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Jeremiah 19:1-14

Exodus 34:6-7 NIV

- ▶ ⁶, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,
 - ▶ ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.
 - ▶ **Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished;** he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”
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DIVINE-CONFRONTATION... V 3-5

- ▶ ³ I will bring *a terrible disaster* on this place, and the ears of those who hear about it will ring! 
- ▶ ⁴ “For Israel has *forsaken* me and *turned* this valley into a place of wickedness.
 - a) *The people burn incense to foreign gods—idols never before acknowledged by this generation, by their ancestors, or by the kings of Judah.*
 - b) *And they have filled this place with the blood of innocent children*

IDOLARITY... CHILD SCARIFICE

- ▶ ⁵ They have built pagan shrines to Baal, and there they burn their sons as sacrifices to Baal.
- ▶ I have never commanded such a horrible deed; it never even crossed my mind to command such a thing!

SO... BEWARE v6

- ▶ ⁶ So beware, for the time is coming, says the LORD, when this garbage dump will no longer be called Topheth or the valley of Ben-Hinnom, but the *Valley of Slaughter*.

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- ▶ ⁷ “*For I will upset* the careful plans of Judah and Jerusalem.
 - ▶ *I will allow the people* to be slaughtered by invading armies,
 - ▶ *I will leave their dead bodies* as food for the vultures and wild animals.
 - ▶ ⁸ *I will reduce* Jerusalem to ruins, making it a monument to their stupidity.
 - ▶ All who pass by will be astonished and will gasp at the destruction they see there.
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- ▶ ¹³ Yes, all the houses in Jerusalem, including the palace of Judah's kings, will become like Topheth—all the houses where you burned incense on the rooftops to your star gods, and where liquid offerings were poured out to your idols.’”
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 - ▶ ¹⁵ “This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: ‘I will bring disaster upon this city and its surrounding towns as I promised, because you have stubbornly refused to listen to me.’
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- ▶ ⁹ *I will see to it that your enemies lay siege to the city until all the food is gone.*
 - ▶ *Then those trapped inside will eat their own sons and daughters and friends.*
 - ▶ *They will be driven to utter despair.'*
 - ▶ ¹⁰ *“As these men watch you, Jeremiah, smash the jar you brought.*
 - ▶ ¹¹ *Then say to them,
This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says*
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- ▶ ¹¹ :As this jar lies shattered, so I will shatter the people of Judah and Jerusalem beyond all hope of repair.
 - ▶ They will bury the bodies here in Topheth, the garbage dump, until there is no more room for them.
 - ▶ ¹² This is what I will do to this place and its people, says the LORD. ...I will cause this city to become defiled like Topheth.
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APPLICATION ... (food for thought)

- ▶ As a nation where do we fit it in terms of **idolary** & and the shedding of **innocent** blood?
- ▶ As a post Christian nation do we honestly think **we can do as we please** and not come under God's judgement ?



