

# Jeremiah 9:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised;

## Analysis

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This verse announces judgment on physical circumcision without spiritual reality: 'Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised.' The Hebrew *mul* (מול, circumcised) is combined with *arelim* (עֲרֵלִים, uncircumcised)—the phrase suggests 'circumcised in foreskin' or those physically circumcised but spiritually uncircumcised. God will judge Israel alongside pagan nations, suggesting their circumcision provides no protection when hearts remain uncircumcised. This anticipates Paul's argument in Romans 2:25-29 that true circumcision is of the heart.

## Historical Context

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Circumcision marked covenant identity from Abraham (Genesis 17). Yet Israel presumed the physical sign guaranteed divine favor regardless of heart condition. Jeremiah repeatedly emphasizes heart circumcision (4:4). The nations listed in verse 26—Egypt, Judah, Edom, Ammon, Moab, desert dwellers—include both circumcised (Israel) and uncircumcised peoples, all facing judgment. Archaeological and textual evidence shows various forms of circumcision practiced among Israel's neighbors.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

### Study Questions

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1. How does judging the circumcised with the uncircumcised challenge reliance on religious rituals without heart transformation?
2. What contemporary religious practices might function like circumcision—external marks lacking internal reality?

### Interlinear Text

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הֵן ה	יָמֵי	בָּאֵי	נֹאֲמִים	יְהוָה ה	וְכִי קִדְּמִי	עַל	כָּל
H2009	Behold the days	come	saith	the LORD	that I will punish	H5921	H3605
	H3117	H935	H5002	H3068	H6485		
וְכָל	מִלֵּוֹ	בְּעִרְלָה:					
all them which are circumcised	with the uncircumcised						
H4135	H6190						

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