**Jeremiah**

*Honoring Our Earthly Father, But Not God*

*Jeremiah 35*

Background

* 605 BC – First Invasion – Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
* 597 BC – Second Invasion
* 586 BC – 3rd Invasion – Zedekiah
  + Josiah – Reigned 31 years. Jeremiah began in the 13th year of Josiah.
  + Jehoahaz – 3 months
  + Joehiakim – 11 years
  + Jeconiah – 3 months, 10 days
  + Zedekiah – 11 years

12 And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. *And* as he *was* at the shearing house in the way, 13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen. 14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, *even* two and forty men; neither left he any of them. 15 ¶ And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give *me* thine hand. And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. 16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot. 17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah. (2 Kings 10:12-17) ~885 BC

Rechabites – Obeyed a Fallible Leader

* Their Leader is DEAD

Israelites – Disobeyed the Eternal God

* God is the LIVING God

Rechabites – Headed the Words of One (Jonadab, v 14)

Israelites – Disregarded the Words of Many (Servants / Prophets, v 15)

Rechabites – Received their command once and obeyed

Israelites – Disobeyed God’s Repeated Commands / Warnings

Rechabites – Obeyed regarding earthly things

Israelites – Disobeyed regarding eternal things

Rechabites – Obeyed their leader’s command about 300 years

Israelites – Continually disobeyed God

Rechabites – Obeyed in Spite of Humble Living Conditions

Israelites – Disobeyed When Given the Promised Land

Rechabites – Received a Reward

Israelites – Received Judgment

* 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? (Hebrews 10:26-29 AV)