

**THE WEeping PROPHEt**  
*Matthew 23:37-39 // December 1, 2024 PM*

I. Christ *agonizes over Israel's rebellion* (v. 37).

II. Christ *announces Israel's rejection* (v. 38).

III. Christ *anticipates Israel's restoration* (v. 39).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Pastor Nick referred to Christian coddlers and Christian clobberers? What did he mean? And how do both suffer from the same problem?
2. What does the double declaration of Jerusalem tell us about Christ's words here? Why is that important to understand?
3. What did Christ will Jerusalem to do? How do we understand that in light of Christ's teaching in Matthew 11:25-27?
4. Can you explain the difference between God's will of decree and His will of desire? Which does Christ reveal in our text?
5. What house is Jesus referring to in v. 38? And what does it mean for it to be desolate?
6. Though judgment is coming upon the Jews for their unbelief, what does Jesus foretell as He quotes Psalm 118:26 in v. 39?
7. How does seeing Christ's lion-like manliness and lamb-like meekness deliver us from both avoiding offense and enjoying offense?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I have more of a tendency to be a coddler or a clobberer? Why?
2. Do I use God's will of decree as an excuse for unbelief? How do Jesus's words refute such a notion?
3. How does Jesus' teaching here, together with Paul's in Romans 9-11, militate against antisemitism while also steering clear of a Christian Zionism?