

**{24} Jeremiah****Chapter 7**

(1) The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(2) Stand in the gate of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, all *you of Judah*, who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD {Jehovah}.

(3) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says, Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will cause you to live in this place.

(4) Do not trust in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, The temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, This is the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(5) But if you thoroughly amend your ways and your deeds; if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor;

(6) *If you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own harm:*

(7) Then I will cause you to live in this place, in the land that I gave to your forefathers, forever and ever.

(8) Indeed, you trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

(9) Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know;

(10) And come and stand before Me in this house {temple}, which is called by My Name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

(11) Has this house {temple}, which is called by My Name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Indeed, even I have seen *it*, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) But go now to My place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set My Name at the first,<sup>a</sup> and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.

(13) And now, because you have done all these works, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear; and I called you, but you did not answer;

(14) Therefore I will do to *this* house {temple}, which is called by My Name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your forefathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

(15) And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, *even* the all the descendants of Ephraim.

(16) Therefore do not pray for this people, neither lift up a cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to Me: because I will not hear you.

(17) Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

7:12a – where I set My Name at the first – Josh. 18:1; Jg. 21:19; I Ki. 14:2; Is. 52:7; Jn. 4:20

