

God's TARGET MESSAGE for the Nations!

Jeremiah is largely a message of judgment, mostly in reference to the Jews. However, in Jeremiah 7:11 God has a "TAYLOR MADE" (as it were) message for the Gentile nations.

**Jeremiah 10:10 (NKJV)**

**10 But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.**

In contrast to idols YHWH (the God of Israel) is the "true God". He is "the living God". And He is "the everlasting King". Wow! It is the true living God Who is everlasting King. And One day He is going to arise and prove it to ALL the nations. At His wrath the earth will tremble, and the nations will not be able to endure His rage.

**Revelation 6:15–17 (NKJV)**

**15** And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,  
**16** and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!  
**17** For the great day of His wrath has come, **and who is able to stand?**"

Sinners in the hands of an angry God will find out just how true and living He is. And they will find out just how offended He is by IDOLATRY that rejects Him. The way of the Gentile is going down. The true and living God of Israel is going to reign as KING forever.

And then in Jeremiah 10:11 God in effect targets the nations with this message!

**Jeremiah 10:11 (NKJV)**

**11 Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens."**

This verse is totally unique in the book of Jeremiah in that it is the ONLY verse in the entire book that is written in Aramaic. That in and of itself

makes a STATEMENT! This was the official language of the Babylonian Empire which was the chief nation in the world at this time and the nation which was about to take Judah captive.

Idolatry was born out of Babylon and Babylon is essentially synonymous with idolatry. God was going to allow His people to be punished by the very nations whose false gods had seduced them. But God also has a message for these Gentiles. Here he speaks to them in their language.

The true living God of Israel says to the Gentile nations that their false “do nothing gods” are going DOWN. They should not think that because they were having their way with Israel that their gods were responsible for giving them the victory.

We have the same phenomenon in the book of Daniel. In Daniel 2 king Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and demanded to know its meaning. Daniel 2:4b through 7:28 in the book are uniquely written in Aramaic (cf. Ezra 4:8-6:18, 7:12-26; Jer. 10:11). This long section deals with the time of the Gentiles in which the Gentiles would have sway over the Jews.

However, God communicates the meaning of this dream through His Jewish prophet Daniel so that the Gentiles should realize it is the God of Israel’s sovereign doing, and that in the end the Gentile empires will be crushed (cf. Dan. 2:44-45). The same essential message is repeated for emphasis in Daniel 7.

By way of application Jeremiah 10:11 sticks out as a “LOUD SPEAKER” message to the nations of the world today that are given over to false gods. The false gods of evolution are no gods. They did not create anything. The false god’s of the nations that claim to rival the God of Israel are going DOWN! In the end “Babylon the great” is going down. In Revelation 18 the cry goes out, “Babylon the great is fallen” (cf. Rev. 18:2).

The world has been put on notice. Psalm 2 is a major notice! Daniel 2-7 is a major notice! Jeremiah 10:11 is a major notice! All these are “MEGAPHONE” NOTICES to the world that the TRUE God of Israel demands that they repent and worship Him for Who He is as the One true living creator God Who is going to reign as King FOREVER.

As such Jeremiah 10:11 is a climactic indictment of idolatry addressed to the pagan nations. The Gentiles of the world should take note and respond accordingly! Instead, in all their antisemitism they in effect rebel against the living and One true God – the God of Israel – the God of the Bible!

But God's TARGET MESSAGE to the world stands!