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Jeremiah 44:1–19; Jeremiah 42; Jeremiah 43; Jeremiah 44

Introduction

Hubris fundamentally denotes excessive pride or self-confidence, though its significance extends far beyond simple arrogance. The term originally conveyed the notion of encroaching on another's domain with arrogant force, implying trespass and the infliction of insult or injury.

Dire Warning (Jeremiah 42)

There is no way that this message could be mistaken, misunderstood, or misinterpreted. God has clearly spoken to them, using no uncertain terms, to avoid any confusion by the hearers - it is plain and simple. Stay in the land and **prosper** or flee to Egypt and **die**.

The term Exegesis is what theologians use to describe correct interpretation principals - it means to draw or lead **out of** the text. Yet there are those today who purposefully misinterpret and twist God's Word to fit their own understanding and agenda- they "make it say what they want it to say." - This is blatant Eisegesis - which means to draw or lead **into** the text

So, very much like this passage. I don't believe that we have a hard time understanding the vast majority of God's Word, we have a hard time in the **execution** and **application** of God's Word in our life.

Defiance and Demonstration (Jeremiah 43)

They did not like what the Lord had to say because ***they had already decided that they were going to Egypt!*** Jeremiah's message to the people in Egypt that fled from Jerusalem and Judah had not ***changed***. When we ignore God's Word the ***judgment*** that is foretold looms over us.

Declaration of Degeneracy (Jeremiah 44)

Israel became fully ***integrated*** into the pagan rituals that were prominent in Egypt. Even in this, God sends Jeremiah to call them back to Himself. God begins by reminding them of what happened. One simple fact is made evident: God's judgment ***will*** come. They essentially said to God – Leave us we don't *want* to ***know*** you! We don't want to ***listen*** to you, we don't want to have anything to do with you - because you don't give us what we ***want***! This is Hubris!

Conclusion

However, God is a God of mercy and grace! He does not leave us without hope! Just as Jeremiah cried out for the Israelites to return to God and follow Him, so the church needs to cry out to those that are apart from God to draw near. So often we focus on what we are saved from, hell, which is the consequence of un-atoned for sin in our lives. But at a much more profound and deeper level we are not primarily saved *from* something ***negative*** (eternal punishment) but *toward* something ***positive*** (a restored relationship).