

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF MESSAGE SEVEN

Knowing **Jehovah**, the **Eternal** God,
in His **Lovingkindness**, **Compassions**, and **Faithfulness**

- I. **Jeremiah often addressed God as **Jehovah** of hosts:**
- A. “Jehovah is the true God; / He is the living God and the eternal King”—Jer. 10:10a.
1. Jehovah means “I am who I am”.
- B. “O Jehovah of hosts, who judges righteously, / Who tests the inward parts and the heart”—11:20.
- II. “**You, O Jehovah, **abide forever**; / Your throne is from generation to generation**”—**Lam. 5:19:**
- A. The phrase *You, O Jehovah, abide forever* indicates that God is eternal and that there is no change in Him—v. 19:
C1. Abraham “called on the name of Jehovah, the Eternal God”—Gen. 21:33.
C2. In Hebrew the Eternal God is El Olam.
- D. The phrase *Your throne is from generation to generation* refers to God’s eternal and unchanging government:
2a. Jeremiah’s word about God’s eternal being and His throne is a strong sign that in writing Lamentations Jeremiah touched God’s economy.
2b. He came out of his human feelings, touched God’s person and God’s throne, and entered into God’s divinity.
- III. “**It is Jehovah’s **lovingkindness** that we are not consumed, / For His **compassions** do not fail; / They are new every morning; / Great is Your **faithfulness****”—**Lam. 3:22-23:**
- A. Jehovah appeared to Jeremiah, saying, “I have drawn you with lovingkindness”—Jer. 31:3.
B. The people of Israel had failed, but God’s compassions preserved the remnant of Israel for the carrying out of His economy—Lam. 3:22-23.
C. Jeremiah said to Jehovah, “Great is Your faithfulness”—v. 23b.
- IV. “**Jehovah is **my portion**, says my soul; / Therefore I hope in Him**”—v. 24:
- A. Jeremiah’s word concerning Jehovah being our portion and our hoping in Him bears a New Testament flavor—Col. 1:12, 27.
B. “Jehovah is good to those who wait on Him, / To the soul that seeks Him”—Lam. 3:25.