

## The Beginning Of Fall

Jeremiah 8:20 says, "*The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.*" Three days ago was the first day of the autumn season. As the days become cooler, our thoughts concerning this current year begin to "wind down" and we look forward to the end-of-the-year activities.

The above reference to Jeremiah occurs in the context of prophecies against Judah which explain that the people will be taken into Babylonian captivity. Though Jeremiah's predictions were coming true, he did not gloat over those who opposed him. Rather, he was thoroughly heartbroken. He agonized over the fall of Jerusalem. Furthermore, the people had lost every opportunity given them by God, and now they were entirely without hope. One favorable time after another went unheeded.

How about you? Are you in the "autumn" of your life? Have you spent your life wisely? Ecclesiastes 3:2 states that there is "*a time to be born, and a time to die.*" It is my dear hope that as some of you moving toward that stage in your life, you are contemplating where you will spend eternity. It is unfortunate that some give up by believing that they have lived so wickedly that God would not forgive them. However, this is not true. As long as one has the desire to repent, God will save them (2 Timothy 1:9-10). He is longsuffering (2 Peter 3:9). Your last days do not have to be spent in rebellion to God. We now live in the "*times of refreshing*" wherein you can turn and obey to receive the blessings of Christ (Acts 3:19)! We would love to share with you how to be obedient to God. Please contact us for further study.

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