

“RUIN, REDEMPTION, AND RESTORATION”

Studies in the Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 14:1-22

“Failure to Feast on the Word of God Leads to a Famine of Faith”

I. The Drought (Jeremiah 14:1-12)

- A. The people of Jeremiah’s day experienced the devastating effects of drought as one of the consequences of their sin (Deuteronomy 28:22-24). Famine was a periodic phenomenon in the biblical narrative. God has a track record of helping those in positive relationship with Him survive famine (Acts 11:27-30).
- B. How do we determine if economic depression, recession, food shortage, or natural disaster has a spiritual cause? We are not exempt from suffering hardship because we live in a world corrupted by sin. People blinded by sin, pride, and arrogance refuse to surrender to the Eternal King who has the power to deliver. Maintain a healthy vibrant relationship with God because religion with no relationship is useless.
- C. The people loved their sinful behavior and practiced no restraint, no self-control, and no limitations. The prohibition against intercession was based on the fact that God had determined to punish the people. They took the Lord for granted and chose to seek false gods and now they would suffer the consequences.

II. False Prophets (Jeremiah 14:13-16)

- A. Lying prophets were giving the people the wrong instruction. They were lying about their visions and practicing divination. Their message was worthless and it was deceit produced in their own heart. The false prophets lied and said no sword and no famine; therefore, they would die by sword and famine.

III. Lament for Judgement to Come (Jeremiah 14:17-22)

- A. This passage is a lament for the judgement to come and contains very strong emotional language. This is the report of a serious crisis from a prophetic perspective.
- B. Verses 19-22 contain another confession of sin and attempt at seeking help from God. It took them experiencing pain and suffering before their pride was broken. Sadly, it was too late.



“And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35)

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