

## Jeremiah 25:3-16

<sup>3</sup>“For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, to this day, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken persistently to you, but you have not listened. <sup>4</sup>You have neither listened nor inclined your ears to hear, although the LORD persistently sent to you all his servants the prophets, <sup>5</sup>saying, ‘Turn now, every one of you, from his evil way and evil deeds, and dwell upon the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers from of old and forever. <sup>6</sup>Do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, or provoke me to anger with the work of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.’ <sup>7</sup>Yet you have not listened to me, declares the LORD, that you might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.

<sup>8</sup>“Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words, <sup>9</sup>behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the LORD, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. <sup>10</sup>Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the grinding of the millstones and the light of the lamp. <sup>11</sup>This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

<sup>12</sup>Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the LORD, making the land an everlasting waste. <sup>13</sup>I will bring upon that land all the words that I have uttered against it, everything written in this book, which Jeremiah prophesied against all the nations. <sup>14</sup>For many nations and great kings shall make slaves even of them, and I will recompense them according to their deeds and the work of their hands.”

<sup>15</sup>Thus the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: “Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. <sup>16</sup>They shall drink and stagger and be crazed because of the sword that I am sending among them.”

## Mark 14:32-36

<sup>32</sup>And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup>And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

## Will God send people to hell for not believing in a Jesus they've never heard of?

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1. God is patient (v3-7)

2. ...but not indefinitely (v8-11)

3. God is fair (v12-14)

4. ...so everyone faces his wrath (v15-16)

5. ...unless we accept the substitute!  
(Mark 14:32-36)