

## **“RUIN, REDEMPTION, AND RESTORATION”**

**Studies in the Book of Jeremiah**

**Jeremiah 13:1-27**

**“Be Humble or Be Humbled by the Lord”**

### **I. The Symbol of the Sash and The Wine of Wrath (Jeremiah 13:1-14)**

- A. This chapter contains two prophetic illustrations representing the judgement to come upon the Southern Kingdom. God tells Jeremiah to go and buy a linen sash/loin cloth/belt. The Lord instructs Jeremiah to take the sash to the Euphrates, a river close to Babylon or possibly a small stream near Anathoth (Genesis 2:14; Genesis 15:18). The Lord will ruin the pride of the Southern Kingdom by sending them to Babylon (Leviticus 26:14-20).
- B. The next illustration is related to filling bottles or wineskins with wine. The true message is that God would fill everyone – including the leaders with drunkenness. The wine skins or jars represent the people and drunkenness represents judgement.

### **II. Humility and Judgement (Jeremiah 13:15-27)**

- A. When the Lord speaks the only proper response is obedience. The people Jeremiah is addressing were exhorted to give glory to God and repent from worshipping idols before they are taken captive to Babylon. Pride causes people to remain in unrepentance (1 Peter 4:17).
- B. Imagine going to a king and his mother (already struggling with pride) to tell them their rule will collapse. The reason for the coming judgement is their sin was great. The people would be taken away naked and barefoot (Isaiah 20:1-6). Ethiopian or Cushite comes from a word meaning black and is a reference to dark skinned people from Africa. Ethiopians can't change their skin, leopards can't change their spots, and the people marked for judgement could not change their behavior.
- C. In response to their sin the Lord would scatter the people like stubble. Why because they forgot the Lord and trusted in falsehood (idols). The people will be publicly exposed just like God saw their idolatry they participated in out in the open.

**“For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which**



**we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life” (Titus 3:3-7).**

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