

A. There is no _____ found in Gilead - **Jeremiah 8:18-9:6**

1. The questions

a. Is it too late? - **Jeremiah 8:20** - *“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”*

b. Can there be healing? - **Jeremiah 8:22** - *Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored?*

2. The answers

a. I want to _____ over them bitterly - **Jeremiah 9:1** - *Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!*

b. I want to _____ from them immediately - **Jeremiah 9:2** - *Oh that I had in the desert a travelers' lodging place, that I might leave my people and go away from them! For they are all adulterers, a company of treacherous men.*

c. I want to _____ about them bluntly - **Jeremiah 9:4** - *Let everyone beware of his neighbor, and put no trust in any brother, for every brother is a deceiver, and every neighbor goes about as a slanderer. - Jeremiah 9:6*

B. There is no _____ allowed in Zion – **Jeremiah 9:7-26**

1. The questions and answers

a. About the LORD's _____

1) The question - What else can I do - **Jeremiah 9:7–8** - *Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: “Behold, I will refine them and test them, for what else can I do, because of my people? ⁸ Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaks deceitfully; with his mouth each speaks peace to his neighbor, but in his heart he plans an ambush for him.*

2) The answer – I will punish them - **Jeremiah 9:9–10**- *Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the Lord, and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this? ¹⁰ “I will take up weeping and wailing for the mountains, and a lamentation for the pastures of the wilderness, because they are laid waste so that no one passes through, and the lowing of cattle is not heard; both the birds of the air and the beasts have fled and are gone*

b. About the LORD's _____

1) The question - Why is their land ruined - **Jeremiah 9:12** - *Who is the man so wise that he can understand this? To whom has the mouth of the LORD spoken, that he may declare it? Why is the land ruined and laid waste like a wilderness, so that no one passes through?*

2) The answer - Because they have forsaken my law - **Jeremiah 9:13–14** - *And the Lord says: “Because they have forsaken my law that I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice or walked in accord with it, ¹⁴ but have stubbornly followed their own hearts and have gone after the Baals, as their fathers taught them.*

2. The application

a. _____

1) By the professionals - **Jeremiah 9:17–18** - *Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Consider, and call for the mourning women to come; send for the skillful women to come; ¹⁸ let them make haste and raise a wailing over us, that our eyes may run down with tears and our eyelids flow with water.*

2) By the women and children - **Jeremiah 9:20** - *Hear, O women, the word of the Lord, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth; teach to your daughters a lament, and each to her neighbor a dirge.*

b. _____

1) What not to boast in - **Jeremiah 9:23** - *Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches...”*

2) What to boast in - **Jeremiah 9:24** – *“But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”*

C. There is no _____ available in Israel – **Jeremiah 10:1-25**

1. The nations are _____ – **Jeremiah 10:1-13**

a. Don't learn the ways of the nations - **Jeremiah 10:1–2 & 8** - *Hear the word that the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel.....*

² Thus says the Lord: "Learn not the way of the nations, nor be dismayed at the signs of the heavens because the nations are dismayed at them..."⁸ They are both stupid and foolish; the instruction of idols is but wood!

b. Fear the LORD - **Jeremiah 10:6 & 10** - There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might...¹⁰ But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earthquakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation. **Jeremiah 10:10-12**

2. Every man is _____ - **Jeremiah 10:14-18**

a. The idols are worthless - **Jeremiah 10:14-15** - Every man is stupid and without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols, for his images are false, and there is no breath in them. ¹⁵ They are worthless, a work of delusion; at the time of their punishment, they shall perish.

b. The LORD is worthy - **Jeremiah 10:16** - Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the Lord of hosts is his name.

3. The shepherds are _____ - **Jeremiah 10:18-25**

a. They are stupid because there is no one who repairs- **Jeremiah 10:20** - My tent is destroyed, and all my cords are broken; my children have gone from me, and they are not; there is no one to spread my tent again and to set up my curtains.

b. They are stupid because there is no one who prays - **Jeremiah 10:21** - For the shepherds are stupid and do not inquire of the Lord; therefore they have not prospered, and all their flock is scattered.

I know we don't know - **Jeremiah 10:23** - I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.

So,,, _____ the people - **Jeremiah 10:24** - Correct me, O LORD, but in justice; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing.

So...._____ the nations - **Jeremiah 10:25** - Pour out your wrath on the nations that know you not, and on the peoples that call not on your name, for they have devoured Jacob; they have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste his habitation.

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Jeremiah 8:18-10:25



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