

## **Notes on Jeremiah 11:1-13:27**

Intro: Keil treats this as the fourth discourse recorded by Jeremiah summarizing his preaching during the days of Josiah.

**11:1-5** Jeremiah builds his case upon the warnings issued by Moses before Israel entered the land of Canaan. Cf. Deut. 27:26

**11:6-8** Cf. here Lev. 26:14ff Note how the prophets words correspond exactly with the threats given in the Law.

**11:9-13** Futility of relying upon foreign gods (v. 12)

**11:14-17** Intercession not possible for those who persist in sin! What right does Israel have to the blessings of her husband when she has been so unfaithful to him! Can sacrifice remove this guilt without repentance? What tragedy: Israel was a beautiful and fruitful olive tree, but now the branches are to be burned!

**11:18-23** Plot on Jeremiah's life; God's providential deliverance. A principle taught in Mt. 10: and illustrated in the N.T. with Paul

**12:1-4** Note the discouragement of Jeremiah. He begins to doubt the Lord's ways of dealing with men. He has become impatient and almost critical of the Lord! Why do the wicked have it so good? Why must the innocent suffer for the sake of the righteous? How will God answer these things?

**12:5-6** Jeremiah needs to firm up his faith! It could be a whole lot worse! Or, it will be! God reveals that even Jeremiah's family has turned on him and he should not trust their flattering words!

**12:7-13** God's picture of judgment

**12:14-17** A glimmer of hope not only for Israel but for those nations that would destroy them!

**13:1-11** God often had his prophets teach by symbolic action to impress their message upon the hearers.

**13:12-14** The people of Judah will be like drunken men running into one another!

**13:15-19** The sin that led to Judah's downfall is pride.

**13:20-27** Another picture of judgment. The answer to the questions of v. 23 is "no!". Israel could now no longer do good than a black man could change his color or a leopard change his spots. Israel was what Israel was.