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No one can resist the hand of God!

Jeremiah 47

Jeremiah 47 records God's inspiration concerning the Philistines. The central idea was that God had extended his hand of punishment to the Philistines, to destroy their cities and their inhabitants and to bring revenge upon them. The inspiration described in this chapter contains a series of descriptions of the destruction and warfare of the Philistine cities, foreshadowing God's judgment and destruction, and reminding Israel of the consequences of disobeying God's commands. In chapter 47, the Philistines were about to be destroyed by the invasion of the northern nation of Babylon. God judged Philistines in order to make the Jews realize that God must take revenge on the nation of Israel, so that the Jews could be strong enough in the face of any enemy. The Philistines, a longtime enemy of Israel, lived in the southwestern coastal region of Canaan and had always been a strong enemy of Israel, and the two kingdoms were at war with each other. They have repeatedly invaded and oppressed the Israelis.

David defeated the giant Goliath with the simplest catapult, and the Philistines were a very fierce and warlike people, who had beaten the Israel to the ground, and even robbed the Ark of the Covenant, a powerful people who had long plagued the people of Israel, was expelled from Israel by King David.

Through Jeremiah, Jehovah announced to the Philistines that God would punish the Philistines with the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Verse 2 speaks of the forces from the north,

which are like a flood of water, which cannot be resisted and will overwhelm their entire territory. This water refers to the army of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, who came from the north to conquer the entire Middle East. Verse 3 describes the strength of the Babylonian army, and the Philistines will be so frightened that their father's hand will be weakened and they will not care for their children. Verses 4–7 Jehovah will cut off the remnants of those who helped Tyre and Sidon, the allies and allies of the Philistines. The sword of the LORD will not cease until the Philistines are completely destroyed.

The spiritual lesson of this chapter is that, first, the Philistines who worship idols and do evil will not escape God's righteous judgment. Second, the Philistines had long bullied the Israel, and God is now retributing them, and third, God's actions were not affected by human alliances. The Philistines, who had an alliance of Tyre and Sidonian, thought they were strong enough, but that could not stop God. When God will inflict punishment, the alliance will be defeated and will collapse. Human security does not depend on any one powerful country.

The servants only acted on the orders of their masters, so if God had not called a halt, the Babylonian army would have continued to attack and would not stop. Again, the Bible tells us that the only way to cry out to God to stop the calamity is to repent and confess sin, and there is no other way. Although Tyre and Sidon repeatedly shouted to stop fighting and repeatedly said that they wanted a truce, it had no effect because they did not confess their sins and repent. It is important to realize that God hears only the voice of repentance.

This chapter shows us God's righteousness and omnipotence. It tells us that God will not tolerate those who are hostile to Him and His people. It tells us that God has the right and power to judge nations, and it also tells us that God's judgment is irreversible and inevitable. When God gives His commands, no one can resist or change His will.

There is always only one reason why people are tried or lost, but they will manifest themselves in all aspects. There is never only one reason why we are in a predicament in some places. Human imperfection manifests itself in many ways, so when God reminds us, we have to respond, because only God knows where the root is, but manifestation is comprehensive. We need to return to God's presence. If we do not return to God's presence, the winds of paganism, the signals of false prophets, and false Christs will consume our lives. Especially in this world, he devours people's lives little by little, and uses various ways to lead people to destruction! For Christians, we really have to face our faith and think about this question. In the whole process of the rise and fall of the Philistines, we see God's expression of justice, God's expression of judgment, all to remind the people of Israel and our lives! God created this man to live in this world for the glory of him; But if people live not to glorify God, but to worship idols and glorify themselves, and to swell the desires in their hearts, the final outcome will be judgment and destruction!

We live in an environment where there is no war, and we live in abundance and comfort, but we also face strong enemies. As a people of God, we are going through a difficult spiritual battle with a wide variety of worldly values that pervade our society, and the power of darkness is the "Philistines" we face today. Sometimes its power often makes us feel powerless and even afraid.

But let us not forget that God will help us. The devil's defeat is sealed, and his final result is to be cut off by the Lord like the Philistines, and to be lost forever in the bottomless pit. Therefore, let us be courageous, overcome by the Lord, and strive to live a holy and light life in the midst of filth and darkness.

Let's pray together:

Abba Heavenly Father, pray that the Lord will strengthen our courageous hearts and help us to speak clearly in our positions of faith. Give us wisdom and faith, love God's created body, and follow God's footsteps closely. We have come to you and look up to you! Seeing that people are lost in sin one by one, we also have some worries in our hearts, just like the prophet Jeremiah, but Lord, let us not just stop in worry, but let us live in action, so that we can preach the gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit, and through the message of this gospel, we can bring more people back to you, so that they will be free from this eternal judgment, and I pray that you will let us be the channel of the gospel and let your children come back to you. Pray that the Lord will strengthen our hearts and give us courage and strength so that we can stand firm in the turbid currents of the world. Pray that the Lord will walk with us so that we will look to Him in our daily lives, and that we will be strengthened by Him, whose power to overcome sin, and to live a bright and holy life as a good witness to the Lord.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Jeremiah 47

47:1 Before Pharaoh attacked Gaza, there was Yahweh and the Philistines who spoke of the Philistines came to the prophet Jeremiah.

47:2 Thus saith the Yahweh, "There shall be a cry of the people who shall cry out and the inhabitants of the land shall be wailed upon upon the overflowing of the land and all that is in it, and shall cry out to the people who live in it, and all the inhabitants thereof shall mourn.

47:3 When he heard the sound of the horse's hooves of the enemy, and the rumbling of chariots and the roar of wheels, the hands of the father became weak, and he did not look back at his children.

47:4 for the day was coming, to destroy all the Philistines, and to cut off those who were left to help push Gaza. For Jehovah will destroy the Philistines, the remnant of the island of Caphetos.

47:5 Gaza became bald. What is left of the plains is sub-real and criticized. How long will it take you to cut with a knife?

47:6 ye hua's sword, when will you cease. You have to put it in the sheath and be still.

47:7 And when Yahweh has commanded thee to strike against Ashibiron and against the land of the sea, he has appointed thee to cease it.

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1. "Before Pharaoh fought against Gaza, the word of the Lord concerning the Philistines came to Gaza." —Jeremiah 47:1.

This statement shows that Jehovah prophesied to the Philistines Pharaoh's attack and that this prophecy had reached Gaza before the attack took place. It also shows that Jehovah is not only concerned with Israel, but also with the fate of other peoples.

2. "This is what the Lord says: 'Waters shall rise from the north, and shall become an overflowing river, which shall rise over all the land and all that is in it, and the city and its inhabitants shall cry out, and the people shall wail.'" (Jeremiah 47:2) This was a prophecy of Gaza, and Jehovah told them that a river from the north would fill the earth and flood the city and its inhabitants. It was a devastating tribulation that showed that Jehovah's judgment on the Philistines had come.

3. "And the LORD said: Cut off the hair from your body, ye (Jeremiah 47:5) This phrase is an appeal to the inhabitants of Gaza, who the Lord told to shave their hair and wail for their children. It is a manifestation of grief and mourning, representing the imminent death of the person they love. It was also Jehovah's last chance to repent and return to his arms.

Jeremiah 47 records the prophecy of the Philistines, God's prophet Jeremiah's disposition to the Philistines

To fate was prophesied. Here are just a few of the important theological central ideas and theological takeaways:

God's judgment: In Jeremiah 47, God prophesied judgment against the Philistines because of their past oppression and aggression against the people of Israel. This shows that God is the righteous Judge who will judge unrighteousness and wickedness.

God's sovereignty: In Jeremiah 47, God prophesied about the future fate of the Philistines through the prophet Jeremiah, demonstrating God's sovereignty and wisdom, and God is in control of the fate of the nations.

God's Salvation: In Jeremiah 47, God promises the people of Israel to save them when they suffer and oppress. This shows that God is a merciful and saving God who cares about His people and is willing to help them out of their troubles.

Overall, Jeremiah 47 emphasizes God's judgment, God's sovereignty and wisdom, and God's salvation. The central idea of theology is the emphasis on God as the Almighty Lord, who is in control of the fate of the nations, and that God is the righteous Judge who punishes unrighteousness. But He is also a God of mercy and love, willing to save His people from suffering. We should be obedient to God's will, fear God's authority, and trust in His promises, for God is our refuge and strong security. When we encounter difficulties and trials, we can trust God for salvation because He is our help and strength.