Would the prophet Jeremiah be Allowed to Speak in your Church?

(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament, I will substitute the Hebrew words Yahoshua (yeh-ho-shoo'- ah) for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and the LORD and ruah for pneuma (spirit).)

Jeremiah, chapter twenty-six, paints a picture of churches now and in the past, where religious institutions, have bowed to Yahweh in word but not in heart. The history of the slanderer (the god of this age who appears as an angel of light and his agents as ministers of righteousness¹) and his agents display that they are ruling in the top religious echelons; those being the office of priests, prophets, pastors, etc.. All of today's pastors and priests, I believe, would answer the above question, 'Absolutely! Jeremiah is welcomed to speak in our churches, as long as it does not conflict with our teachings.' Would Christ, in disguise, be accepted in your church if he began teaching against praying to Mary, as the Mother of God; against the Transubstantiation; against the Democrat Party; against the Trinity; against the immortality of the soul; against the teaching that the dead are alive in Heaven, and for speaking in tongues; etc. etc.? Or would the congregation, after hearing such things, being "...filled with wrath, as they heard these things. And, rising up, would thrust Christ forth outside the city, and lead him as far as a brow of the hill on which their city was built,—so that they might throw Christ down headlong" (Lk. 4:28-29)? It happened to Christ in his own home town! The High Priests, of the order of Aaron, the top echelon of religious society, cried, concerning Yahweh's Messiah, "Crucify! Crucify! We have no king but Caesar.² The question is, Can Yahweh speak the truth to you, which may lead you be rejected from Christian circles? Can you, as did Jeremiah, stand alone for Yahweh, speaking the truth against false doctrines, which will result in you being separated from Christian societies? Historically, most people, including pastors, elect not to exposes these lies but rather keep silent, submitting to the pressure brought about from the agents of the adversary.

Jeremiah, chapter twenty-six, tells us a narrative that is throughout the Word of Yahweh; the narrative being that the deceiver is a master of disguise, operating in the lives of the priests, prophets and pastors. As you will read, the people are in church (Temple), bowing down to Yahweh, hearing the Words of Yahweh from his prophet, Jeremiah; words they reject, saying to Jeremiah, "Thou shalt, surely die!" How fitting is this narrative to instruct us that the adversaries agents are, in many cases, running today's churches, theological universities and ministries.

¹ For, such as these, are false apostles, deceitful workers, transfiguring themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel! for, Satan himself, doth transfigure himself into a messenger of light! No great thing, therefore, if, his ministers also, are transfiguring themselves as ministers of righteousness!—whose end, shall be according to their works. (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

² Joh 19:6 When, therefore, the High-priests and the officers saw him, they cried aloud, saying—Crucify! Crucify! Pilate saith unto them—Ye, take him, and crucify; for, I, find not in him, a fault.

Joh 19:15 They, therefore, cried aloud—Away! away! Crucify him! Pilate saith unto them—Your king, shall I crucify? The High-priests answered—We have no king but Caesar!

Jeremiah 26

"In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word from Yahweh, saying:

Thus, saith Yahweh,

Stand thou in the court of the house of Yahweh, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, who are entering in to bow down in the house of Yahweh, all the words, which I have commanded thee to speak unto them,—do not thou keep back a word: Peradventure, they will hear, and return every man from his wicked, way,—and I shall repent as to the calamity which I, am devising to execute upon them, because of the wickedness of their doings:

Therefore shalt thou say unto them,

Thus, saith Yahweh,

If ye will not hearken unto me, To walk in my law which I have set before you; To hearken unto the words of <u>my servants the prophets</u>, whom I, am sending unto you, even, betimes, sending, though ye have not hearkened, Then I will make this house like Shiloh,—And, this city, will I make a contempt, to all the nations of the earth.

<u>So the priests and the prophets</u>, and all the people, heard, Jeremiah, speaking these words in the house of Yahweh. And it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that Yahweh had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that <u>the priests</u>, and the prophets, and all the people, laid hold of him, saying

Thou shalt, surely die!

Why, hast thou prophesied in the name of Yahweh, saying, Like Shiloh, shall this house become, And, this city, shall be desolate, without inhabitant? And all the people, were gathered together, unto Jeremiah, in the house of Yahweh. When the princes of Judah heard, these things, then came they up out of the house of the king, unto the house of Yahweh,—and took their seats in the opening of the new gate of Yahweh. Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes, and unto all the people, saying,

Worthy of death, is this man, because he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard, with your own ears.

Then spake Jeremiah, unto all the princes, and unto all the people, saying,

Yahweh, sent me to prophesy against this house, and against this city, all the words that ye have heard. Now, therefore, amend your ways, and your doings, and hearken unto the voice of Yahweh your God,—that Yahweh may repent him, as to the calamity, which he hath spoken concerning you. But, I, behold me! in your hand,—do with me as may be good and right in your eyes; Only, ye must, know, that, If, ye, do put, me, to death, verily, innocent blood, are ye, laying upon yourselves, and against this city, and against her inhabitants,—for, of a truth, did Yahweh send, me unto you, to speak in your ears, all these words.

Then said the princes, and all the people, unto the priests, and unto the prophets,

There is nothing in this man, worthy of death, for, in the name of Yahweh our God, hath he spoken unto us.

Then rose up men, from among the elders of the land, and spake unto all the convocation of the people, saying:

Micah the Morashtite, was prophesying, in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah,—and he spake unto all the people of Judah, saying, Thus, saith Yahweh of hosts—Zion, as a field, shall be plowed, And, Jerusalem, into heaps of ruins, shall be turned, And, the mountain of the house, be like mounds in a jungle, Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah, put him to death? Did he not revere Yahweh, and appease the face of Yahweh? And did not Yahweh repent, him, as to the calamity which he had spoken against them? We, therefore, are doing a great wickedness, against our own lives!

There was, however, a man, prophesying in the name of Yahweh, Urijah, son of Shemaiah, of Keriath-jearim,—who prophesied, against this city, and against this land, according to all the words of Jeremiah. And, when King Jehoiakim, and all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard, his words, then the king sought, to put him to death,—but Urijah heard, and feared, and fled, and entered Egypt. Then did King Jehoiakim send men to Egypt,—even Elnathan son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into Egypt, and they brought forth Urijah out of Egypt, and took him in unto King Jehoiakim, who smote him with the sword,—and cast out his dead body among the graves of the sons of the people.

Howbeit, the hand of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, turned out to be with Jeremiah,—so as not to give him up into the hand of the people, to put him to death."

Today, in our churches, confessing and believing the Apostles' Creed will not save or allow you to be a member of their churches, because the Apostles' Creed does not confess the Trinity.³ Today, the Apostles' Creed will be classified as blasphemy.

1. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: (Today, Christ is the maker of heaven and earth and not the Father. Today, the 2nd statement of faith is, "The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.⁴")

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Dallas Theological Seminary: While our faculty and board annually affirm their agreement with the full doctrinal statement (below), students need only agree with these seven essentials:

^{1.)} the Trinity 2.)the full deity and humanity of Christ 3.)the spiritual lostness of the human race 4.) the substitutionary atonement and bodily resurrection of Christ 5.) salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone 6.) the physical return of Christ 7.) the authority and inerrancy of Scripture. https://www.dts.edu/about/doctrinal-statement/

[&]quot;All Christians believe the doctrine of the Trinity. If you do not believe this—that is, if you have come to a settled conclusion that the doctrine of the Trinity is not true—you are not a Christian at all. You are in fact a heretic. Those words may sound harsh, but they represent the judgment of the Christian church across the centuries. What is the Trinity? Christians in every land unite in proclaiming that our God eternally exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Those who deny that truth place themselves outside the pale of Christian orthodoxy.

Having said that, I admit that no one fully understands it. It is a mystery and a paradox. Yet I believe it is true. I can think of at least three reasons for believing in the Trinity:

^{1.} The Bible teaches this doctrine.

^{2.} Christians everywhere have always believed it.

^{3.} No other explanation makes sense." (https://www.christianity.com/god/trinity/god-in-three-persons-a-doctrine-we-barely-understand-11634405.html)

⁴ http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/bfm2000.asp

- 2. And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: (In the NIV and NLT Bibles, Christ is not begotten. Today, Christ is very God of very God;100% God and 100% Man; he is God the Son.)
- 3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:
- 4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell: (Today, Christ did not die, only his body died and was buried.)
- 5. The third day he rose again from the dead: (Since Christ never died, only his body died; he was not risen from the dead, only his body was, because he never died.)
- 6. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
- 7. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:
- 8. I believe in the Holy Ghost: (Today, we have God the Holy Ghost, third person of the Trinity, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.)
- 9. I believe in the holy catholic church: the communion of saints:
- 10. The forgiveness of sins:
- 11. The resurrection of the body:
- 12. And the life everlasting. Amen.

Today, what Peter proclaimed concerning salvation on the day of Pentecost, "...Repent ye, and let each one of you be immersed, in the name of Jesus Christ, into the remission of your sins,—and ye shall receive the free-gift of the holy spirit (Acts 1:38)," would not save you or make you a Christian, neither would you receive the gift of holy ruah (spirit); believing and confessing Romans 10:9 also would not give you salvation because it does not meet the requirement of today's churches. (Interesting to note is that the apostles never baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as is done today, neither does Paul being his epistles with, "Greetings from the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.")

Did Yahweh's prophet, Jeremiah, know of a Triune God? Jeremiah 10:10 declares, "But, Yahweh, is God, in truth, He, is a God that, liveth, And a King of times age-abiding,—At his anger, quaketh the earth, And nations cannot endure, his wrath." What would Jeremiah say about these new doctrines that are not present in Yahweh's Word, but, "For, Thus, saith Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, Let not your prophets that are in your midst, nor

your diviners, beguile, you,—Neither hearken ye unto your dreams, which ye, are dreaming; For, falsely, are they, prophesying unto you, in my name,—I have not sent them, Declareth Yahweh" (Jer. 29:8-9).

Why do orthodox churches, contrary to the Word of Yahweh, refuse to say the name of YAHWEH, which was used over 6,800 times, but rather call him, Theos⁵ (God)?

Today's churches proclaim, We love you God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; reveal to us your will and we will do it! Jeremiah also heard these empty words, "For ye have deceived yourselves at the cost of your lives, for, ye yourselves, sent me unto Yahweh your God, saying,—Pray thou in our behalf, unto Yahweh our God,—and, according to all that Yahweh our God shall say, so, tell us, and we will do it. Therefore have I told you today,—and yet ye have not hearkened unto the voice of Yahweh your God, even in any thing for which he hath sent me unto you" (Jer. 42:20-21).

First Corinthians, chapter fourteen, has been discarded by the majority of all churches; defying Yahweh's exhortation to speak in tongues, interpret and prophesy in the church so the believers may be built up by hearing Yahweh words. Neither Jeremiah nor Christ would be allowed to enter churches today, proclaiming this message. The leaders of these churches will forbid such obedience, as did the rulers of the Temple, the High Priests, as stated in Acts 4:17, "Nevertheless, lest it further spread abroad among the people, let us charge them with threats, to be no more speaking upon [these subjects], to any soul of man." Water immersion (baptism) is encouraged but being immersed in holy ruah (spirit) is usually forbidden, contrary to what the Apostle Paul did in Acts 19; "Then said Paul— John, immersed with an immersion of repentance, unto the people, saying, that, on him who was coming after him, they should believe,—that is, on Yahoshua. And, when they heard this, they were immersed into the name of the Lord Yahoshua; and, Paul laying hands upon them, the holy spirit came upon them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying." Paul proclaimed, "...More than ye all, am I speaking with tongues" (1 Cor. 14:18); "Howbeit I wish you all to speak with tongues, but, rather, that ye may prophesy,—moreover, greater, is he that prophesieth, than he that speaketh with tongues,—unless indeed he translate, that, the assembly, may receive upbuilding" (1 Cor. 14:5); the majority of today's church leaders say just the opposite.⁶

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⁵ 2316 θεός theos theh'-os 1) a god or goddess, a general name of deities or divinities. The Greek Concept of God.

^{1.} theos in the Usage of Secular Greek. The word theos is used in both singular and plural, definite and indefinite, often with little distinction of sense between the gods, god, the god, and the godhead. The term does not denote a specific personality but the unity of the religious world in spite of its multiplicity. The Greek concept is essentially polytheistic in the sense of belief in an ordered totality of gods. Zeus as the father of gods and men brings this to expression. (TDNT)

⁶ Dallas Theological Seminary: We believe that some gifts of the Holy Spirit such as speaking in tongues and miraculous healings were temporary. We believe that speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism nor of the filling of the Spirit, and that the deliverance of the body from sickness or death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection (Acts 4:8, 31; Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 13:8). https://www.dts.edu/about/doctrinal-statement/

Conclusion

The agents of the adversary, as agents of light, have been ruling in churches, synagogues, temples etc. since the beginning of time, corrupting the words of Yahweh, creating additional gods; gods which can be seen, such as Jesus. The Word of Yahweh, such as Jeremiah 26, has warned us of their practices. How can these evil agents be identified? By knowing Yahweh's Word. Paul stated in Galatians 1:6-9, "I marvel that, thus quickly, ye are moving away from him that called you in the favour of Christ, unto a different gladmessage,—Which is not, another, only there are, some, that are troubling you, and wishing to change the glad-message of the Christ. But, even if, we, or, a messenger out of heaven, announce a glad-message aside from that which we announced unto you, accursed, let him be! As we have said before, even now, again, I say: If anyone is announcing unto you a glad-message aside from that which ye accepted, accursed, let him be!" Major church doctrines, such as the Trinity and the refusal to obey 1 Corinthians 14, are contrary to the Word of Yahweh. Praying to Mary, accepting sodomy, having three gods, refusing to say Yahweh or Yahoshua, refusing to speak in tongues are the signs of our adversary in the churches. These pastors or priests are either knowing agents of the adversary or they are partners in crime, whether they realize it or not. The High Priests and Saul, latter to be known as the Apostle Paul, are examples of our adversaries penetration deep into the church. (The murder of the Apostle James and Stephen pleased the High Priests and the church members.) Yahoshua stated in John 16:2, "Excommunicants from the synagogue, will they make you; Nay! there cometh an hour, that, every one who killeth you, shall think to be rendering, divine service, unto God!" Yahweh and Christ are asking you to speak the truth in love, as did Jeremiah. Yahweh commanded him, "...speak unto them,—do not thou keep back a word: Peradventure, they will hear, and return every man from his wicked, way,—and I shall repent as to the calamity which I, am devising to execute upon them, because of the wickedness of their doings" (Jer. 26:2-3).

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⁷ The Episcopal Church, The United Church of Christ, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The United Methodist Church