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How we got here...

About 100 years before the Jeremiah the 10 northern tribes of Israel were carried off into captivity

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They were guilty of turning their backs on God so he allowed Assyria to take them

Judah learned nothing from that experience and they have charted a course into the same waters

God has called Jeremiah to issue a final call of repentance to the nation



It's not going well

His message has been confrontational and nobody wants to hear it

Its wearing on Jeremiah
(Jeremiah 18:18-23)

That is outright frustration you hear in his voice





The Broken Vessel

Jeremiah 19



Step 1: Buy a Jar (v. 1-3)

This is what the Lord says: “Go and buy a clay jar from a potter. Take along some of the elders of the people and of the priests and go out to the Valley of Ben Hinnom, near the entrance of the Potsherd Gate. There proclaim the words I tell you, and say, ‘Hear the word of the Lord, you kings of Judah and people of Jerusalem. This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Listen! I am going to bring a disaster on this place that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle.

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Step 1: Buy a Jar (v. 1-3)

God does not change the message just because we don't want to hear it.

The action is significant

First it ties to the previous object lesson because it comes from the potter

Second like the belt, it becomes Jeremiah's possession to do with what he wants

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Charges from God

For they have forsaken me and made this a place of foreign gods

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They have burned incense in it to gods that neither they nor their ancestors nor the kings of Judah ever knew, and they have filled this place with the blood of the innocent.

They have built the high places of Baal to burn their children in the fire as offerings to Baal—something I did not command or mention, nor did it enter my mind.



God's Judgement on His People (v. 6-9)

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Step 2: Break the Jar (v. 10-13)

“Then break the jar while those who go with you are watching, and say to them, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I will smash this nation and this city just as this potter’s jar is smashed and cannot be repaired. They will bury the dead in Topheth until there is no more room. This is what I will do to this place and to those who live here, declares the Lord. I will make this city like Topheth. The houses in Jerusalem and those of the kings of Judah will be defiled like this place, Topheth—all the houses where they burned incense on the roofs to all the starry hosts and poured out drink offerings to other gods.’”

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Step 2: Break the Jar (v. 10-13)

This is not a gentle break --- Smash

Broken beyond Repair

God is going to allow destruction
on his people because they turned
from him

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The peoples Response Shoot the Messenger (Jer. 20:1-2)

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When the priest Pashhur son of Immer, the official in charge of the temple of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things, he had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put in the stocks at the Upper Gate of Benjamin at the Lord's temple.





Applying to Us The Parable of the Tenants (v. 6-9)





**Broken but
not Forgotten
(Jeremiah 23:1-6)**





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It's Pick a side: God's Judgement or God's Promise