

Chapter 7

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- (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,^a 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.

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(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?

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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