

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

Psalm 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

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| בָּהּ | אָמַר | יְהוָה | צָבָאֹת | אֱלֹהִים | יִשְׁרָאֵל | הַנּוּ |
| H3541 | Thus saith | the LORD | of hosts | the God | of Israel | H2005 |
| | H559 | H3068 | H6635 | H430 | H3478 | |
| מִבָּ | מִבָּ | אֶל | עַל | יְהֻ | וְעַל | כָּל |
| Behold I will bring | | and upon all her towns | | | הַזָּאת | כָּל |
| H935 | H413 | H5892 | | | H2063 | H3605 |
| עַל | עַל | אֶת | בְּ | רָעָה | אֲשֶׁר | דָבָרִ |
| and upon all her towns | H853 | H3605 | כָּל | כָּל | רָעָה | רְתִיָּה |
| H5892 | | | אֶת | בְּ | רָעָה | תֶּלֶנְתִּי |
| לְבִלְתִּי | לְבִלְתִּי | מִ | עַל | יְהֻ | עַל | לְבִלְתִּי |
| | | | וְעַל | יְהֻ | וְעַל | |
| אֶת | אֶת | חַקְשָׁוָה | | | מִ | |
| | | H7185 | against it because they have hardened | H853 | חַקְשָׁוָה | |
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| שֶׁמֶן | שֶׁמֶן | אֶת | דְּבָרִים | אֶת | עַל | |
| that they might not hear | H8085 | H853 | my words | H6203 | נְקַדְמָה | |
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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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