

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

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

וְאָמַרְתָּ	אֵלַיָּהּ	זֶה	הַגּוֹי	אֲשֶׁר	לֹא
But thou shalt say			unto them This is a nation		
H559	H413	H2088	H1471	H834	H3808
שָׁמַע וְ	בְּקוֹל	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵי יוֹ	וְלֹא	לָקַח וְ
that obeyeth	not the voice	of the LORD	their God		nor receiveth
H8085	H6963	H3068	H430	H3808	H3947
מוֹסֵר	אֲבִדָּה	הָאֱמוּנָה	וְנִכְרְתָה	מִפִּיהֶם:	
correction	is perished	truth	and is cut off	from their mouth	
H4148	H6	H530	H3772	H6310	

Additional Cross-References

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.