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¹ **Thus says the LORD to me** / Jeremiah, this is the first major symbolic act the prophet was told to do,

Go and buy a linen belt / in Hebrew: *ezor*, a wrapped loincloth around the waist... mentioned 8 times in this chapter; actually, it is more like thigh-length underwear, an important under garment of the high priest; something symbolizing very personal, intimate closeness of Israel to God's heart,

and put it upon your loins / put it around your waist, buckle up your vital parts; of the Branch of Jesse, Isaiah says: rightness... and faithfulness will be His belt -- [Isaiah 11](#); the great apostle Paul wrote, gird your loins with truth -- [Eph.6](#),

and do not put it in water / we know unwashed underwear quickly stinks, right?

² **So according to the word of the LORD, I bought an ezor and put it around my waist.**

³ **Then the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying,**

⁴ **Take the ezor that you bought, which is around your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates** / if this is a literal assignment, then Jeremiah had to travel 350 miles by foot or caravan, so do the math to estimate how long that took; traveling 20 miles a day would take around 17 or 18 days one way... and can't you see Jeremiah starting out walking?; or he may have symbolically only traveled to Parah a northern town representative of the river,

and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

⁵ **So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.**

⁶ **And after many days, the LORD said to me, Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take the ezor, which I commanded you to hide there.**

⁷ **Then I went to the Euphrates, dug and took the ezor from the place where I had hid it: and, behold / pay attention, the ezor was marred, it was profitable for nothing / it was spoiled, quite useless.**

⁸ **Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,**

⁹ **Thus says the LORD,**

After this manner I will spoil the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.



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¹⁰ **This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who go in the stubbornness of their heart, and go after other gods, to serve and worship them, are as this **ezor**, good for nothing / worthless.**

¹¹ **For as the **ezor** covers the loins of a man so I have wrapped Me / it covers his life-giving vital parts; My agenda giving vital life...**

in **the whole house of Israel and **the whole house of Judah**, says the LORD;**

they are for Me a people, with a name / ruled by God, for praise, for glory:

but they would **not listen.**

¹² **Therefore speak this word to them: Thus says the LORD God of **Israel** / ruled by God,**

Every wineskin will be filled with wine: and if they say to you, don't we already know that every wineskin will be filled with wine? / they were confident they would be prosperous; some say, Yeah! Others say, boring! Nothing new! We've heard it all before.

¹³ **Then you will say to them: Thus says the LORD, Behold / pay attention,**

I will fill all the dwellers of this land, from the kings who sit on David's throne, and priests, and prophets, to all the dwellers in Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

¹⁴ **And I will allow them / in the coming crisis, like a massive bunch of drunks crashing on the freeway... their will be done... to dash one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, says the LORD:**

I will **not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.**

¹⁵ **Listen, and give heed; do not be arrogant: for the LORD has spoken.**

¹⁶ **Give glory to the LORD your God, before He causes darkness, before your feet stumble on the darkening hills.**

You look for light, while He makes it deep darkness, and only gloom.

¹⁷ **If you will not listen, then my soul will secretly weep because of your pride; my eyes will sorely weep, and flow with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive.**

¹⁸ **Say to the king and to the queen: Humble yourselves, sit down / take the low seat; that is something everybody can do; and should do, though few actually do, particularly Pharisees. Jesus said, everyone who humbles himself will be exalted, but he who exalts himself will be humbled -- **Luke 18:****

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for your glorious crown, like your whole realm has fallen.

19 The cities of the Negev / in the south... are locked up, and no one can open them: all Judah will be carried away captive, wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and see they come from the north / Babylon and the Chaldeans, their special allies and colleagues and associates and connections and comrades are coming:

where is the flock that you were given, your beautiful flock?

21 What will you say when He visits you? For you taught them to be captains / and comrades, now as chief over you: will not sorrows seize you, as a woman in childbirth?

22 If you say in your heart, Why has this happened to me? For the greatness of your iniquity your skirts have been removed, and your heels exposed / for a host of reasons... clearly... Judah was culpable;

for faithlessly whoring around, you are exposed and butt naked.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin?

or

Can the leopard change his spots? then you, who are accustomed to do evil... can also do good / but you get the impression, the Lord isn't going to wait around for that unlikely transformation to happen.

24 Therefore I will scatter them like tumbleweed blown by the wind of the wilderness.

25 That is your lot / your inheritance, your portion measured from Me, says the LORD;

since you have forgotten Me, trusting leaning on falsehood / instead of leaning on the LORD.

26 Therefore I will strip your skirts off over your face / she will be greatly exposed, that your shame is seen.

27 As for your adulteries and your neighing; your lewd whoring around, and your abominations on the hills and in the fields / your faithless sexual philandering with others who are married, your endless horsing around; your disgusting vices, your detestable acts... on the high places to be seen by all; which included burning their children, sons and daughters... obviously some sort of demonic sacrifice; they worked their faithlessness wherever opportunity permitted.

Woe to you, O Jerusalem! / how terrible it will be for you, the capital city Will you not be made clean? Even once?