

# Jeremiah 13:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

## Analysis

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This verse begins interpretation: 'Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.' 'After this manner' (kakah) connects sign to meaning. 'Mar' (ashchith) uses the same root as the girdle's 'marred' condition (v. 7)—God will do to Judah what happened to the garment. 'Pride' (ge'on, גִּעּוֹן) of both Judah and Jerusalem will be ruined. Pride—national arrogance, presumption on election, confidence in temple—is the specific target. As the girdle rotted, so Judah's pride will decay.

## Historical Context

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Judah's pride included confidence in the temple's inviolability (7:4), election as covenant people (2:3), and Davidic dynasty promises. These genuine privileges became sources of presumption rather than gratitude. The exile would 'mar' this pride—humiliated, conquered, temple destroyed, king deposed. National arrogance would be thoroughly broken.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does pride transform genuine privileges into presumption?
2. What forms of religious or national pride might need to be 'marred' by God?

## Interlinear Text

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כֹּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	כֵּן	אֲשֶׁחַ יֵת	אֶת	גָּאֹן
H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	H3602	After this manner will I mar	H853	pride
	H559	H3068		H7843		H1347
הַ	יְהוּדָה	וְאֶת	גָּאֹן	יְרוּשָׁלַם	הַ	קֶבֶד:
	of Judah	H853	pride	of Jerusalem	and the great	
	H3063		H1347	H3389	H7227	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 26:19** (Parallel theme): And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

**Isaiah 23:9** (References Lord): The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

**Zephaniah 3:11** (Parallel theme): In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.