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### Jeremiah 43

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God always have a way out from any foreseeable disaster

Jeremiah 43 records the actions of the Jews in Egypt and Jeremiah's prophecies. In chapter 42, the Jews ask Jeremiah to pray to God and tell them where they should go. But when Jeremiah prayed to God and told them to stay in Judah and not go to Egypt, they did not listen to Him and still went to Egypt.

Chapter 43 records what they experienced in Egypt. Jehovah again revealed to Jeremiah that he would punish Egypt with the hand of the king of Babylon for its destruction. Sections 13 of this chapter can be divided into two parts according to geographical location, the first is sections 1-7 in the land of Judah, Johanan and the army commander and the people who fled to Egypt in defiance of the prophecies of the gods delivered by Jeremiah; In the second section, verses 8-13, in the land of Egypt, God's words come to Jeremiah again, prophesying that God will hand Egypt over to the king of Babylon and continue to pursue the discipline of Jew.

In the first part, when they heard instructions from God from the prophet Jeremiah, they said, "The Lord our God has not sent you to say." The 'haughty' (v.2) is the same in ancient and modern times: it is 'our God' who is in his own heart, and everything else is 'your God'; As long as it makes one's body uncomfortable, it is considered a "lie". When Gedaliah was killed, Johanan acted decisively and quickly regained the people from Ishmael. It can be seen that Yohanan is a patriot who can accurately judge people, judge the situation, have the ability to act, and have a sense of justice. But his biggest problem was trusting God. Anticipating that Babylon would likely retaliate against Judah after Gedaliah's killing, he decided to flee to Egypt. And

when he confronted Jeremiah and told him that God had allowed the people of Judah to continue to live in the land of Judah, in addition to saying that Jeremiah was "lying", he also weaved a clever narrative that Jeremiah was "instigated" by his secretary and close friend "Baruch" to ease the confrontation with the prophet Jeremiah. Eventually, they chose to "disobey Jehovah" and entered Egypt.

In the second section, verse 8, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying: Located in the eastern part of the Nile Delta, a border city of Egypt across the Sinai Peninsula, Tabanan was the first stop for the Jews to enter Egypt. The word of God came to Jeremiah as soon as the people of Judah had crossed the line that God had drawn, and once again proclaimed God's judgment on all Judah, that those who are condemned to death as spoken of in verse 11 will die; and he that is condemned to plunder shall be taken captive; Whoever is destined to be killed by the sword will be killed by the sword." Verse 10 Jehovah again calls King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon his servant, making it clear that all of this is from God and from God's judgment.

1. The "arrogant" regard only God that is according to their own heart;
2. Even if a capable person like Johanan can accurately judge the visible situation, if he does not learn to obey and trust God, he will eventually make the wrong choice.
3. It is not uncommon for people to excuse their disobedience to God, as Johanan said in this chapter when the prophet Jeremiah was "instigated by Baruch."
4. Once we have crossed the boundaries that God has drawn for us, God's judgment will pursue us to the point where there is no escape.
5. The LORD God is the only true God, and all people and things can be used by God, even if he does not believe in God, like Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon.

God's Word is so inconsistent with human common sense: Egypt is so close that you can escape from Babylon's sphere of influence by crossing the border, and your destiny can be in your own hands; To remain in Judah and to rely on God to 'show mercy' to the king of Babylon (42:12) is to put your hope in the mercy of the enemy, almost sitting idly by. Either way, the stakes are too high: on the one hand, if there were no miracles, the people would probably end up 'some killed and some taken captive to Babylon' (v.3). On the other hand, if God could make the king of Babylon "show mercy," why couldn't he stop Babylon from destroying the temple? If God was willing to protect the people, why didn't he protect Gedaliah from assassination? Jeremiah's words were unbelievable, but the people could not deny that Jeremiah was a true prophet, so they blamed Baruch for 'instigation' (v.3) to cover up their 'disobedience to Jehovah' (vv.4, 7). Like them today, we are not "disobedient to the law of God," but "unobedient" (

Romans 8:7); It's not sticking to your plan, it's not seeing a better plan. Because like them, we are 'proud people' in heart, and although the people have seen the prophecies of the prophets fulfilled one by one, they cannot believe that this prophecy will also be fulfilled (vv.2–3). While we see many examples of faith in the Bible and in history, it's hard to believe that they can happen in our lives. No matter how much we want to skip class, God will not let us go, and there is no way around the spiritual lesson we should learn: "when we enter Egypt," that is, the day

God's recourse will come to Egypt. When we complain that our prayers are not heard, we should consider why God has people waiting for ten days in the Golden Hanyu (42:7) and offers to give the Word in Tabina.

Let's pray together:

Abba Father, thank God for opening our eyes to the fate of the proud. Pray that God will break down the shackles of pride and unbelief and humbly rely on God's grace to serve. Thank God for allowing us to see the conversation between Johanan and the people of Judah and the prophet Jeremiah through this chapter, as well as God's prophecy to Jeremiah in Tabanon in Egypt, letting us know that "arrogant people" cannot receive God's Word, and letting us know that once we cross God's boundaries, God's judgment will come and there is no escape. Pray that God will always come to you with an obedient heart, repent, accept your discipline, and live within the boundaries you have delineated. Pray that God will break our pride, which can make us depressed and impatient. We can find favor through the cross, so let us be humble, put away all pride, look not at circumstances, get used to living in circumstances and by sight, and may we choose Jeremiah's way alone.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

#### Jeremiah 43

43:1 And Jeremiah had made an end of speaking to all the people all the words of the God of the Jews, and all the words of the God of the Jews to whom the God had sent him.

43:2 And Azariah, the son of Hozaiah, and Johanan, the son of Kalia, and all the haughty men, said to Jeremiah, Thou lie thou hast spoken. Yahweh, our God has not sent you to say, You shall not enter Egypt and live there.

43:3 This is Barlu the son of Nigeria, who instigated you to do us evil, that you might deliver us into the hands of the Chaldeans, that some of us might be slain and some of us taken captive to Babylon.

43:4 So the son of Galia, Johanan, and all the captains of the army, and all the people, did not listen to the words of Yahweh, and lived in the land of Judah.

43:5 The sons of Galia, Johanan, and the remaining Jews, who had been sent to the lands of Judah, and the men, women, children, and princes, who had returned from being driven to the lands, and who were sojourning in the land of Jedaus, and all the people of Gitalia, the son of Ahikan, the son of Ahikan, the son of Saphan, whom Nebuzaradan the chief had left behind, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Barreh the son of Nigeria,

43:6 See section above

43:7 all brought into EGY AND TO ABI . This is because they did not listen to the words of the Howa.

43:8 In the words of Jeremiah in Answer, Jeremiah said,

43:9 You will take a few large stones in your hand in front of the eyes of the great man, and hide them in the mortar of the bricks, that is, in the gate of the palace where Pharaoh is hidden.

43:10 And he said to them, Thus saith the God of Israel, Yahweh of hosts, I will call my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. I will set his throne on the stone that is hidden. He will put the treasure of glory on it.

43:11 He is coming to attack Egypt. Whoever is condemned to death shall be killed, and whoever is condemned to plunder shall be taken captive, and he shall be killed by the sword.

43:12 I will make a fire in the temple of God Egypt . The king of Babylon will burn the temple and take away the statues of the gods . He will get [clothed in the original text] of Egypt, like a shepherd who puts on his cloak and goes away from there in safety.

43:13 He will break in pieces the pillars of Shemetz, the earth of Egypt. The temples of the god Egypt were burned with fire.

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In Jeremiah 43, there are the following important verses:

1. Jeremiah's words said to the displaced Jews: This is what the LORD God of Israel says.

(Jeremiah 43:1) This is the beginning of Jeremiah's revelation, through which the Lord conveyed His word to the displaced people of Judah.

2. So the son of Johanan, and all the eunuchs, and all the people, did not obey the voice of the LORD and went to dwell in the land of Egypt. (Jeremiah 43:4) Above, Jeremiah prophesied that the people of Judah would be migrated to Egypt. But Johanan's son and the others did not obey God's Word and fled to Egypt for protection. This shows their unbelief and disobedience to God's will.

3. In the land of Egypt they said, "We will not listen to what you say to us in the name of the Lord." (Jeremiah 43:2)

After the Jews fled to Egypt, they still refused to listen to Jehovah. This shows their stubbornness and disbelief in God's Word.

The background to these verses is that the people of Judah were migrated to Babylon under attack by Babylon, including the royal family and soldiers. However, Johanan's son and some others did not want to stay in Babylon and fled to Egypt in search of safety. Jeremiah prophesied to them that Egypt would not be their refuge, but would be punished by God. But they did not believe God's Word and still went to Egypt. These verses show the consequences of not listening to God, and that trust in God is the key to salvation.

Jeremiah 43 records the disobedience of the people of Judah to the prophet Jeremiah and their refusal to remain in the land of Judah.

Instead, he went to Egypt. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

**Human stubbornness and disobedience:** In Jeremiah 43, the people of Judah refused to heed God's instructions through Jeremiah, and they insisted on going to Egypt and leaving the Promised Land that God had given them. This shows their stubbornness and disobedience to God, which leads them away from God's will.

**God's Warning and Judgment:** In Jeremiah 43, Jeremiah warns the people of Judah that their actions will lead

Come to God's judgment, and they will be punished in Egypt. God is not pleased with their stubbornness, and His judgment is bound to come.

**God's faithfulness:** In Jeremiah 43, God again demonstrates His faithfulness to the people of Judah through Jeremiah

The word to them is true, God will cause the king of Babylon to invade Egypt, so they cannot escape God's judgment.

**End of the Land of Non-God:** In Jeremiah 43, Jeremiah prophesied the end of the Israel who lived in Egypt, who would be judged by God, including death in battle, pestilence, and famine.

Overall, Jeremiah 43 emphasizes human stubbornness and disobedience, God's warnings and judgments, and God's faithfulness. The central idea of theology is that we should be obedient to

God's will and listen to His Word, or we will face God's judgment. God's Word to us is true and reliable, and His judgment is righteous and inescapable. We should humbly submit to God's will and not turn away from God because of stubbornness, or we will pay the consequences.

God's faithfulness is also immutable, and His promises to us will be fulfilled.