

Tonight I would like to call your attention to the book of Jeremiah the 10th chapter, in Jeremiah the prophet is predicting that the people are soon going to be taken to exile for their sin. He is declaring how God is going to punish them for their sin, because they have fallen far short of the opportunities that they had had. They are to go into exile. There they are to face those who have not had the opportunities of knowing the truth. Let us look together at Jeremiah 10:1 - 12. This passage like all of the rest of the book of Jeremiah and most of the Old Testament is in Hebrew except for one verse. There is one verse in the book of Jeremiah that is in Aramaic. And that is in the course of the section that I am going to read to you, and we will see why it is in the Aramaic. ~~Here is the word which the Lord speak--~~ "Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good. Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O Lord; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. Who would not fear thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee. But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities. Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the cunning: blue and purple is their clothing: they are all the work of cunning men. But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his