

The Study on the Book of Jeremiah
Week #14: The Response of the People (Part 3)
Sunday, January 26, 2025 (PM Service)

1. The Preparation of Exile

- a. The **Announcement** of Exile (**Jer. 10:19-22**)
 - i. He **agonizes** and wept for them, though they had no **regard** for him.
 - ii. Jeremiah placed a major share of responsibility on the rulers **“shepherds”** for Judah’s calamity.
 - iii. Shepherds of Christ’s church who attempt to lead without **seeking** the Lord’s guidance and help are not only **foolish** but **harmless** to their flocks.
- b. Jeremiah’s **Prayer** (**Jer. 10:23-25**)
 - i. We know that we are **unable** to direct our steps apart from God. (**Prov. 3:5-6**)
 - ii. Jeremiah closed his prayer with a **plea** for God to punish all nations and peoples who do not **acknowledge** Him as God.

Introduction:

- **Jeremiah 11:15-21** shows us the **Broken** Covenant and Jeremiah’s **Complaints**.

1. The Broken **Covenant (**Jer. 11:1-5**)**

- a. The imperative verb **“Listen”** (Literally “Hear”) in **Vs. 2** is plural.
 - i. The command was not initially addressed only to Jeremiah but either to all the people or to the leaders of Judah.
 - ii. The verb **“tell”** in **Vs. 3**, however, is singular; thus the emphasis of the message was transferred to Jeremiah.
 - iii. Jeremiah was proclaiming the same covenant that God had ordered the forefathers to obey.
 - 1. He reminded them of the **conditional** nature of the covenant. If they obeyed the Lord, He would be their God and would give them a land flowing with **milk** and **honey**.
 - iv. Jeremiah’s answer to God’s curse on those who would forget His covenant was **“Amen.”**

1. The Hebrew word is from a root that means **“To Confirm, be stable, reliable, enduring.”**
 - v. **Jer. 11:6-8:** The Lord wanted Jeremiah to remind his hearers of the **faithlessness** of their ancestors concerning the covenant.
2. The **Inescapable Punishment of the Covenant Breakers (Jer. 11:9-13)**
 - a. The Lord revealed to Jeremiah that there was a conspiracy among the people.
 - i. The theory most likely involved a decision to **return** to their old ways soon after his **death**.
 - ii. We must remain **faithful** to the teachings of the Lord to stand clear of the consequences that result from **disobedience**.