

***“This is what the LORD said to me: “Go and buy a linen belt and put it around your waist, but do not let it touch water.”<sup>2</sup> So I bought a belt, as the LORD directed, and put it around my waist.<sup>3</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me a second time:<sup>4</sup> “Take the belt you bought and are wearing around your waist, and go now to Perath and hide it there in a crevice in the rocks.”<sup>5</sup> So I went and hid it at Perath, as the LORD told me.<sup>6</sup> Many days later the LORD said to me, “Go now to Perath and get the belt I told you to hide there.”<sup>7</sup> So I went to Perath and dug up the belt and took it from the place where I had hidden it, but now it was ruined and completely useless.<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me:<sup>9</sup> “This is what the LORD says: ‘In the same way I will ruin the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem.’<sup>10</sup> These wicked people, who refuse to listen to my words, who follow the stubbornness of their hearts and go after other gods to serve and worship them, will be like this belt—completely useless!<sup>11</sup> For as a belt is bound around the waist, so I bound all the people of Israel and all the people of Judah to me,’ declares the LORD, ‘to be my people for my renown and praise and honor. But they have not listened.’ (Jeremiah 13:1-11)***

*God had chosen His people Israel to be His own people and inheritance. But instead that they will be grateful and faithful for His goodness to them, they chose to walk away and do evil against Him.*

*Their pride made them rebel against God and directed them to do things displeasing to Him. But what they did make them **ruined and completely useless** as the belt that Jeremiah hid*

*So the Lord decided to discipline them and correct them by making them ruined and useless. This is a painful way of discipline, but this what the Lord would do to the people who are doing what they want and who walk after their own ambitions and plans.*

### ***My Prayer***

*Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that shows me clearly that you are watching to see your word fulfilled. Lord I put in your hand all those who had rebelled against you and are unwilling to repent and come back to you and walk in your ways. Lord do to them as you promised in your word, so their pride will be broken and they will be completely humble down. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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***“The LORD said to me, “You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.”***

*(Jeremiah 1:12)*

***“And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.”***

*(Daniel 4:37c)*

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