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The cup of the Lord

Jeremiah 25

Jeremiah 25 is God's judgment on Judah and other nations. This chapter records that Jeremiah received God's word during the enthronement of Jehoiakim, the son of King Josiah of Judah, and in the process, God sent prophets and servants to warn the people to change their minds, but they did not listen. Therefore, God proclaimed judgment on Judah and the surrounding nations as punishment for their sins.

Jeremiah 25 compared to the book of Revelation

." And I will make the voice of the bridegroom and the bride and the bride the voice of joy and joy .....,..... Grinding ..... Lamp..... cease" (v. 10); ." The sound of the trumpet,..... The sound of grinding..... the ..... of the lamp, and the voice of the bridegroom and bride shall never be heard again among you" Revelation 16-19

this cup of wine of wrath" (v. 15); the cup of his wrath" (Revelation 16:19).

"The Lord will roar from on high, and voice from the sanctuary,..... roaring with a loud voice" (v. 30); "A loud voice came out of the throne in the temple" (Revelation 16:17).

and the Lord slain" (v. 33); "The rest were slain by the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the white horse" (Revelation 19:21).

"The fourth year of Jehoiakim" is 605 B.C. This was the first time that the Babylonians had taken Jerusalem captive. Nebuchadnezzar ascended the throne and established a new political

and social system. Jeremiah begins by pointing out that despite his proclamation of God's judgment over the years, the people have stiffened their necks and refused to repent. Then it was prophesied that Judah would live captive in Babylon for 70 years. This is to emphasize that God's punishment does not come to people for no reason. Judah's sin stemmed from their false belief that although they knew God, they did not believe that God was one, all-knowing, and all-powerful, and therefore relied on themselves and the world from beginning to end. The people ignored God's warnings, and no one escaped the judgment of sin. My Servant Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon: The reason God called Nebuchadnezzar "Servant" because he was God's tool for refining Judah, the Jews were exiled to Babylon for a total of 70 years (605~536 B.C.), which was obviously related to the Jews' failure to keep the commandments, at that time, Babylon was on the rise, it was the time of inevitability, but God prophesied that after the exile of Judah for 70 years, God would repay them according to the hands of the Babylonians. Babylon will perish and become a slave to other nations. This was absolutely unthinkable at the time. But the Old Testament records tell us that history happened as God foretold. One by one, Jeremiah's prophecies were fulfilled. In 539 B.C.E., King Medes-Persia led an army to capture Babylon and killed the Babylonian king Belshazzar, leaving the Babylonians as slaves. God's Word Never Fails!

25:15 This is what the LORD God of Israel says to me: "Take this cup of wrath from my hand and make it drink to the people of the nations to which I have sent you." This cup of wine of wrath: Hint, because of the judgment of God Judah will be like a drunken man who is faltering and overwhelmed. Isaiah 51:17 makes it especially clear that the cup resulted in drunkenness rather than death. The person who is forced to drink this cup loses all self-control and self-defense and becomes unconscious. Jeremiah continued to preach for God in front of his people who were not listening. Not only did he preach, but he also gave the kings the cup of wrath to drink. The Bible teaches us that even if God sends us to rise up as prophets, others will not necessarily listen, but we should not speak because people are willing to listen, and God has sent us to rise up and preach no matter how they react.

The 'cup of wrath' is also known as the 'cup of curse', and the following points need to be noted: The cup comes from the hand of Jehovah (v.15). Yahweh's hand symbolizes help, blessing, or power, but here it symbolizes judgment (Exodus 7:5; Job 19:21). This means that the judgment that comes to the nations is under God's sovereign providence. The purpose of distributing the cups (v.31) is to judge 'those who are flesh' or 'those who are born of flesh' (Gen. 6:3; Galatians 4:29); The order in which the cups are taken: Judah first, then Gentiles (v.29). As God's chosen people, the Jews were supposed to be the object of imitation, but they followed the Gentiles in idolatry and other evil deeds, and defiled God's holy name. Drink and get drunk, and vomit..... Don't get up again: As the secular admonition goes, "First the man drinks, then the man drinks", excessive inhalation of alcohol will lead to a life crisis. Because of this fact, Jeremiah uses an incremental image of the drunken to show that those who drink the wine of wrath, that is, those who are judged by God, are ultimately in an irreversible state. This sentence uses the imperative form to emphasize that wine is drunk voluntarily and can therefore be controlled, but the cup of God's wrath for sin cannot be controlled at will. We need to be vigilant in the presence of the Lord Almighty, and we should be careful to live our days, counting our days, and gaining

wisdom to follow Him, to obey Him, and to hear from His Word, just as the prophet Jeremiah preached the Word of God.

Let's pray together:

Abba Heavenly Father, you have the right to judge all the nations of the world. Help us to be awake, to turn away from our sins, and to turn to you, so that we may not be punished by you. Thank you Lord Jesus for your redemption, and we are willing to offer ourselves to your use, to help us to preach your gospel wholeheartedly and faithfully, so that more people in the world can be saved from judgment by believing in the Lord Jesus, because you want all people to be saved, not one to perish. Pray that the Lord will give us joy and help us to understand that God is righteous and sovereign, and that He will avenge us, so that we can give thanks and praise God and obey the words of the prophets in times of trouble. Thank you, Lord! Bless your church and bless your children.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

## Jeremiah 25

25:1 In the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Jehohua spoke of the words of the great people of Jeremiah to Jeremiah.

25:2 And Jeremiah the prophet said these words to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

25:3 In the thirteenth year from the thirteenth year of Josiah son of Aymon king of Judah until today, the word of Jehohua came to me, and I preached to you, from the early days. it's just that you didn't listen . 25:4 And Jehohua also got up early and sent his servants the prophets to you, (but you did not hear, nor heard) 25:5 And he said, Turn yourselves, every one of you, from the way of evil, and from the wickedness which you have done, and let you dwell in the land which the Lord gave unto you and to your fathers in ancient times, unto for ever.

25:6 Do not follow other gods, and serve and worship, and provoke me to anger with what your hands have done, so that I will not do you any harm.

25:7 But you did not listen to me, but did what you did to provoke me to anger and to entrap yourselves. this is what ye and hua said .

25:8 Therefore this is what the Lord of the Armies says, Because you have not listened to me,

25:9 And I will call all the tribes of the north, and my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, against the land, and against its inhabitants, and against all the people round about, and

I will destroy them utterly. so that they are horrified, and laughed at, and desolate forever. this is what ye and hua said .

25:10 And I will put a break from the sound of joy and rejoicing, the voice of the bridegroom and the bride, the sound of grinding, and the light of the lamp. 25:11 And the whole land will be desolate and horrifying; These people were to serve the king of Babylon for seventy years.

25:12 And at the end of seventy years I will punish the king of Babyloon and the land of the people and the Chaldeans, who have made it desolate forever because of their iniquities.

25:13 And I will cause to come to the land what I say to the land, which is written in this book, and to whom Jeremiah prophesied. 25:14 For many nations and great kings will make the Chaldeans slaves, and I will repay them according to their deeds and according to their hands.

25:15 This is what the God of Israel says to me, Take this cup of wrathful wine from my hand, and make it drink to the people of all the nations to which I have sent you. 25:16 When they have drunk they will be staggered and mad, for We have brought a sword to them.

25:17 And I took it from the hand of Jehovah, and gave it to all the people of all the nations to whom Jehohua had sent me.

25:18 And Jerusalem and the cities of Judah and the kings and princes of Jerusalem made it desolate and terrified and laughed and cursed as it is today.

25:19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and princes, and his people.

25:20 And the mixed people, and the kings of the land of Uz, and the kings of the land of Philistine, and Ashiron, and Kaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashid.

25:21 And Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,

25:22 The kings of Tyre, the kings of Sidon, the kings of the islands,

25:23 Didan , Timar , Booth , and all shaved hair around the head .

25:24 The kings of Arabia, the kings of the people of the wild tribes,

25:25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes, and

25:26 And all the kings of the north, near and far, and all the nations of heaven and earth, have drunk, and the king of Shishak [that is, Babylon] shall drink.

25:27 Say to them, Thus saith the God of Yahweh and Israel of hosts, Drink and get drunk, vomit and stumble and stumble and rise again, because I have brought the sword among you.

25:28 If they will not take the cup from your hand, say to them, "Surely you will drink it."

25:29 Since I have begun with the city that is called my name, will you be spared all the punishment? You will not be spared, for I will kill the sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth. this is what the host of nations and hua said .

25:30 Prophecy of these words against them against them, saying, Yahweh will cry out from on high, from the sanctuary, with a loud voice to his flock, and he will cry out to all the inhabitants of the earth. It's like kicking grapes.

25:31 And there will be a loud voice to the ends of the earth, for Jehohua is at war with the nations, and he will judge all who have blood. as for the wicked man , he will give him a sword . this is what ye and hua said .

25:32 And Jehova of the army said, Behold, evil will come from country to country, and great tempests will blow from the earth.

25:33 And to that day from one side of the earth to the other there will be those whom the Lord has slain. There shall be no one to mourn, no burial, no burial, and dung to the earth.

25:34 Wailing, O shepherd, cry out; Roll in the ashes, O leaders of the multitude, for the day of your slaughter and scattering is coming, and you will be broken in pieces, as if a beautiful instrument were broken. 25:35 The shepherds had no way to escape, and neither could the leaders of the crowd. 25:36 Listen to the cry of the shepherds, the wailing of the heads of the multitude, for Jehohua has made their pastures a wasteland.

25:37 And Jehovah was furious, and the peace of the fold was silent.

25:38 And he went out of his secret place like a lion, and their land was because of the sword The fierce oppression and the fierce anger of him have become terrifying.

The central idea of Jeremiah 25 is God's judgment on Judah and other nations. This chapter records that Jeremiah received God's word when Jehoiakim, the son of King Josiah of Judah, was enthroned, prophesying that King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon would come to attack Judah and cause the people of Judah to suffer for 70 years. This was because the people of Judah rebelled against God, did not obey God's words, did not heed God's commands, and worshipped false gods and followed evil ways. In the process, God sent prophets and servants to warn the people to change their minds, but they did not listen. Therefore, God proclaimed judgment on Judah and the surrounding nations as punishment for their sins.

Here are some important verses from Jeremiah 25 and their explanations:

1. "From the thirteenth year of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah until twenty-three years, the word of the Lord has come to me, and I have spoken to Israel and the people of Judah, All evils that come up against Jerusalem have come out of my mouth." (Jeremiah 25:3-4) This passage describes Jeremiah's years of delivering God's Word as he warned the Israel and the people of Judah that they must repent of their sins or they would face God's punishment. The significance of this verse is that God's warning to humanity is long-lasting, and people must listen to His Word to avoid the consequences.

2. "For thus saith the LORD God of Israel: Drink this cup, and ye shall be drunk, and vomit, and shall be a laughing joke among all nations." (Jeremiah 25:27) This is God's warning to Israel and other nations that they must accept God's punishment and must drink what He calls "the cup," representing that they will suffer God's wrath and punishment. This verse reminds us that God's justice must be satisfied, and that sin will ultimately be judged and punished.

3. "Let the voice of joy and rejoicing, and the voice of the bridegroom and the bride, and the sound of the mill, and the light of the lamp, cease from among you in this place." (Jeremiah 25:10) This verse describes God's judgment against Israel, who will have to go through a period of hardship and sorrow, and whose daily lives will be affected. This scripture reminds us that the consequences of sin affect not only individuals but also society as a whole. We must obey God's will to avoid His punishment.

Jeremiah 25 is an important chapter in which Jeremiah prophesied, through God's instructions, that Babylon would come to attack Judah and that Judah would be exiled to Babylon for 70 years. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

**Consequences of sin:** In Jeremiah 25, God prophesied through the prophet Jeremiah that because of the long period of rebellion and violation of His law by the people of Judah, God would cause Babylon to come against them and take them into exile for 70 years. This shows

It shows the grave consequences of sinful behavior, and God does not tolerate human deviation, and will surely judge sin.

**God's Patience and Warning:** Although Jeremiah 25 prophesied Babylon's attack and punishment, it also demonstrated God's patience and warning. God's punishment after many warnings shows that God is willing to give people time to repent and not to judge lightly. **A call to repentance:** In Jeremiah 25, Jeremiah constantly calls on the people to repent, turn to God, and renounce their evil deeds.

God wants the people to repent sincerely so that they will not suffer disaster.

**God's sovereignty:** In Jeremiah 25, God declares that He has given the cup of all nations to the king of Babylon to drink, showing God's sovereignty over history and control over the nations.

Overall, Jeremiah 25 emphasizes God's judgment on sin and the consequences of sin. The central idea of theology is the emphasis on God's patience and vigilance, and that He does not judge lightly, but rather gives people the opportunity to repent. Jeremiah's mission was to call people to

repent and turn to God to avoid calamity. Finally, this chapter again shows God's sovereignty and control, that God is in control of the course of history, and that His plan must be as He has set it.