

Jeremiah 19:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

Analysis

The reason for Jerusalem's judgment is stated clearly: they 'hardened their necks' and refused to hear God's words. The metaphor of a stiff-necked animal that won't submit to the yoke appears frequently in Scripture (Ex 32:9, Acts 7:51). Persistent resistance to God's word brings inevitable judgment. The tragedy is not God's harshness but Israel's obstinacy.

Historical Context

This stubbornness persisted despite prophetic warnings over generations. God sent prophet after prophet, yet the people and leaders consistently rejected His word.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. In what areas are you tempted to 'harden your neck' against God's word?
2. How do you cultivate a tender, responsive heart toward Scripture?

Interlinear Text

כֹּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	צְבָאוֹת	אֱלֹהֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	הִנֵּנִי
H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	of hosts	the God	of Israel	H2005
	H559	H3068	H6635	H430	H3478	
	יָבִי	אֶל	עַל יְהוָה	הַזֹּאת	וְעַל	כָּל
	Behold I will bring	H413	and upon all her towns	H2063	H5921	H3605
	H935		H5892			
	עַל יְהוָה	אֶת	כָּל	הָרָעָה	אֲשֶׁר	דִּבַּרְתִּי
	and upon all her towns	H853	H3605	all the evil	H834	that I have pronounced
	H5892			H7451		H1696
	עַל יְהוָה	כִּי	הִקְשׁוּ	אֶת	עַרְפֵּם	לְבַלְתָּ
	H5921	H3588	against it because they have hardened	H853	their necks	H1115
			H7185		H6203	
	שֶׁמֶ וְעַ	אֶת	דִּבְרֵי			
	that they might not hear	H853	my words			
	H8085		H1697			

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 7:26 (Parallel theme): Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

Jeremiah 17:23 (Parallel theme): But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

Nehemiah 9:29 (Word): And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy

commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

Nehemiah 9:17 (References God): And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

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