

INTRODUCTION - all of these warnings are from the scripture reading.

Jeremiah said earlier: (2:32) “ ... Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number” and (5:31) “ ... and My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?”

Jeremiah’s warning could be given today, too.

- ① (v10) “To whom shall I speak and give warning ... Behold, the word of Lord is a reproach to them. They have no delight in it.”

The God they sought to worship is the God they would not hear.

The warning is repeated: (Jer. 10:23; Isaiah 30:9; 2 Peter 3:1-3)

- ② (v13) “Everyone is given to covetousness ... everyone deals falsely”

Obsessive desire for material gain led to immoral means to obtain it.

We have been warned: (1 Timothy 6:6-10; Luke 12:15)

- ③ (v14) “ ... saying, Peace, peace! When there is no peace.”

The leaders were giving a false sense of security that would lead to destruction.

We must warn people with truth: (2 Timothy 4:2-5; 1 Peter 1:22-23)

- ④ (v15) “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed. Nor did they know how to blush.”

They “committed abomination” and did not try to hide it nor were embarrassed in it.

We have witnessed a society where many exhibit the same: TV, movies, music, parades, laws, and some advertise “what happens here stays here.”

- ⑤ (v16) “Thus says the Lord, Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it, then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it.”

God’s law given at Mt. Sinai was too old for them even with the promise of “rest.”

We have been warned: (Jude v3, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Revelation 22:18-19)

- ⑥ (v17) “Also, I have set watchmen over you, saying, Listen to the sound of the trumpet. But they say, We will not listen.”

CLOSE - warnings are designed to keep us from harm; so, heed the warning.