Questions on Jeremiah Chapter 8

1. What act of desecration is discussed in verses 1 and 2?

    a. How would survivors react to seeing this or hearing of it? (v. 3)

2. What verbs are used in verse 2 to describe how committed the Jews were to false worship? (These same verbs should describe what *true worshippers* do towards the true God.)

    a. Who is a true worshipper today according to John 4:23-24?

3. Falling and not being able to rise back up was the consequence of *whose choice* according to verses 4 and 5?

4. Israel was guilty of “perpetual backsliding.” What is “backsliding?”

5. We saw the challenge in 5:1 to go out into the streets and see if you can find one just man. How many had repented according to verse 6 of this chapter?

    a. What action is illustrated in verse 6 by a *horse running into battle*?

6. Why are the birds mentioned in verse 7?

7. Verses 8 - 12 deal largely with the false and corrupt scribes, prophets and priests. (Note that they basically repeat verses 12-15 of chapter 6.) What were the scribes guilty of in verses 8 and 9?

a. What false message did the prophets preach and how did it affect the people? (v. 11)

8. What do people need to be able to feel about their sin in order to repent of it? (v. 12)

a. What does Paul call this in 2 Cor. 7:10?

9. What was God's judgment compared to in verse 14?

10. What is the geographical significance of Dan? (v. 16; and see 6:22 for help regarding the enemy's route)

11. What metaphor is used in verse 17 to depict Babylon? (Note, we have seen other animals mentioned earlier… lion, leopard, wolf, 5:6…)

12. How did Jeremiah react to the prospect of this judgment against his people? (v. 18 and 21b).

a. What was God's reply to his questions? (19)

13. What important lesson does verse 20 teach about salvation?

14. What analogy is used in verses 21 and 22 regarding the healing of Judah?