**Prophecy # 6**

**Biblical Prespective**

**INTRO**

1. **Icebreaker**
2. **What is the first prophecy mentioned in the Bible? Supposedly it is the Berisheet Passover Prophecy**

**Jeremiah Chapter 13**

**Jeremiah’s Linen Loincloth**

**13**This is what the Lord said to me: “Go and buy a linen loincloth and put it on, but do not wash it.” **2**So I bought the loincloth as the Lord directed me, and I put it on.

**3**Then the Lord gave me another message: **4**“Take the linen loincloth you are wearing, and go to the Euphrates River.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+13&version=NLT" \l "fen-NLT-19247a" \o "See footnote a)] Hide it there in a hole in the rocks.” **5**So I went and hid it by the Euphrates as the Lord had instructed me.

**6**A long time afterward the Lord said to me, “Go back to the Euphrates and get the loincloth I told you to hide there.” **7**So I went to the Euphrates and dug it out of the hole where I had hidden it. But now it was rotting and falling apart. The loincloth was good for nothing.

**8**Then I received this message from the Lord: **9**“This is what the Lord says: This shows how I will rot away the pride of Judah and Jerusalem. **10**These wicked people refuse to listen to me. They stubbornly follow their own desires and worship other gods. Therefore, they will become like this loincloth—good for nothing! ***11As a loincloth clings to a man’s waist, so I created Judah and Israel to cling to me, says the Lord. They were to be my people, my pride, my glory—an honor to my name. But they would not listen to me.***

**12**“So tell them, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: May all your jars be filled with wine.’ And they will reply, ‘Of course! Jars are made to be filled with wine!’

**13**“Then tell them, ‘No, this is what the Lord means: I will fill everyone in this land with drunkenness—from the king sitting on David’s throne to the priests and the prophets, right down to the common people of Jerusalem. **14**I will smash them against each other, even parents against children, says the Lord. I will not let my pity or mercy or compassion keep me from destroying them.’”

**A Warning against Pride**

**15**Listen and pay attention!  
    Do not be arrogant, for the Lord has spoken.  
**16**Give glory to the Lord your God  
    before it is too late.  
Acknowledge him before he brings darkness upon you,  
    causing you to stumble and fall on the darkening mountains.  
For then, when you look for light,  
    you will find only terrible darkness and gloom.  
**17**And if you still refuse to listen,  
    I will weep alone because of your pride.  
My eyes will overflow with tears,  
    because the Lord’s flock will be led away into exile.

**18**Say to the king and his mother,  
“Come down from your thrones  
    and sit in the dust,  
for your glorious crowns  
    will soon be snatched from your heads.”  
**19**The towns of the Negev will close their gates,  
    and no one will be able to open them.  
The people of Judah will be taken away as captives.  
    All will be carried into exile.

**20**Open up your eyes and see  
    the armies marching down from the north!  
Where is your flock—  
    your beautiful flock—  
    that he gave you to care for?  
**21**What will you say when the Lord takes the allies you have cultivated  
    and appoints them as your rulers?  
Pangs of anguish will grip you,  
    like those of a woman in labor!  
**22**You may ask yourself,  
“Why is all this happening to me?”  
    It is because of your many sins!  
That is why you have been stripped  
    and raped by invading armies.  
**23**Can an Ethiopian[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+13&version=NLT#fen-NLT-19266b)] change the color of his skin?  
    Can a leopard take away its spots?  
Neither can you start doing good,  
    for you have always done evil.

**24**“I will scatter you like chaff  
    that is blown away by the desert winds.  
**25**This is your allotment,  
    the portion I have assigned to you,”  
    says the Lord,  
“for you have forgotten me,  
    putting your trust in false gods.  
**26**I myself will strip you  
    and expose you to shame.  
**27**I have seen your adultery and lust,  
    and your disgusting idol worship out in the fields and on the hills.  
What sorrow awaits you, Jerusalem!  
    How long before you are pure?”

Verse 1-11 Overview

**PRIDE -** a feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired.

"he **takes** great **pride in** his appearance"

confidence and self-respect as expressed by members of a group - "the bridge was lit up in rainbow colors, symbolic of LGBT pride"

Judah and Jerusalem’s Pride is not in the Lord – It is the accomplishments and confidence of their idolatry, possessions, and sin.

Verse 12-14 Overview

**Disobedience –** leads to consequences and the wrath of God

God lifts His mercy on those who sin, rebel, and are disobedient – Fortunately Jesus changes that for those who accept Him as savior.

God will see that Israel is laid waste – drunk even.

Drunk - affected by alcohol to the extent of losing control of one's faculties or behavior

Israel will lose control, not be able to control behaviors, control their thoughts, actions, words, and their people will fight each other from the inside while being attacked from the outside.

**One Day it will Be too Late** – Receive, Follow, & Obey while there is still time or God will expose those either in the world or the afterlife to come.

**Prophetic View:**

1. Jeremiah is still forewarning Israel to repent and what is going to happen if they don’t – this time God shows Jeremiah how pride has taken Israel over.
2. This is a foreshadowing of not only in Jeremiahs times, but times to come. According to Ezekiel 38 during the battle of Gog and Magog near the end of time – Israel will once again be attacked from the North from a new form of Babylon – an empire of 10 nations. Jeremiah Verse 21 mentions the Birth Pangs Jesus warns us about in Matthew 24: 4-8

***4****Jesus told them, “Don’t let anyone mislead you,****5****for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many.****6****And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately.****7****Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world.****8****But all this is only the* ***first of the birth pains****, with more to come.*

**Personal Application:**

1. Pride in anything can take the place of God if we are not careful
2. Disobedience leads to consequences ALWAYS! Those consequences can impact you, people around you, and others. Ex: If God gives you a gift and you don’t use it, think of all the people who could have benefited from watching you use your gift. In the praise band I play guitar. It’s a piece of the worship that is part of a much bigger picture leading people to Christ and Spiritual growth. As well – we must remain focused on God – our behaviors, thoughts, actions, all should be impacted and originate from a Godly perspective.
3. One day it will be too late. Jesus Himself, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Moses, Paul, Peter, Daniel, Zechariah , Joel, Amos, and the list goes on all mention and confirm there will be an end. If not naturally by our death, then raptured, and if not raptured then the second coming. If not the second coming then at the end of the millennium. We will all answer to God. Every major religion teaches an end and/or new beginning.

FOCUSED PRAYER

[1 John 2:16](https://www.esv.org/1%20John%202%3A16/)

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

This does not condemn the world. It tells us to desire the things of the flesh in the world such as money, things, immorality, drugs, and others are NOT from God. Neither is the pride of life. We cannot make ourselves better than God or other people. We cannot lift the things of this world above God and be proud of them more than Him.

Q: What can you do to make sure you desire God more than this world?

Q: How can we keep Pride in check?

Example: Pride in God is acceptable according to Psalm 44:8 – *In God we boast all day long.* However, Adam and Eve listened to and believed the deceptive lies of the Serpent.

**Prayer:**

Pray for the desire to be obedient

The desire to keep Pride focused in a Godly perspective

The desire to help others accept Jesus before it is too late