

# **A Message for Regular Churchgoers**

**Jeremiah 7:1-34**

**We like being  
comfortable.**



**Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.**

**There are three appeals  
to the comfortable:**

**Jeremiah appeals to conscience,  
vss. 3-7.**

## **Isaiah 28:15**

**15 Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death,  
And with Sheol we have made a pact.  
The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by,  
For we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception."**

**The people are on thin ice  
because of their behavior.**

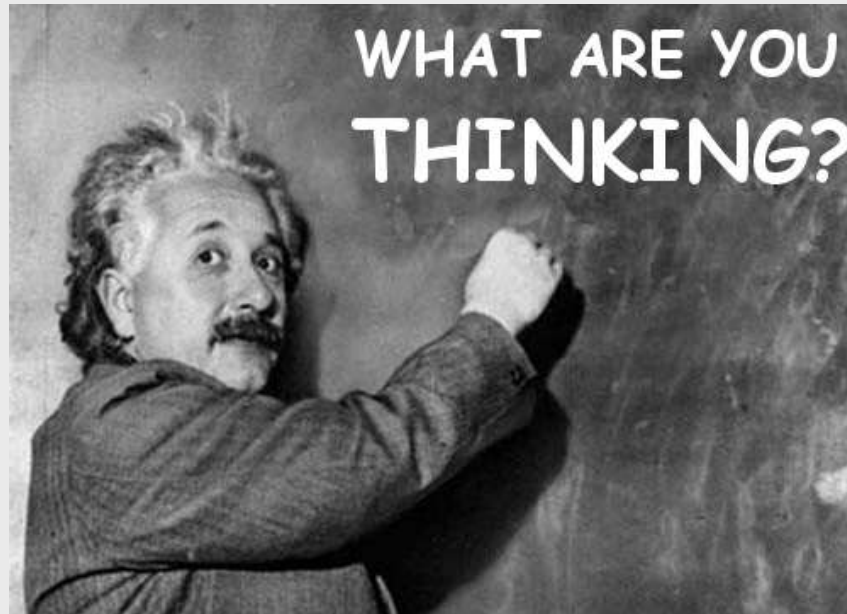
**Hebrews 5:14**

**14 But solid food is for the mature,  
who because of practice have their  
senses trained to discern good and  
evil.**



**Jeremiah appeals to conscience, vss. 3-7.**

**Jeremiah appeals to reason, vss. 8-11.**





**They tear up the 10 Commandments and then turn up at church.**

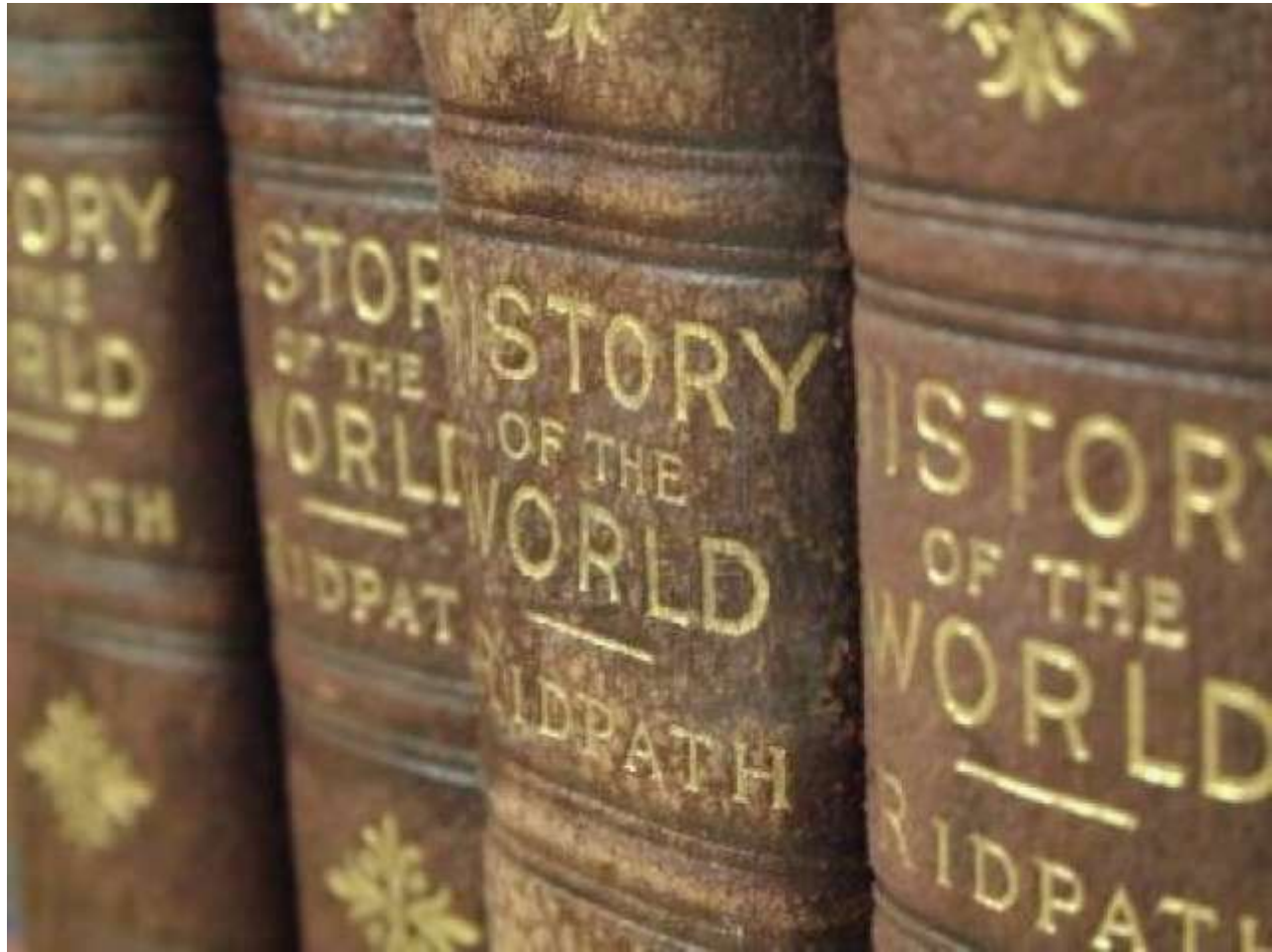
**Matthew 15:7-9**

**7 "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, 8 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. 9 'But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.' "**

**Jeremiah appeals to conscience, vss. 3-7.**

**Jeremiah appeals to reason, vss. 8-11.**

**Jeremiah appeals to history, vss.  
12-15.**



**This is what the people have forgotten.**

## **Matthew 23:37-38**

**37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!”**

**There are three warnings  
about the comfortable:**

**There would be wasted prayer,  
vss. 16-20.**



**Jeremiah, don't pray!**

**There would be wasted prayer, vss. 16-20.**

**There is wasted worship, vss. 21-26.**



**1 Samuel 15:22**

**22 And Samuel said,**

**“Has the Lord as much delight in  
burnt offerings and sacrifices**

**As in obeying the voice of the Lord?**

**Behold, to obey is better than  
sacrifice,**

**And to heed than the fat of rams.”**



**There would be wasted prayer, vss. 16-20.**

**There is wasted worship, vss. 21-26.**

**There will be wasted preaching,  
vss. 27-34.**

## **Jeremiah 7:28**

**28 “And you shall say to them, ‘This is the nation that did not obey the voice of the Lord their God or accept correction; truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.’”**



**Is our relationship with  
God based merely on  
things we do?**



## **2 Corinthians 13:5**

**5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you — unless indeed you fail the test?**