

Hear the Word of the Lord!

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Jeremiah 26:7-15 -- "The priests, the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speak these words in the house of the Lord. But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the Lord had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, 'You must die!' Why do you prophesy in the Lord's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted? And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the Lord and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the Lord's house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, 'This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears! Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the Lord your God. Then the Lord will relent and not bring the disaster He has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

The Lord sent Jeremiah to proclaim His Word to the people of Israel.

The message that Jeremiah proclaimed was that the people were to reform their ways and actions and obey the Lord God.

If the people did not listen to Jeremiah, then Jerusalem would become like Shiloh – Desolate.

The people did not like the message that Jeremiah preached and so they accused him of treason by saying:

Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, 'This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city.

They wanted Jeremiah dead!

As we look at the end of the book of Jeremiah (Chapter 52) we are told that God sent the Babylonians to destroy the city of Jerusalem. Thus we can come to the conclusion that the people continued to harden their hearts against the message of God through the prophet Jeremiah.

Yet God preserved a remnant from among the Children of Israel, specifically the tribe of Judah.

It was from the tribe of Judah that the Lord sent the Lord Jesus Christ Who brought Peace.

The peace that Christ brought was peace between sinful mankind and God.

It is in the peace of Christ that we have the forgiveness of sins and Life everlasting in heaven.