

Jeremiah Ch 14:-15:6 • “Concerning the Droughts”

- Background Ch 11v3 — Judah has not kept covenant w/ God therefore judgment!
Whole list of consequences (eg Deut 11) including drought!
Ch 11v14 — 2nd time God tells Jeremiah not to pray for Judah (cf 7v16)
Prayer can't undo Judah's apostasy.
- v1 FORTHtelling more than FOREtelling: what IS happening to Judah.
- v2-6 What's happening is a series of droughts affecting whole nation.
Lads or servants look everywhere for water.
Crops and animals suffering (deer / donkeys show extent of drought).
- v7 Jeremiah understands what's going on.
Question: is this Jeremiah asking on HIS behalf or PEOPLE'S behalf?
Doesn't especially matter: God's answer is what it is.
Judah has reached tipping point (cf Gen 15:13-16): iniquity complete!
- v7-9 Sounds like Moses' prayer in wilderness (Num 15:15-16).
Is Jeremiah praying sincerely with heart of Moses?
Or are people thinking can manipulate God by praying like Moses?
- v10 Either way, God's answer is clear: the people have wandering hearts!
Why should I be more committed to people than they are to Me?
- v11-12 “Jeremiah, you should not be committed to Judah either!”
Stop praying for them! (Third time God has given this instruction).
Judah's iniquity is complete; fate is decided: sword, famine, pestilence!
Always for same reason: Judah has no belief, no repentance, no faith.
- v13 God has told Jeremiah 3x to stop praying; still he tries again.
Same question: is this Jeremiah speaking for himself or the people.
Maybe the people? Starting to sound like blameshifting?
“It's not our fault; it's these no good false prophets!”
- v14-16 God: false prophets will be punished AND those who listened to them!
Should have recognized false prophets as such (eg divination).
People wanted “prophets” who would tell them what wanted to hear!
- v17-18 Jeremiah's voice or the Lord's voice? Perhaps God looking into future?
“Virgin daughter” sounds like God talking about Jerusalem.
- v19-22 Jeremiah tries AGAIN (to no avail).
- 15v1-6 God: Even Moses & Samuel both praying wouldn't change things!
Judgment coming bc Judah followed Manasseh into idolatry.
- APP Rewind to 14v11 – is faith in offerings & observances or in God?!