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A Linen Loincloth, Wineskins, and the Threat of Captivity 13: 1-27

598 BC during the three-month reign of Jehoiachin



The people were not responding to Jeremiah's message, so ADONAI had him perform a symbolic act to get their attention (to see link click Dx - A Linen Loincloth). The prophet also began using parables again (13:12-14). These unusual means of communication were designed to arouse the curiosity and interest of his unresponsive Judeans. He warned them about their pride and the consequences of their guilt. But nothing worked. Finally, as if a last resort, he compared Tziyon to a prostitute and the threat of captivity (see Dy - Wineskins and the Threat of Captivity). I will pull up your skirts over your face that your shame may be seen - your adulteries and lustful neighings, your shameless prostitution! I have seen your detestable acts on the hills and in the fields, your favorite places to worship other gods. Woe to you, Jerusalem! How long will you be unclean (13:24-27)?