the Lord, would yet exist even up to the time of the end, which is the day wherein the Lord would have restored all things.

2) In verse 18 we read : “*Behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.*”

“*I have made thee a defenced city*” ; this is also similar with verse 19, that could not be meant to Jeremiah personally. This is, therefore, more fittingly to meet its

fulfillment with the people of God, who are at the end no more could be prevailed by their enemies.

- b. Those targeted by the word of the Lord through prophet Jeremiah.

According to the introductory verses of the book of Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1 : 4 – 19 about *“The call to Jeremiah to be sent”*, among others in verse 14 we read, *“Then the Lord said unto me, “Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.”* And in verse 17 : *“Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee : be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.”*

From the words of the verse are found “t h e l a n d” and “t h e m”, both words show us clearly, that the nation to whom Jeremiah was sent is none other than his own people, the Jewish nation. Thus it is, that in the time of the end the warning message from the Lord should have first been given to His own people.

- c. The condition of the Israelite and the Jews at the time Jeremiah was sent to them with a message.

Jeremiah 3 : 12 :

3:12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger forever.

The instruction from the Lord to Jeremiah in the above verse is different from that delivered on chapter 1, which is to the Jews -- the two tribes nation of prophet Jeremiah himself. We all know that the time wherein Jeremiah lived is the time when the ten tribes Israelite have already been dissolved by the king of the Assyrians in 721 BC., and they then have gone astray and been scattered into the whole world through the process of assimilation. That ever since they had lost all their racial identities up to this day.

Thus it is, that the Israelite nation to whom Jeremiah was sent would be a nation other than the physical Israelite of Old. They must unavoidably be the spiritual Israelite alone. And since none in all the book of Jeremiah could ever be found a statement to show us, that he had ever gone to the north, this is to show that there are more Jeremiahs to come up after the lifetime of prophet Jeremiah, to be commissioned to go with a message. And thus it is likewise with the *“Israelite”* mentioned, that they would unavoidably be the Israelite to come after the lifetime of prophet Jeremiah.

In that verse Jeremiah had mentioned that the Israelite nation is a backsliding woman. He had mentioned it since the beginning of verse 3, even the Jews in Jeremiah 3 : 7 have been mentioned as treacherous sister. The question now is, are not all the children of Jacob male and 12 in number ? This is certainly not in the mind of Jeremiah, that the Israelite and the Jews are woman in the real sense. Therefore through Jeremiah 23 : 20 that said : “..... *in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly,*” let us understand that several parts of the book of Jeremiah are still prophetic and are yet to be interpreted. Thus the mention of “the backsliding woman” would be a symbol and prophetic to be interpreted later.

From the command of the Lord to Jeremiah both people (the Israelites and the Jews) in that verse seemed to have been backslidden, and not faithful. This is a fact that beforehand they would unavoidably be the honest and faithful women. Just at the time Jeremiah was commissioned to see them, they have been changed to leave their God. This is similar to the type in the time of Jeremiah, when he was sent to the Jewish nation at the time when they were in grave transgression, so that the Lord would have poured out upon them His wrath. This is all told us in the following verses :

Jeremiah 4:1-3:

4:1 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.

4:2 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.

4:3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

The verses as mentioned above, that the ten tribes Israelite at the time Jeremiah was commissioned to deliver the message, they had been already gone astray and scattered among all the nations. Thus this verse would have applied fully to the Israelite and the Jews of the time of the end.

The words of Jeremiah which were presented in Jeremiah 23 : 24 were again emphasized by him in Jeremiah 30 : 24, that “The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of His heart : in the latter days ye shall consider it.” To show that the Lord through prophet Jeremiah warned us, who are now living in this time of the end, that we may soon understand to be made convinced, that now is the time to awake and understand, that just in this time of the end the Lord will truly pour out His wrath upon His people for their transgression, for their failing to make use of the call from the Lord that was

presented us time and again through the message of Jeremiah, until He at last would have restored all things, and to have healed all those, who have understood and have made use all opportunities presented in the call by Jeremiah in the Book chapter 30.

After having deliberated those verses above we may now choose to understand, that those mentioned by Jeremiah of the spiritual condition of both nations the Jews and the Israelite, even of God's warning to pour out His wrath upon both the nations as those presented ever since the beginning of the book of Jeremiah, such as from chapter 2 and so on up to the last verses of the book, beside the transgression story of the Jewish nation and the kings, which are truly to be fulfilled in us as the Laodicean Church of God in this time of the end.

When we compare the Sabbath School Lessons of the fourth quarter of 2015, which tended to conclude that those warnings and threatens from God were addressed specifically to only the Jewish nation in the time of prophet Jeremiah, then the question may arise : Are they all fully in accord with the context in the mind of Jeremiah ? And after digging out the whole story of transgressions of the Jewish nation and their kings, during the life time of Jeremiah the prophet, and then to compare with our own daily life, what does make us to understand the will of God toward us of His great plan when He said : *"..... in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly ?"*

Is it not true, that those that should be investigated more deeply, are that portion of the prophecies of the book of Jeremiah, which were actually addressed to us, and to be fulfilled in this time of the end ? The prophecies of the book of Jeremiah apply for us, and to be understood just in this time of the end. Is it not clear enough, that due to the fact that God is to pour out His wrath upon our Laodicean Church, that this prophecy of Jeremiah which predicted the fate of Israel and the Jews of this time of the end, should be made our priority of investigation, that due preparation on our part should be made as early as possible ?

But how could you see from Sabbath to Sabbath, specifically through your Sabbath School lessons quarterly of this year of 2015 ? Are all the warnings predicted in that prophecy of Jeremiah having been interpreted fully right and true ? Or are there yet several more verses very much decisive for our salvation in the future, are still deliberately kept in mystery by the leaders ?

It is now time for every one of us to wake up to the realization that our condition at this time is actually the same as those mentioned by prophet Jeremiah in his book, when he said :

Jeremiah 30:12-15 :

30:12 For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.

30:13 There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.

30:14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.

30:15 Why criest thou for thine affliction? Thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

May all those deliberated above be observed, that when the time comes and all the warnings given us by prophet Jeremiah meet their fulfillment in the near future, we should no more need to be crying and be of deep remorse, and then say :

“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved !” --- Jeremiah 8:20.

The Summaries

The very important things from the book of Jeremiah that need the attention of our Laodicean Church of Seventh day Adventists, specifically at this time when the prophecy is now beginning to meet its fulfillment, is among other things :

1. The writings of prophet Jeremiah are the prophetic words, to meet their fulfillment in this time of the end. They are actually of very great benefit for the Laodicean Church of SDA.
2. The spiritual condition of the Church at the time this prophecy meets its fulfillment, is said prophetically “backslidden” for the nation of the Israelite and “treacherous” for the Jewish nation ; extremely different from those taught up to now in the Churches by the leadership of the Organization and their ministers of the gospel.
3. Since the spiritual condition of the Laodicean Church is “backslidden and treacherous”, and since she keeps on to oppose the call from the Lord to repent, He would pour out His wrath upon the Church unless she repent from opposing the merciful call.
4. Beforehand there should have been a message first delivered to them to plead and warn them of their transgression. So as well as in the past, a message of warning to make the Jews aware of their transgression, had been addressed to them by prophet Jeremiah on behalf of God, then now since Jeremiah had died long before the time of the end, then the statement, “..... *in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly*“, must unavoidably be transferred to somebody else, who is the antitypical Jeremiah in the time of the end, who is to be mocked and derided similar to what Jeremiah had suffered in the past. He should have been accused as a rebel and trouble maker in the Laodicean Church.
5. Thus is the messenger of God then developed to be more than only one Jeremiah in this time of the end to come up with the same message of warning.

6. And since Jeremiah of Old as a messenger of the Lord had his origin with the Jewish nation, so is the antitypical Jeremiah in the time of the end, must unavoidably come from within the Laodicean Church of SDA , and not from any other Church outside.
7. Those culprits who had misled the Jews in the past to turn them away from the Lord and His will, were none other than those from within their own nation ; even the leaders of the Jewish nation themselves. Thus it is now, as well as those presented in the prophecy of Jeremiah, to be fulfilled in this time of the end, then those who caused the people backslidden and be no more faithful in the Laodicean Church today, will be none other than the leadership of the Laodicean Church itself, who are now blowing their trumpet with uncertain sound : “PEACE, PEACE, AND PROSPEROUS IN THE LORD, NO MORE CALAMITIES TO BE Poured UPON US, FOR GOD IS TOO MERCIFULL ON HIS OWN CREATURES !”

Conclusion

Every member of the Laodicean Church of God should have unavoidably see for himself, that actually the whole prophecies of the prophet Jeremiah were *n e v e r b e f o r e* successfully interpreted in our midst. And even those deliberated in the Sabbath School Lessons of the fourth quarter of the year 2015 were honestly very misleading. If only the Leadership of the Laodicean Church of SDA would be willing to be convinced, that every prophecy that came through the writings of the Old Testament prophets under the inspiration of the Lord God, should have been interpreted also by the prophets under the same Spirit and of God’s own choice. And they must come from among those prophets prophesied in Amos 3 : 7. Then all their interpretations must first be accommodated in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY of Revelation 19 : 10, to be the rules of implementation of the basic Law of the Ten Commandments.

However, from the fact in the field that they are now totally different. This is the reason why that we have been warned long beforehand through the prophecy of Zechariah the prophet in his book Zechariah 4 : 6 as follows : “THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD UNTO ZERUBBABEL, SAYING, N O T B Y M I G H T, N O R B Y P O W E R, B U T B Y M Y S P I R I T.” – **Zechariah 4 : 6.** That means, not by the capacity of the ministers and their sermons from the pulpits in the Churches, nor by the power of the Organization of the General Conference of SDA through their Sabbath School Lessons Quarterly issued every year, but through the SPIRIT OF GOD alone, that all the secret things of the Bible prophecies and the parables of Jesus could be fully interpreted into THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY of Revelation 19 : 10. And only thus will all the rules of implementation of the basic Law of the Ten Commandments could ever be provided for us.

Let us remember always that without making use of those rules of implementation of the Basic Law in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, no one of us in the whole world could ever be able to obey

GOD by having His Law of the Ten Commandments taken into his practical religion. In short, no one could ever worship his Maker in the right way according to the procedure provided us in the law of God. To this end prophet Jeremiah then said :

“THUS SAID THE LORD : CURSED BE THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN MAN, AND MAKETH FLESH HIS ARM, AND WHOSE HEART DEPARTETH FROM THE LORD.” --- **Jeremiah 17 : 5.**

* * *

Jakarta, December 20, 2015

Author : REIN TERINATHE