

# Jeremiah 13:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

## Analysis

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This verse reports second obedience: 'So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.' Again, exact obedience (ka'asher tsivvani YHWH, as the LORD commanded me). Whether literal Euphrates journey or local Parah trip, Jeremiah complied fully. The girdle—representing Judah's intimate relationship with God—is now buried near symbol of Babylon. Time will demonstrate decay's effects. The prophet's obedience becomes the message's credibility.

## Historical Context

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The long journey interpretation (to literal Euphrates) would have required significant time, resources, and commitment. Some prophetic actions required such extreme dedication (Ezekiel's 390 days lying on one side, Ezekiel 4:5). The local interpretation (Parah) seems more practical but loses some symbolic power. Either way, the action prepared for the revelation.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

1. What does Jeremiah's willingness to undertake this demanding task reveal about prophetic commitment?
2. How does exact obedience 'as the LORD commanded' establish prophetic authority?

## Interlinear Text

וְאֵלֶּה	צִוָּה	כִּאֵשׁ	בְּפָנָה	וְאָטַמְנָה	הָוּ
H1980	and hid	it by Euphrates	H834	commanded	as the LORD
H2934		H6578		H6680	H3068
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## Additional Cross-References

**Exodus 40:16** (References Lord): Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

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