

## Jeremiah 11:1-23 **National Judgment – Threat against Jeremiah's Life**

### Curse for Broken Covenant by former generations

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 "Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3 and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God of Israel: "Cursed is the man who does not obey the words of this covenant 4 which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, 'Obey My voice, and do according to all that I command you; so shall you be My people, and I will be your God,' 5 that I may establish the oath which I have sworn to your fathers, to give them 'a land flowing with milk and honey,' as it is this day.'""

And I answered and said, "So be it, Lord."

6 Then the Lord said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying: 'Hear the words of this covenant and do them.

7 For I earnestly exhorted your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, until this day, rising early and exhorting, saying, "Obey My voice."

8 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but which they have not done.'"

### Curse for Broken Covenant by present generation

9 And the Lord said to me, "A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers."

11 Therefore thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will surely bring calamity on them which they will not be able to escape; and though they cry out to Me, I will not listen to them.

12 Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

13 For according to the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem you have set up altars to that shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal.

### Do not pray for them, Yahweh will not hear because of their sins

14 "So do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry out to Me because of their trouble.

15 "What has My beloved to do in My house, Having done lewd deeds with many? And the holy flesh has passed from you. When you do evil, then you rejoice.

16 The Lord called your name, Green Olive Tree, Lovely and of Good Fruit. With the noise of a great tumult He has kindled fire on it, And its branches are broken.

17 "For the Lord of hosts, who planted you, has pronounced doom against you for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me

to anger in offering incense to Baal."

### Jeremiah's Life Threatened

18 Now the Lord gave me knowledge of it, and I know it; for You showed me their doings.

19 But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more."

20 But, O Lord of hosts, You who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You I have revealed my cause.

### Judgment against the men of Anathoth

21 "Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the men of Anathoth who seek your life, saying, 'Do not prophesy in the name of the Lord, lest you die by our hand' —

22 therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; 23 and there shall be no remnant of them, for I will bring catastrophe on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their punishment.'"

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Facts Revealed:

### Curse for Broken Covenant by former generations

✧ The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh (the Lord), saying,

"Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and say to them,

'Thus says Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of Israel): "**Cursed is the man who does not obey the words of this covenant** which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, '**Obey My voice, and do according to all that I command you; so shall you be My people, and I will be your Elohiym (God),**' that I may establish the oath which I have sworn to your fathers, to give them 'a land flowing with milk and honey,' as it is this day.'"

And I answered and said, "So be it, Lord." [Jeremiah 11:1-5]

✧ Yahweh reminded the people of the curse that accompanies disobedience to the covenant given to them at Mount Sinai.

✧ In the covenant Yahweh had specified that the relationship between the people and their God was dependent on their obedience to His commandments. The covenant included the blessings and the Promised Land.

✧ Then Yahweh (the Lord) said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying: '**Hear the words of this covenant and do them.**

For I earnestly exhorted your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, until this day, rising early and exhorting, saying, "Obey My voice."

Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but which they have not done." [Jeremiah 11:6-8]

✧ The command remains the same today, "Hear the words of this covenant and do them."

✧ Yahweh has been faithful, since the time He brought Israel out of the land of Egypt until now, to repeatedly call the people to repentance to obey His commandments for good.

✧ The people have disobeyed by following the dictates of their own evil hearts.

- ✧ Yahweh will bring on them all the curses promised in the covenant for disobedience. [Deuteronomy 27:11-26, 28:15-68]

### Curse for Broken Covenant by present generation

- ✧ And Yahweh (the Lord) said to me, "A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers." [Jeremiah 11:9-10]
- ✧ The present generation, both the House of Israel and the House of Judah, has turned away from Yahweh to the sins of the fathers in refusing the commandments of Yahweh to go after other gods and serve them.
- ✧ Therefore thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will surely bring calamity on them which they will not be able to escape; and **though they cry out to Me, I will not listen to them.** Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble. [Jeremiah 11:11-12]
- ✧ Because of their rebellion, Yahweh will bring on the cities of Judah and Jerusalem calamity that they will not be able to escape.
- ✧ When they cry out to Yahweh, He will not listen to them.
- ✧ The people will cry out to their idols, only to find that the idols are unable to save them from the wrath of God.
- ✧ For according to the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem you have set up altars to that shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal. [Jeremiah 11:13]
- ✧ In their idolatry they have set up idols in every city of Judah and every street of Jerusalem and altars to burn incense to Baal.

### Do not pray for them, Yahweh will not hear because of their sins

- ✧ "So do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry out to Me because of their trouble. [Jeremiah 11:14]
- ✧ When the time for judgment of God to comes, even the prophets are told not to pray for the people because God will not listen to their intercession. [Jeremiah 7:16, 11:14, 14:11-12]
- ✧ "What has My beloved to do in My house, Having done lewd deeds with many? And the holy flesh has passed from you. When you do evil, then you rejoice. Yahweh (The Lord) called your name, Green Olive Tree, Lovely and of Good Fruit. With the noise of a great tumult He has kindled fire on it, And its branches are broken. "For Yahweh Tsebvta (the Lord of hosts), who planted you, has pronounced doom against you for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering incense to Baal." [Jeremiah 11:15-17]
- ✧ Yahweh does not appreciate people living in willful sin rejoicing when they do evil who come into His house of prayer and defile it with their presence.
- ✧ Yahweh will not listen to the prayers of blatant sinners who arrogantly pretend to worship Him in hypocrisy and refuse to repent.
- ✧ Yahweh has pronounced doom against His people of Israel and Judah for the evil of their doings.
- ✧ When people sin against the Lord, they sin against their own soul and align themselves for the righteous judgment of God whom they have provoked to anger by their sins.

### Jeremiah's Life Threatened

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But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, "**Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more.**"

But, O Yahweh Tsebavta (Lord of hosts), You who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You I have revealed my cause. [[Jeremiah 11:18-20](#)]

◇ Jeremiah was unaware of the plot to put him to death until Yahweh showed it to him.

◇ When Jeremiah knew the situation, He prayed to see the righteous vengeance of Yahweh against his enemies from his home town of Anathoth.

### Judgment against the men of Anathoth

☆ "Therefore thus says Yahweh (the Lord) concerning the men of Anathoth who seek your life, saying, 'Do not prophesy in the name of the Lord, lest you die by our hand' — therefore thus says Yahweh Tsebavta (the Lord of hosts): 'Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; and there shall be no remnant of them, for I will bring catastrophe on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their punishment.'" [[Jeremiah 11:21-23](#)]

◇ Yahweh promised Jeremiah there would be a total end of them without survivor.

◇ Though they are priests, they will die for rejecting the message through Jeremiah from Yahweh calling them to repentance.

◇ Jealousy of spiritual leaders sometimes becomes violent and calls for the wrath of God against themselves.

◇ This was the same problem Jesus faced from the religious leaders of His day. [[Mark 14:1](#), [Luke 22:2](#), [John 5:16-18](#), [7:1](#), [30](#)]