

JERIMIAH'S TEMPLE SERMON

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Everyone listen to my words! If you change the way that you live, you will live in peace with me! Don't listen to your lying hearts that say as long as the temples stand I shall guard and protect you. That is wrong! Only if you change your ways, only if you treat your friends kindly, only if you take in the stranger, only if you support the fatherless and the widow, can you and I live together.

How ~~can~~ the hell can you sin <sup>with your</sup> by lying and cheating and causing pain to others, and then come to temple, and sit, and leave thinking that you are saved. Is that what you think my temples are for? Don't kid yourself, because I see what you are doing.

When your forefathers did the same thing to me <sup>throughout your</sup> in history, you saw how I punished them. I destroyed the basis of their belief and religion and sent them out into exile. And now, because you have done the same thing today, surely I shall treat you the same way.

Don't think that I didn't warn you,. I tried to get through to you. Just look back into modern history and see <sup>the</sup> that sign that I sent. You were all too stupid <sup>ignorant</sup> to understand what was going on. You wouldn't try to look at yourselves in a different light. Now you are going to pay for it.

Don't bother to have anyone try to intercede for you. I won't listen to him. I, with my own eyes can see what goes on in your streets. All that crime, the rapes and robberies and killings, they don't injure me, they only serve to <sup>injure</sup> screw you. For now I'm going to punish you by destroying the face of the land, and send you into such confusion the likes of which you have never seen.

Go ahead and add to your prayers, that won't help. You see, I never commanded you to pray, I commanded you to heed my word and follow my moral laws. Ever since you came out of Egypt, I tried to be good to you, I gave you my laws, sent you <sup>my</sup> prophets and servants, but you were a stubborn, evil people, and you went after your own hearts.

You are the nation that went against the way of your Lord, and now <sup>I</sup> ~~the Lord~~ will reject you for it.

Your peace of mind will be not!!!

The Destruction that I bring will be a harsh one, for your enemies will deal ruthlessly with you, and you will suffer.

But I still cannot understand! How can you be so blind as not to see your errors. I've sat here waiting to see or hear one of you repent, yet I haven't received a word. Even animals whose mentalities are far below man's know how to obey the one who feeds and protects them, yet man, my greatest creation does not!

Why do you continue to lie to yourselves ~~that~~ when you say that the Law of the Lord is with us? Don't you see that you are believing your own propoganda! You believe in your false prophets who claem there is peace when there is in fact, the opposite. It is for this that I will punish you, and you will not forget it.

If only I could run away from you all, from all of this crime and corruption. You all lie, and rape, and steal, you commit adultery, and kill. You don't <sup>even</sup> trust anyone else, but how could you? <sup>And</sup> How can I watch this without letting my soul take revenge?!

There isn't even one wise man here who can understand what I'm saying and try to convince the others.

I will destroy the land, the peace, the way that you live, and no wise man, no woman, no great war hero will be able to stop me.

And don't run to the idols that you've been worshipping. Because they're sure as hell not going to be able to help you. Remeber, I created you, <sup>they isn't</sup> not ~~them~~, they have no true power. <sup>Thinks</sup> Who created them?

Consider this a warning, it may very well be your last. If you decide not to change your ways, get ready, there will be destruction worse than death. You will be scattered and have no basis to live. You will serve other nations, and have no peace.