

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

JEREMIAH 19

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Jeremiah nineteen is the story of a broken clay vessel that God gave to Jeremiah as another illustration that the nation was going to be broken because of their sins and especially as it relates to certain sins that had to do with the killing of the innocents, the children of their own bodies, their sons and daughters. Jeremiah nineteen describes in great detail the southern valley that borders the ancient city of Jerusalem. Jerusalem at one time was called "Salem" which means peace. It is where the King of Righteousness, Melchizedek, lived in the days of Abraham. You can read about that in Genesis 14. Later during the days of the conquest of Canaan during the days of Joshua, until the time of David, an ancient Canaanite people called "Jebusites" lived there. The city is built on a rock peninsula south of Mount Moriah, it is a limestone stronghold, surrounded by three valleys and the city itself is perched on the top of the peninsula. The name Zion means "stronghold" in Hebrew. Mt. Zion is another name for the Jerusalem. The three valleys that surround the city are the Eastern Valley, the Kidron; the Central Valley, the Cheesemakers Valley; and the Southern Valley called the Valley of the Son of Hinnom. The Southern Valley is the one Jeremiah called attention to in his prophesy

of chapter 19.

During the days of Hezekiah's son Manasseh and his sons, the valley became a place of idol worship where people, including the kings of Israel, sacrificed their children to the Canaanite god of Molech. Jeremiah called it the Valley of Tophet, the fireplace. God said, I want you to call it the Valley of Slaughter, because it was there that this abomination took place. The nation had fallen into such idolatry that life meant nothing to them, not even the life of their own children. Jeremiah prophesied that because they had made life so worthless, God would give them over to the most grotesque of all sins, the sin of killing and eating their own children, cannibalism. Jeremiah 19:9 says, **"And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters..."** Jeremiah was to pronounce judgment upon the nation for this atrocity. Because of their lack of repentance judgment was certain.

Prayer and Action Steps

Father, Please have mercy upon our nation and grant us repentance and spare us. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
