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### Judgement of God

#### Luke 13:34-35

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In Greek, "Your house is left to you,"  
You are on your own.

Romans 1 talks about is the wrath of abandonment.  
God gave them over.

God stepped back.  
The restraint is off.  
The protection is off.

That great Redeemer, provider, protector, that loving Father of Israel who sent His son, says with finality, I am out.  
You are on your own.

**1 Corinthians 16:22**, *If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!*

If you don't love the Lord Jesus Christ, then you are cursed.  
They did not love the Lord Jesus Christ. They hated Him.

**Romans 3:1**, *What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision?*

“Circumcision,” meaning simply, being Jewish.  
Circumcision being the mark of being a part of the covenant people.

What is the advantage?  
What is the benefit?

**Romans 3:2**, *Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.*

No matter how you cut it, to be a part of the people of God, the Jews, is great in every respect.

"Chiefly or dominantly."

They were entrusted with the Scripture, the truth

The truth that saves and sanctifies and glorifies.

The truth about having entered the kingdom of God, having your sins forgiven, and live forever in the glories of heaven.

This is the great advantage, that there's no greater advantage than to have the truth.

**Romans 9:1-2**, *I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.*

Anyone who look at the unbelieving Jewish people any other way.

**Romans 9:3-4**, *For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>who are Israelites,*

**Romans 9:4-5**, *who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises;<sup>5</sup> of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.*

## What were the privileges?

- ✓ They had the adoption as sons of God.
- ✓ The glory, the Shekinah came and dwelt with them.
- ✓ The covenants,
- ✓ The giving of the law,
- ✓ The temple and
- ✓ The fathers,
- ✓ The patriarchs
- ✓ The Christ, the Messiah according to the flesh.

They had it all.

God spoke through Solomon saying if they keep obeying God then they will be protected and if they don't then they will be desolated.

**1 Kings 9:1-7**, *And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he wanted to do,<sup>2</sup> that the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.<sup>3</sup> And the Lord said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.<sup>4</sup> Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments,<sup>5</sup> then I will establish the throne of*

*your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'*<sup>6</sup> *But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them,*<sup>7</sup> *then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.*

God always promised them desolation, if they continue in their sin.

**V 35, "Behold your house is left to you."**

Your house, not Mine, yours, it's left.

A powerful imagery is given by God in Isaiah 5.

This is the word of the Lord to Isaiah prior to the Babylonian captivity, prior to the destruction that would come by the Babylonians on that great temple, that first temple.

It's all in the imagery of a parable rather a song.

It is a sorrowful weeping song.

It is a song from God to His well-beloved.

It is from the Father to the Son, Christ being the angel of the Lord, the protector of Israel.

**Isaiah 5:1-2**, *Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes.*

If you live in an agricultural world, you make all this effort to produce some good grapes and all your get is inedible sour berries, this is a huge disappointment.

### **Summary:**

The best hill to plant it.

- Dug it all around, which means you create a trench, which they did at vineyards, a trench to keep small animals from coming in and eating the fruit.
- Removing stones from the ground so that the roots could move to the water.
- Planting the choicest vine, the very best stock.
- Put a tower, which is used as an observation point, at a place to make sure it was protected.
- A wine cask in it where the grapes were to be produced into juice.
- Expected good grapes because of that great effort.

**Result:** Got only worthless berries.

This is a very picture of a huge disappointment.

**Isaiah 5:3-4**, *“And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes?”*

**Answer:**

Absolutely nothing.

Everything was done the best it could be done.

When I expected it to bring forth good grapes, why did it bring forth worthless grapes?

**Whose fault is it?**

**Is it mine?**

That is what God is asking.

**Is this my fault?**

**Answer:**

Of course, No.

**The fertile hill:** The land of Canaan.

**Digging it all around:** Giving laws to Israel that kept them from easy access to the nations around them.

**Removing the stones:** Removing the Canaanites out.

**Planting the choicest vine:** The nobility of the Jewish strain of people.

**The tower:** Jerusalem.

**The wine vat/Cask:** The sacrificial system where their sins could be dealt with.

God is saying that I did everything I could do for you. What more could I have done?

Nothing.

### **What did God get?**

Sour berries!

*Isaiah 5:5-6, And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it."*

God says that I am going to make of that vineyard a desolation.

*Isaiah 5:7, For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.*

God expected justice and righteousness. All He got was bloodshed and a cry of distress.

This is the desolation of the Babylonian captivity.

God is saying that I Am gone. I Am not protecting you anymore. You are exposed.

*Isaiah 5:24, Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff, So their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.*

### **Why?**

For they have rejected the word of the Lord of hosts, the law of the Lord of hosts, and despise the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Resulted in their judgement.

*Isaiah 5:25, Therefore the anger of the Lord is aroused against His people; He has stretched out His hand against them And stricken them, And the hills trembled. Their carcasses were as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still.*

The Israelites knew their history!

They knew that God had promised them desolation for their sin and desolation had come and their land had been destroyed and their temple had been destroyed and levelled to the ground and they were in captivity.

They knew that.

The captivities and the desolation of their temples were the exclamation points on God's curses.

God sent the prophet Jeremiah to Israel.

God said that I am going to judge you for your sin, your iniquity, your idolatry. God's going to judge you!

**Jeremiah 13:16**, *Give glory to the Lord your God Before He causes darkness, And before your feet stumble On the dark mountains, And while you are looking for light, He turns it into the shadow of death And makes it dense darkness.*

Jeremiah says that you better glorify God before judgment falls.

**Jeremiah 13:17**, *But if you will not hear it, My soul will weep in secret for your pride; My eyes will weep bitterly And run down with tears, Because the Lord's flock has been taken captive.*

That's why Jeremiah's called the weeping prophet. You couldn't look at the judgment pronounced on Israel in his day without it bringing tears. These are the tears of God wept through the eyes of Jeremiah. God finds no pleasure, He says, in the death of the wicked.

Jeremiah told them the same thing Isaiah told them. Yet Israel continues to reject.

When Jesus says, "Your house is left to you,"

Luke 13 Jesus gave another parable about the judgement.

**Luke 13:6-9**, *He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup>But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup>And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "*

Jesus said fine for one more year. If it bears fruit, fine, if not, cut down.

It's cut it down time.

The day of opportunity for Israel's salvation has gone. It doesn't mean that there won't be some Jews who will believe. There will be some who will believe. In fact, there will be 3,000 on the day of Pentecost and a few thousand more after that.

Jesus here is in the final winter of His life. This is the final winter of His ministry. In the spring He will arrive in Jerusalem and He will be executed. He will die at the very hands of the people He came to reach.

The day of opportunity is over, and this is a pronounced judgment. Cut it down.

In the spring, a few months after this, when He arrives in Jerusalem, there is a triumphal entry short-lived. Jesus goes into the temple and He looks to the people and the leaders and He repeats exactly what He says here.

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What Jesus said here in Perea, a few months before He arrives in Jerusalem, He says again exactly when he arrives there.

Jesus uses the word “desolation,” which isn't necessary. But that's why the translators moved it back here. To say your house is left to you is to say it's desolate.

God is not there.

***Ichabod***, when the glory departs.

If the Scriptures are the oracles of God and they have been given the Scriptures, then **why has God abandoned them?**

Because those Scriptures promised that

- ✓ God is their protector,
- ✓ God is their deliverer,
- ✓ God is their provider,
- ✓ God is their Redeemer,
- ✓ God is their Saviour,
- ✓ God is their defender, and
- ✓ God is their shield.

They don't understand.

They can't even understand their own history, because they are unwilling to recognize that they have truly rejected their Messiah.

**Why?**

**Why if God has called all His prophets from among them has, He deserted them to the prejudice and malice of ungodly people?**

**Why, if Israel is the apple of His eye, why so much hatred?**

**Why so much aggressive evil against them?**

**How can they ever explain the incalculable misery, anguish, suffering that just never stops?**

Any true Christian feels this pain deeply, because we feel a unique love for the Jews.

It is a terrible, terrible pain.

God never said anything to anybody more important than, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."

If you don't do that, that is the supreme act of disobedience.

More than that to call for the death of the Messiah is to leave yourself desolate.

Our Lord recognizes the desolation of Israel.

We see it, I explained to you the history in this series the first lesson.

It's historic.

It's still going on.

**Luke 19:37-41**, *Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying: " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." <sup>40</sup> But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." <sup>41</sup> Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,*

Here again is God weeping through the eyes of Jesus!

God wept through the eyes of Isaiah,  
God wept through the eyes of Jeremiah,  
God weeps through the eyes of the apostle Paul.

God weeps through the eyes of any who look at the plight of those who don't believe and particularly the plight of Israel. It is heart-breaking!

**Luke 19:42**, saying, *"If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.*

It's over!!

Jesus told them that the enemies would come and make siege and surround them and level the whole place to the ground and that prophecy, of course, was fulfilled in 70 A.D.

He was already feeling the sorrow months before. The tears would burst when He came into the city, when He saw it, when He came in.

But even here the pain is there.

"Oh Jerusalem!" "Oh!" It's almost a groan and nothing more!

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem," is indicative of the pathos.

**Luke 10:41**, "Martha, Martha." There's emotion in that.

**Luke 22:3**, "Simon, Simon."

**Acts 9:4**, "Saul, Saul."

**2 Samuel 18:33**, *"O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!"*

It's that kind of emotion, pathos, grief, agony.

Jesus when He reached finally the journey to Jerusalem again, He weeps over Jerusalem.

**Luke 19:43-44**, *For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,<sup>44</sup> and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."*

Seventy A.D. was really a horrific event.

Josephus, the Jewish historian writes about this event in the History.

*"While the sanctuary was burning, set on fire by Titus and his army, neither pity for age nor respect for rank was shown. On the contrary children and old people, laity and priests alike were*

*massacred. The emperor ordered the entire city and the temple to be raised to the ground leaving only the loftiest of the towers and the portion of the wall enclosing the city on the west, the western Wailing Wall. All the rest was so completely raised to the ground as to lead future visitors to the spot no reason to believe that the city had ever been inhabited."*

Yes, this is the devastation and the utter devastation on that generation is still going on, on generations today through the Holocaust and all the horrible things that come upon Israel. Why have they suffered so greatly?

Why do they suffer even now the horrible deadly terrorist killings?

**Why will they yet suffer in the future?**

It is the curse that takes you all the way back to Deuteronomy. When they stood on the edge to enter the land, God warned them. The pouring out of the cup of centuries of evil and still not empty.

But there is always a remnant.

There was a remnant in Isaiah's day and Jeremiah's and Ezekiel's and there is always a remnant.

There is a remnant of Jews today who know their God and know their Messiah.

