

Jeremiah 44:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They are not humbled even unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

Analysis

They are not humbled even unto this day—lō'-dukke'û (they are not humbled/crushed) uses the Pual perfect of dākā', a term for being crushed or broken (Psalm 34:18, 51:17; Isaiah 57:15). The phrase 'ad hayyôm hazzeh (even unto this day) emphasizes the ongoing nature of their hardness—witnessing Jerusalem's destruction produced no brokenness. **Neither have they feared** (wəlō' yārē'û)—the absence of yir'â (fear, reverence) shows no holy awe despite seeing God's terrifying judgments.

Nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes (wəlō'-hāləkû bəṭōrātî ūbəḥuqqōtay)—tôrâ (law, instruction) and ḥuqqōt (statutes, decrees) represent the covenant stipulations. The verb hālāk (to walk) depicts lifestyle orientation, not mere intellectual assent. **That I set before you and before your fathers** recalls Mosaic covenant language (Deuteronomy 4:8, 44; 11:32). The historical continuity ('you and your fathers') shows they're rejecting a long-established, well-attested covenant, not responding to new or unclear demands. Their hardness is inexcusable because the standards were clear, public, and historically validated.

Historical Context

Despite the trauma of 586 BC—mass death, starvation, deportation, temple destruction—the Egyptian refugees remained spiritually unchanged. This fulfills warnings about hardened hearts (Deuteronomy 29:4; Isaiah 6:9-10).

Archaeological evidence of Elephantine later shows Jewish syncretism, validating Jeremiah's warnings. The 'law and statutes' reference the Torah given at Sinai and renewed in Deuteronomy, establishing a 700+ year covenant heritage.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What level of judgment or suffering would it take to produce genuine humility and fear of God in your heart?
2. How can people experience devastating consequences yet remain spiritually unchanged?
3. What does it mean to 'walk in' God's law versus merely knowing it intellectually?

Interlinear Text

ל א	דָּכָא ו	עַד	הַיּוֹם	וְלֹא	הַיּוֹם
H3808	They are not humbled	H5704	even unto this day	H2088	H3808
	H1792		H3117		
יָרָא ו	וְלֹא	הָלַךְ ו	בְּתוֹרָתִי	וּבִחְקֵי י	אֲשֶׁר
neither have they feared	H3808	nor walked	in my law	nor in my statutes	H834
H3372		H1980	H8451	H2708	
נָתַתִּי	וְלִפְנֵי י	וְלִפְנֵי י	אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם:		
that I set	before	before	your fathers		
H5414	H6440	H6440	H1		

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 28:14 (Parallel theme): Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

Revelation 15:4 (Parallel theme): Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Jeremiah 8:12 (Parallel theme): Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

1 Peter 5:6 (Parallel theme): Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: