

エレミヤ書 1-20 章における שָׁקֶר

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ABSTRACT Nobuyoshi KIUCHI, “שָׁקֶר in Jeremiah 1–20.” This short study explores the hearts and minds of the people of Judah and Jerusalem by surveying Jeremianic passages in which the term שָׁקֶר (falsehood) appears. The Lord’s words in 13:25 encapsulate the cause of the imminent national disaster: The people and the leaders had forgotten the Lord, believing what is שָׁקֶר to be true. The false prophets typically exemplify the human inability to perceive truth; they could not differentiate between their dreams and visions and the Lord’s message. Indeed, their very hearts and minds are said to be deceitful (14:14; 17:9–10).

It is at the end of the days when the people turn to the Lord that they realize they have served שָׁקֶר, practicing idolatry (3:23). The fact that mention is made of שָׁקֶר when they confess their guilt corroborates that שָׁקֶר was something deeply hidden from the eyes of the Judahites. Jeremiah 1–20 invites the reader to confront the fact that what took place in the hearts of the Judahites applies to fallen humanity in general.