

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further ***International Bible Lessons***

Jeremiah 7:1-15

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. Where did Jeremiah preach and why was that a dangerous place for him?

He preached at the gate of the LORD’s house against the political and religious leaders and people of Judah who went there to worship and who hated what he preached.

2. What did God want people to do and stop doing and why?

God wanted everyone to reform and change their ways and actions. He wanted them to stop trusting in deceptive words, but to deal justly; to stop oppressing foreigners, orphans, and widows; to stop shedding innocent blood; to

stop their idolatry; to not murder or steal; to stop all wickedness. If they stopped and changed their ways, then God would let them live in the land.

3. What place did the people of Judah trust instead of trusting in the LORD and why?

They trusted in the temple, because it was God's house and they believed God would always protect His house.

4. What words did the people trust instead of the words of the LORD?

Deceptive and worthless words.

5. What had God's House, the Temple, become, and what was it in Jesus' day?

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