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INTRODUCTION

Why do you think so many people are gullible?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read Jeremiah 8:4-17

Note: Snake-charming was an art practiced in the Near East, including Israel. But no one skilled in this art would be able to charm the serpents coming against God's people (8:17). Some crises had been averted by various devices, such as faithless intriguing in foreign courts. Not this one! ¹

1. Why was the Lord disturbed with Jerusalem? Vv 4-6
2. Why do the birds appear to have more sense than people? Vs 7
3. If people can be sensible about every day matters, why do they seem so backward about eternal matters, especially since the consequences are more significant?
4. What was a motive for the leaders to deceive and to not follow the Word? Vs 10
5. What happened to their riches? Vs 10
6. What is the fate of the nation that follows false leaders? Vv 13-17
7. How can the just (who suffer with the unjust) respond properly to disaster?
8. What would be the proper way to warn of false prophets?

APPLICATION

How could our nation to turn back to God? 2 Chr 7:14

Although the Bible is still a bestseller, its popularity isn't keeping Western society from crumbling morally and spiritually. There appears to be no connection between what people say they believe and the way people act. ²

What happens to the Lord's people largely depends on the leaders they follow. Worldly leaders attract and produce worldly people, but you pay a price to follow spiritual leadership. It's much easier to drift with the current and go along with the crowd. Jeremiah had few friends or disciples because his message wasn't popular. ³

¹ Paschall, F. H., & Hobbs, H. H. (1972). *The teacher's Bible commentary: A concise, thorough interpretation of the entire Bible designed especially for Sunday School teachers* (442). Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers.

² ³ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *Be decisive*. An Old Testament study. (46). Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books.