

Jeremiah Chapter 13

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I. PARABLE OF THE GIRDLE (13:1-11)

A. Get A Linen Girdle (1-3)

1. Get the girdle

- a. This may mean to purchase a new girdle, a garment worn around the waist.
- b. This could designate Israel in their original and more pure state before they fell so far into idolatry—as a new garment uncorrupted.

2. Put It Not In Water (1)

- a. This means, either that Jeremiah was not to wash the garment before he wore it, which would make little sense,
- b. Or it rather means that Jeremiah was not to wash the garment after he had worn it.
- c. There is not specific time as to how long he wore this garment
- d. This would symbolize the corruption of Israel as she went deeper and deeper into the worship of Baal and other gods besides Jehovah.

B. Hide The Girdle (4-5)

1. Jeremiah was to hide the girdle under a rock by the river Euphrates
2. This was to symbolize the hiding of Israel from God's mercy and blessings through their continual sin.

C. Fetching The Girdle (6-8)

1. When it was fetched, it was marred (corrupted), and profitable for nothing.

D. Unprofitable Judah (9-11)

1. God will “mar” the pride of Judah and Jerusalem. If they cannot be proud in Jehovah, then they should not be proud in anything else.
2. Judah, then, would be profitable for nothing. It should be the pride of the nations and the blessing of all the nations of the earth, but it had lost its estate in the world for a witness of Jehovah.
3. They are “evil people who refuse to hear my word.”
4. God wore all of Israel as a garment so they would be a particular people to him, but they would not hear.
5. Luke 13:34 *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen [doth gather] her brood under [her] wings, and ye would not!*

II. PARABLE OF THE BOTTLES (13:12-14)

A. Every bottle (as individuals in Judah) will be filled with wine (drunkenness), 12-13

B. God will dash the bottle one against another to destroy and not have mercy, 14.

C. This is all due to their pride, which brings us to the next point:

III. THE PRIDE OF JERUSALEM, (13:15-27)

- A. The Repentance, 15-21
 - 1. "Give glory to the Lord your God," 16
 - 2. "Humble yourselves," 18
 - 3. "Lift up your eyes," 20
- B. The Renunciation, 22-23
 - 1. They are unable to repent, incorrigible
 - 2. Can a leopard change his spots?
- C. The Reward, 24-27
 - 1. Adulteries
 - 2. Neighings - longing for other gods and their own fleshly desires
 - 3. Lewdness of thy whoredom
 - 4. Abominations
 - 5. "Wilt thou not be made clean?"
 - 6. "When shall it once (ever) be?"
 - 7. It will never be, because they have so closed their minds and heart against God that they cannot turn again to him.
 - 8. So God will take them into captivity to Babylon for 70 years.