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WHO WILL LISTEN?

God sent a message in the sixth chapter of Jeremiah to people who are seduced by Satan and turn from following the laws of the living God. ¹⁰ *To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. The word of the LORD is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it.* ¹¹ *But I am full of the wrath of the LORD, and I cannot hold it in. "Pour it out on the children in the street and on the young men gathered together; both husband and wife will be caught in it, and the old, those weighed down with years.* ¹² *Their houses will be turned over to others, together with their fields and their wives, when I stretch out my hand against those who live in the land," declares the LORD.* ¹³ *"From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit.* ¹⁴ *They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace.* ¹⁵ *Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them," says the LORD.* ¹⁶ *This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'* ¹⁷ *I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But you said, 'We will not listen.'* ¹⁸ *Therefore hear, O nations; observe, O witnesses, what will happen to them.* ¹⁹ *Hear, O earth: I am bringing disaster on this people, the fruit of their schemes, because they have not listened to my words and have rejected my law." The New International Version*