

Jeremiah Chapter 14

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I. THE FAMINE, 14:1-6

- A. The dearth - a famine
- B. Gates languish – No fruit from afar; the watchers of the gates famish.
- C. Black unto the ground – Lam 4:8 *Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.*
- D. Children to the waters – but there were no waters – ashamed
- E. The plowmen (4) were ashamed, because they could not work the earth—they had no job.
- F. The hind (deer) forsook their young, because there was no food
- G. Also the donkeys sniffed the air, because there was no grass.

II. THE SIN, 14:7-12

- A. Do it thou for thy name's sake—let it rain (see verse 22)
- B. God is the hope (8) of Israel – Psalm 130:7 *Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.*
- C. Leave us not (9)
- D. They have loved to wander (10).
 - 1. From Egypt to Assyria, and others for help
 - 2. They wander to idols instead of the Lord
- E. The Lord does not accept them (10)
- F. In other words, God did not move; Israel did
- G. Pray not for their good (11). Jeremiah could pray for them but not for good things to come upon them, because God has already determined to destroy them because of their sin.
- H. God will not hear them (12)
 - 1. God will not hear Israel's prayers: Isaiah 1:15; Jer. 7:16; 11:14; 14:12
 - 2. God will not hear their songs: Amos 5:23

III. THE PROPHETS, 14:13-18

- A. Message of the prophets (13-15) – Peace, peace
 - 1. They prophesy a false vision (14) – the vision of God is his holy word.
 - 2. God did not send them (15)
 - a. Mal 4:5 *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:*
 - b. Mt 10:16 *Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*
 - c. See Jeremiah 23:32

- B. The People of the Prophets (16)
 - 1. The people will be cast out of the streets of Jerusalem
 - 2. No one to bury them
- C. Jeremiah's Message, (17-18)
 - 1. Mine eyes run down with tears night and day, 17
 - 2. Because of the great breach and grievous blow, 17
 - 3. Jerusalem has never been overtaken before, but it will now be taken over and the people taken captive.
 - 4. Those in the field will be slain, 18
 - 5. Those in the city will starve, 18
 - 6. Both prophet and priest (who were to protect the people by the word of God) will be taken into captivity.

IV. **THE PLEA**, 14:19-22

- A. Despite the fact that God told Jeremiah not to pray, here he prays for Israel that God will change his mind.
- B. Rom. 10:1 *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.*
- C. Jeremiah asked God why there is smiting and no healing, only trouble (19).
- D. Jeremiah then tried to repent for Israel and confess Israel's sins (20)
- E. Jeremiah reminds God that he has a covenant with Israel and asks him not to break that covenant (21)
- F. Jeremiah then tries to put God on the defensive by saying that he is the only God who can bring rain, and Israel will wait for that rain—"thou hast made all these things."
- G. God answers that, even if Moses and Samuel stood before him at this point, his mind could not be toward this people (15:1).