



The cup of the wine of God's fury



Again, Jeremiah has to carry out a symbolic action: He has to take a cup containing wine of fury out of God's hand and give it to the nations to drink. They should understand that God would one day demand an account of them for their actions.

Which nations was Jeremiah supposed to address? Quite a lot (vv18-26); but first of all God mentions Jerusalem and the Jewish areas (v18).

If you call yourself a Christian, God presupposes that you know His will. You have a greater responsibility than other people.

But can other people do what they want without being taken to account by God? Of course not! Read verse 29!



69. What should Jeremiah tell the people who didn't want to drink the wine of fury (vv28-29)?

70. What should happen to the shepherds and the leaders of the flock, who were leading a comfortable life at the expense of the "sheep" (vv34-38)?



V23 „all who are in the farthest corners“ can also be translated „all that have the corners of their beard cut off“. This refers to a heathen custom, similar to tatoos and piercings, which were forbidden for the people of Israel. Leviticus 19:27-28.

As a Christian, you should remember that the Holy Spirit lives in your body (1 Corinthians 6:19). This should stop you from disfiguring you body through piercings and such like.



For Christians, privilege and responsibility have always gone hand in hand. Enjoy your privileges and remember your responsibility!

69. He was to tell them that, if God doesn't leave His own people unpunished, He will certainly not spare those who have lived a godless life, or in enmity with God. 70. There will be no escape for them from God's judgment.