

# Jeremiah 35

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## I. THE OBEDIENCE OF THE RECHABITES (35:1-11)

- A. People are more prone to obey their father than to obey God.
- B. Rechabites were not Israelites, so these prophecies did not apply to them.

## II. AN OBJECT LESSON FOR ISRAEL (35:12-19)

- A. God is Israel's Father, 13
- B. But they will not hearken to God's instruction, 14
- C. God called them to repentance, 15
  - 1. Turn from their evil ways
  - 2. Amend their doings
  - 3. Go not after other gods
- D. The contradiction, 16
  - 1. The Gentiles obey their fathers
  - 2. But Israel will not obey God
- E. The Result, 17
  - 1. God will bring evil
  - 2. God spoke (through prophecy), but they did not hear
  - 3. God called to them (through invitation), but they did not answer (RSVP)
- F. Rechabites Blessed, 18-19
  - 1. They obeyed what they knew – from their fathers
  - 2. They were faithful
  - 3. Their generations would continue
    - a. Came back from captivity - 1 Chron. 2:55
    - b. Some say there were Rechabites in the 12<sup>th</sup> century.
    - c. Some may have been scribes - 1 Chron. 2:55
  - 4. Anyone who obeys God's ordinances is blessed with Israel's blessings, Isaiah 56:4-5.
    - a. Isaiah 56:4 *For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.*
    - b. This is for all who obey the ordinances of the Gospel message, taking hold of the covenant of grace by faith, Jew or Gentile.