

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 bətôrātî ûbəhûqqôtay)—tôrâ (law, instruction) and ḥuqqôt (statutes, decrees) represent the covenant stipulations. The verb hālak (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 דְּכָא וְעַתְּ פִּי וּמִלְאָקֶת הַיּוֹם
H3808 They are not humbled H1792 H5704 even unto this day H2088 H3808

אֲשֶׁר וְבָרְקָתִים בְּתוּבָתִי פָּלָכְוּ וְלֹא יְרָא וְלֹא
H834 nor in my statutes H2708 neither have they feared H3372 H3808 nor walked H1980 in my law H8451

אֲבֹתֵיכֶם: וְלֹפֶנְךָ וְלֹפֶנְךָ בְּתֵת תְּ
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:

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