

The Study on the Book of Jeremiah
Week #17: “The Corruption and Punishment”
Sunday, February 16, 2025 (PM Service)

1. The Corruption of the People and Their Punishment

a. The Threat of Captivity (Jer. 13:15-19)

- i. **Jer. 13:15:** By appealing to the people to hear and pay attention to the Lord’s words, Jeremiah was announcing that there was still time to avert judgement.
 1. They refused to believe that the Lord had spoken through Jeremiah.
- ii. **Jer. 13:16-17:** Jeremiah appealed to the people to give glory to God.
 1. If they did not, “darkness” (A symbol of evil) was going to descend on them like the darkness overtaking a traveler on a mountain before he can reach shelter. (Ps. 23:4)
- iii. **Jer. 13:18-19:** All Judah would be carried into exile.
 1. “All” suggests that God’s punishment was going to be total and complete according to His purpose.

b. The Humiliation of an Unclean People (Jer. 13:20-27)

- i. **Jer. 13:22-24:** Jeremiah challenged the people to ask why the calamity had come on them.
 1. Without waiting for an answer, he told them because of their many sins their skirts had been torn off and their bodies mistreated.
 2. However, sin can become so habitual that it is almost impossible to break its bonds.
- ii. **Jer. 13:25-26:** Such was to be the portion decreed for the people of Judah because they had forgotten their God and put their trust in false gods.
 1. The word Portion is found only here in Jeremiah but is found elsewhere in the Old Testament as the lot. (Num. 26:55)

2. Catastrophes that Cannot be Averted (Jer. 14:1-15:9)

- i. This section is composed of several units, but all of them deal with the coming calamity on Judah and with Jeremiah’s appeals on behalf of his people.

a. A Severe Drought (Jer. 14:1-6)

- i. “Drought” is plural in the one translation, suggesting that either the intensity of the calamity or a serious of droughts.
- ii. **Jer. 14:5-6:** When the Lord has had enough... He has had enough.