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Series: The Story, Ch. 7, Pt. 2

Sermon: And Justice for All

Text: Jeremiah 1-52

### **Sermon Outline:**

1. Justice is due to God's Name.
2. Justice is coming to God's people.
3. Justice is coming to God's enemies.
4. Justice is wedded to mercy.

The book of Jeremiah is a collection of speeches and prophecies organized somewhat thematically...

- Chapters 1-45 concern Judah, and God's people in general.
- Chapters 46-51 are directed at Babylon, and the Nations in general.
- Chapter 52 retells the story of the fall of Jerusalem.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. On Sunday we heard: "Justice is simply the idea of receiving that which is rightly due to you".
  - Where do you see a lack of justice around you?
  - In what ways are you motivated to see justice take place?
  - How will justice be accomplished in all categories of life on the day of judgment?
2. Read Jeremiah 2:4-13. God created and took care of Israel for 800 years. But Israel rejected God. Consider why Israel's response was appalling and shocking. (v12) Where in your life might you be dismissive of the justice that is due to God's name.
3. Read Jeremiah 5:20-31 and 1 Corinthians 5:9-13. Why is it crucial for "judgment to begin at the household of God"?
4. Read Jeremiah 12:1 & 51:24. It may not always seem like it, but God will one day judge all those who are not covered by the blood of Christ. Consider those you know who if they died today would be judged without Jesus' intervention on their behalf. Are you burdened enough for them to speak up like Jeremiah did? How can you increase your burden for those who do not know Jesus?
5. Read Jeremiah 23:5-6. In the midst of a book about God's judgment, there is this profound passage revealing that those who trust in the "righteous Branch" will be made righteous through the execution of justice and righteousness through what we now realize was the cross. Consider and discuss all that happened as Jesus died in our place.