

The Study on the Book of Jeremiah
Week #18: “The Catastrophes at Hand”
Sunday, February 23, 2025 (PM Service)

1. Catastrophes that Cannot be Averted

a. A Plea for _____ (Jer. 14:7-9)

i. Vss. 7-9: It is uncertain whether the people were _____ their sins or Jeremiah was confessing on their _____ and pleading with God for relief.

1. If Jeremiah was speaking for himself, his words contain a strong accusation against God.

2. They were not as concerned about their “_____” (same word used in other places of this book) as they were about what they felt was God’s indefensible _____.

a. They taunted Him that His honor was at stake so He must do something for the sake of his name. (His reputation).

3. _____ believed that God must deliver the people in order to protect His reputation.

4. Do people still sin but presumptuously claim the promises of God’s blessings?

a. The issue here appears to be that of _____.

b. The Rejection and Judgement (Jer. 14:10-16)

i. The rejection is the _____ rejection of the plea of the _____.

ii. Jer. 14:11-12: For the third time God told Jeremiah not to pray for the people.

1. His refusal to hear prayers of the people was not due to _____ or lack of _____.

2. He knew their hearts were hardened and that they were not going to change, so Jeremiah’s prayers would be futile.

iii. The Judgment was on the _____ Prophets.

1. **Jer. 14:13:** He protested that the _____ for the people’s sins should be placed on the false prophets.

2. **Jer. 14:14-16:** God _____ with Jeremiah that the prophets were leading the people astray by their reassuring words.
 3. God warned that he had not sent the prophets who were confidently insisting that sword or famine would not touch the land.
 - a. Those same prophets would perish by _____ and _____.
- c. Jeremiah's _____ and Supplication (**Jer. 14:17-22**)
- i. It is unclear whether _____ or _____ was lamenting the downfall of Judah.
 1. Also, it is uncertain whether he was describing an event that had already taken place or one that was going to occur.
 2. **“My virgin daughter- my people”** suggests that God is the speaker.
 - ii. **Jer. 14:19-21:** Jeremiah made a threefold appeal to God for mercy.
 1. First, for the sake of God’s name, that is, His nature, He should not “_____” Zion. (**Num. 14:13-19**)
 - a. **“Despise” means “To treat as foolish or to esteem lightly.”**
 2. The second appeal was for God not to _____ His glorious throne.
 - a. “Throne” as used here is generally understood to be a reference to Jerusalem, or more specifically the temple, which was considered to be the abode of God among His people.
 3. Finally, Jeremiah _____ to God not to carry out the covenant promises of judgment on Israel.

Conclusion:

- Jeremiah’s _____ of Judah’s sin and his belief in God as their only hope could _____ serve to appease God’s anger.