

# Jeremiah 7:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

## Analysis

The final description: 'But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.' This serves as an epitaph for Judah: characterized by disobedience, unteachability, and dishonesty. The phrase 'receiveth not correction' indicates resistant to discipline. Most devastating: 'truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth'—truth no longer resides in them or comes from them. This describes complete moral and spiritual bankruptcy. When truth perishes from a people, they have lost their fundamental orientation to reality itself.

## Historical Context

By Jeremiah's time, false prophets, corrupt priests, and unrighteous kings had created a culture where truth was suppressed and lies accepted. This moral chaos preceded national collapse.

## Related Passages

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What are the characteristics of a people from whom truth has perished?
2. How does resistance to correction accelerate spiritual decline?
3. What practices help preserve truth within a community of faith?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֶתְּנָאָמְרָתִי      אֶלְּיָהוּ מֶלֶךְ      הַגּוֹי      לֹא      אֲשֶׁר  
But thou shalt say      H413      H2088      unto them This is a nation      H834      H3808  
H559

שְׁמַע אֶל־  
that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD      their God      nor receiveth  
H8085      H6963      H3068      H430      H3808      H3947

מִפִּיכֶם:      וְנִכְרַתָּה      אֶת־בְּדָה      מִזְבֵּחַ  
correction is perished      truth      and is cut off from their mouth  
H4148      H6      H530      H3772      H6310

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 1:7** (References Lord): The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Jeremiah 32:33** (Parallel theme): And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

**Zephaniah 3:2** (References God): She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.