

Jeremiah announces war



God once more calls His people to repentance, to a real "return to me" (vv1-4).

But since they don't listen, the Lord announces a serious punishment: a war-like attack from the north (vv5-18).

God's words confuse Jeremiah at the beginning (v10).

Then he is sad and completely shattered, because the people refuse to listen to God and he now has to proclaim serious judgment (vv19-31).

Only return to God saves from divine judgment – it's the same today!

9. To which animals are the attackers compared through whom God wants to punish the people?

10. What is Jeremiah afraid of (v19)?

To be clothed in sackcloth (v8) and to put ashes on the head were outwards signs of sorrow and repentance. You find an especially impressive example for this in Jonah 3 (the Ninivites).

> God will judge the world! Do you care about the people who are going to be lost without repentance?

