

1467 AD – THE GATE OF THE LORD’S HOUSE

“Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.” (Jeremiah 7 v 2)

HISTORY

Each chapter of Jeremiah marks a turning point in history. In Chapter **6** the turning point of history was Ottoman conquest of the Balkans and Greece culminating with the Fall of Constantinople in **1453 AD**. In Chapter **7** we are brought to a new turning point which is the opening of the Americas for exploration and colonization by the Spanish Empire.

Chapter **6** was the destruction of God’s Old House: the Byzantium Empire. In truth, the once great Byzantium Empire was already reduced to the city limits – a shell of its former self – not even enough troops to station on all the walls.

God told the prophet **“Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house”**. What he is said was: ‘We are on the threshold of a new nation for God – the Spanish Empire - at the gates of a new House for the LORD – the Americas’. It was a turning point in history.

The Ottomans captured Constantinople and gained about 50 square kilometers at great cost in blood. But the LORD gave to the Kingdom of Spain an entire continental land mass: 0.5 million square km in Central America and 17.8 million square km in South America.

THE HOUSE WHICH BEARS MY NAME

On August 3 **1492** Christopher Columbus made his landfall in the Americas. It was an island in the Bahamas. It was an island filled with quiet lakes and a gentle people. The explorer sent by Queen Isabella declared the name of the new land to be **‘San Salvador’** which is translated **‘Holy Savior’**. Christopher Columbus claimed the Americas for Jesus Christ – the Holy Savior’.

Four times in Chapter **7** Jeremiah refers to **‘this House which bears my Name’**: (v.10) (v.11) (v.14) (v.30). Prophetically – God inspired Christopher Columbus to name the New World - with His Name – ‘Holy Savior’. The Americas were claimed for Jesus.

Isaiah and Jeremiah speak of movements of God which occur outside the Holy Land. It was the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham of offspring more than the sand of the sea.

QUEEN ISABELLA OF CASTILLE – THE LAW OF THE LAND

In **1474** young Isabella found herself Queen of Castille. She inherited a Kingdom deep in debt and socially out of control. There were no uniform set of laws. There were no police to keep the peace. The roads were plagued with robbers.

Isabella introduces many initiatives in her land which seem straight out of the instructions of the prophet in Jeremiah **7**. She ordered a lawyer to rewrite laws into one concise manual for the courts. She set up a police force. She got her kingdom out of debt by making land deals with the nobles. Once a week she permitted ordinary citizens to submit petitions directly to her. Isabella reduced lawlessness in the land and remembered the needs of every citizen rich and poor. In addition she was very pious and set a virtuous example of a god-fearing life.

THE LORD'S HOUSE – A LAW FOR HIS LAND

God speaks through the prophet to the people who would “**pass through the gates to worship the LORD**” – meaning the first the explorers, then the settlers from Spain – who would take possession of land in the New World for the Kingdom of Spain.

God tells them up front – if you want to live long in the land – then you must obey my commands. God owns the land. The Kingdom of Spain is merely the tenant. God sets forth his tenancy agreement – his law for the land. If the people granted the privilege to rule the land do not fear the LORD – they will be punished and lose authority over the land. This is similar to God's dealings with the children of Jacob entering the Promised Land.

WHY GIVE THE LAND TO SPAIN?

Isabella of Spain was a model ruler and a modest person. Where possible she resolved differences through treaty rather than through war. She used her power wisely to promote the good of all people not just her own interests. She was devoted to God in personal piety. If Spanish explorers of the Americas followed her example God would have blessed them and their subjects. The tragedy is events did not unfold that way. A great chance was missed!

WHAT ABOUT PORTUGAL?

Portugal came into the picture after Spain had been granted the primary jurisdiction. We explain later in this paper regarding the sin of slavery.

JUDGMENT CAME TO THE NATIVE RELIGIONS

Chapter 7 of Jeremiah condemns the pagan practices of the Canaanites: **“They have set up their detestable idols in the House that bears my Name and have defiled it. They have built the high places of Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to burn their sons and daughters in the fire – something I did not command nor did it enter my mind.”** (v.30-31)

The native religions of the Americas were guilty of these crimes. They built temples, worshipped the stars, erected idols, and sacrificed countless virgins and youths to their gods. God in Heaven found this to be horribly obscene and declared judgment upon it.

Because of these abominations the LORD threw the practitioners of pagan religions into the **“Valley of Slaughter”** (v.32). All three of the Native Empires that the Spanish Empire conquered were guilty of these perverse pagan practices: The Aztec (Mexico), The Maya (Yucatan), and The Inca (Peru).

CATHOLIC RELIGION IN THE AMERICAS

The Church of Rome was firmly established in the Americas claimed by Christopher Columbus. It is notable that the Roman Catholic Church – the remnant of the Church of Rome which split after the Reformation – has always taken an uncompromising stand against abortion – which is equivalent to **‘burning sons and daughters in the fire’**. So long as the religion of the Americas abides by the commands of the LORD dictated in Jeremiah 7 it has remained the dominant faith practiced in that place.

SIN OF SLAVERY

After his first voyage Columbus brought Caribs back to Castille to show Queen Isabella the economic potential of reaping a harvest of black skinned indentured servants. She is reported to have said she did not want people in her domains made slaves. We don’t know if she said that or not. What we do know is she never made her preference into a requirement and in **1494** AD Columbus started using Caribbean slave labor on his plantations.

Jeremiah condemns this practice vehemently – albeit in language scholars of the Bible would recognize but readers in our times would not. Jeremiah said **“Truth has perished: it has vanished from their lips. Cut off your hair and throw it away; take up a lament on the barren heights”** (v 28-29) The shaving of the scalp has always been a sign of slavery.

Slavery broke the main tenancy provision that God set forth in Jeremiah chapter 7.

Specifically “**if you will not oppress the alien, the fatherless, or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your fore-fathers for ever and ever.**” (v 6-7)

But slavery was the worst form of oppression. The result was the Kingdom of Spain lost jurisdiction of part of the lands of the Americas. In **1494** – the very same year Columbus started using slaves on plantations in the Caribbean – the Treaty of Tordesillas provided Portugal with the right to any lands East of the a meridian 370 leagues west of the Cape Verde Islands. This turned into Brazil. For the sin of slavery the Kingdom of Spain lost 47% of South America - the fifth largest country in the world – a domain of 8.4 million square kilometers.

The Kingdom of Spain would do the heavy lifting – conquering three Native Empires in the Americas. But the Kingdom of Portugal would inherit Brazil without near as much cost in blood or treasure.

APPLICATION TO TODAY

God is the Judge of All the Earth and he judges impartially. He judged the Byzantine Kingdom and gave their city to the Ottomans. He judged the Native Empires in the Americas and gave them to the Kingdom of Spain.

Christians in America are in delusion if they think God is duty bound to defend America no matter how great the wickedness in America becomes. According to Jeremiah **7** we can say the enormous harvest of abortions in America suggest that nation is in the process of voiding its claim to sovereignty over that land. America is destined to fall as a nation in spite of the great population of Christians in that place. We direct our readers to our papers [1451 AD](#) and [1453 AD](#) concerning the sin of Byzantium and the Fall of Constantinople. God permitted the Ottomans to destroy Constantinople in spite of the fact righteous saints lived there. Those righteous saints will go to heaven to be with Jesus. But their country was judged based on its unfaithfulness to the commands of God which it knew and obstinately refused to obey.

The sins of Israel and Judah recorded in the Bible were written as warnings for future generations of people who would fear the God of Abraham. First God judged Israel and the inhabitants were exiled to Assyria. Then God judged Judah and the inhabitants were exiled to Babylon. These things are a warning to us upon whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

For a mind that has wisdom please read on. See truth from another perspective.

PART ONE

Chapter **7** of Jeremiah is the **76th** chapter of The Prophets.

The spiritual number **76** means 'Judge'.

The spiritual number **7** means 'End' or 'Time' or 'Sword'

God sets himself as judge of the nations, the peoples, and the religions. It was the 'Time of the End' for the idolatrous and wicked Native American religions of the Maya, the Aztecs, and the Inca. God used the Spanish Empire as a 'Sword of the LORD' to wipe them out.

God gave the rule of their lands to the Spanish Empire. But God also warned the Spanish Empire – if it did not abide by God's commands then it too would be judged.

O Kingdoms and Nations of the Earth: if you judge correctly – and if the fear of the LORD is found in you – and if you obey the commands of the LORD – you will not be judged!

PART TWO

Jeremiah **7 v 2** is the **19,122nd** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **19,122** = **6** x **3187** [**451st** prime]

The spiritual meaning of **6** is 'Man' or 'Flesh'

The spiritual meaning of **451** is 'Holy Men Suffer in this Life'.

The spiritual meaning of **3187** is 'Self-Serving Servant is Judged'

God appointed the Kingdom of Spain to conquer and rule the Americas. History confirms it. But when the Servant of God looked to use the opportunity to oppress the poor – slavery of the Caribs – then the 'Self-Serving Servant is Judged'. If the enlightened reign of Queen Isabella had been implemented in the New World – the people of the New World would have been blessed and the Kingdom of Spain exalted very high. But the representatives of Queen Isabella sinned and so the Kingdom of Spain was judged. God is just and must punish sin.

PART THREE

Jeremiah 7 v 2 is the 1,467th verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah 1 v 1.

The number 1,467 = 9 x 163

The spiritual meaning of 9 is 'Judgment'

The spiritual meaning of 163 is 'Word Hid in Heart'.

The spiritual meaning of 1467 is 'By Their Fruit You Will Know Them'

It is good to have the 'Word Hid in Heart' but it is not good enough. James says:

"Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do." (2 v 18)

"You believe in One God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder!" (2 v 19)

God expects saints, like Christopher Columbus – who evidently exalted Jesus Christ very highly - to show forth fruit of righteousness in their lives. In his oppression of the Caribs by making them slaves – Christopher Columbus put himself under God's 'Judgment'. Which makes us ask the question: did he really have the 'Word Hid in Heart'? Or, was he merely a religious man who outwardly mouthed words of obedience – but inwardly was a slave of his sin? Yes! The slave owner showed by his greed and carelessness of the pain of others that he was himself a slave, a slave of sin!