

# Jeremiah 23:9-40 Judah's False Prophets

- Character v. 9-12
  - Jeremiah's torment
  - Judah and the land are profaned by prophet and priest
  - Their path is to calamity
- Comparison v. 13-15
  - God compares them to the false prophets of Samaria
  - Encouraging evildoers like in Sodom and Gomorrah
  - God will poison the prophets for polluting the land
- God speaks to Judah v. 16-22
  - Do not listen - the prophets speak for themselves
    - They say, "peace without calamity"
  - God had rejected them from His council
  - A storm of God's wrath is coming
    - You will understand it in the last days
  - A prophets test for being in God's council
    - They would turn back the people from their evil deeds
- God's Message v. 23-24
  - God is not far away - I see everything, who can hide
- False Prophets message v. 25-32
  - I had a dream (God spoke to me)
  - Judgment is coming for using God's name vainly
- The Oracle of the Lord v. 33-40
  - Massa - burden - solemn utterance - oracle
    - Used by Jeremiah as a word play
  - The prophets were no longer a burden God would carry
    - "I will abandon you. Casting you off."
  - DON'T SPEAK FOR GOD unless SPOKEN TO!