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¹ The **word of the LORD** that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought.

² A wail goes up from Jerusalem, its gates languish; **Judah** sits on the ground and mourns.

³ And their nobles sent their servants for water: they came to the cisterns and found no water; so they returned with empty vessels;

ashamed and confounded, they covered their heads / humiliated.

⁴ The ground is cracked, for there has been no rain on the **earth**,
the farmers were ashamed, they covered their heads.

⁵ Yes, the doe also calved in the field, and abandoned it because there was no grass.

⁶ And the wild asses stood on the high places / so wild asses are standing were the faithless like to be seen doing their scandalous acts,

they pant like jackals; their eyes are glazed because there was no grass.

The next 3 verses, some bible scholars assert... Jeremiah intercedes for the people; but I don't think so. **What if instead**, the prideful irreligious and uncivil leaders are reading their rote speeches at the LORD?

⁷ O LORD, even for your Name's sake, though our iniquities testify against us, for our rebellions are many; we have sinned against You / yawn! Irving, how do you think that sounds?

⁸ O the hope of Israel, the Savior in time of trouble, why shouldest Thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a traveler who turns aside to wait for the night?

⁹ Why shouldest Thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man who cannot save?

Yet You, O LORD, are in our midst, and we are called by Your Name. Do not forsake us / they heartlessly say all the right things... and very properly; probably with a British accent... like all those who love their traditions. Problem is: their confession to God... along with their insults and faulty thinking about God... does not impress Him. The LORD God is expert at dealing with the faithless. And by the way: Who is in whose midst? And who is it who forsook, who abandoned whom?

¹⁰ Thus says the LORD to this people,

They love to wander,



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they have not discipline their feet / they are like those who say: I just can't help it; I just can't stop myself. Well then, go over the cliff,

So the LORD does not accept them / so He turned off His spigot of mercy;

He will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins / their inequalities, and injustices.

Jeremiah says...

¹¹ Then said the LORD to me, **Pray not for the welfare of this people** / Jesus the night He was betrayed, said *I pray not for the world... but for those You gave me out of the world* -- John 17.

¹² When they fast, I will **not** hear their cry; when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them:

but I will destroy them by the sword, famine, and pestilence.

¹³ Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD!

Behold / pay attention,

the prophets say to them / obviously false prophets... who are still around yapping today,

You will **not** see the sword, nor will you have famine; but You will give them in this place assured **peace**.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to me,

The prophets prophesy lies in My Name / claiming they represent Me:



I did not send them, I have not commanded them, nor did I even speak to them:

What they prophesy to you is a false vision and divination / a bunch of hocus pocus,

it is nothing more than deceit from their heart.

¹⁵ Therefore thus says the LORD

concerning the *false* prophets who prophesy in My Name,

whom I did not send, yet they say,

Sword and famine will **not** be in this land;



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God says: I beg to differ with them...

By sword and famine will those prophets be destroyed.

¹⁶ And the people to whom they prophesy

will be thrown out of the streets of Jerusalem

because of the famine and the sword;

and they will have no one to bury them,

not them, not their wives, not their sons, not their daughters:

for I will pour their own wickedness / their own wrong... upon them.

¹⁷ Therefore you will say this word to them:

Let my eyes flow with tears night and day, and let them not cease:

for the virgin daughter of My people

has been crushed with a very grievous blow / with a fierce pounding.

¹⁸ If I go forth into the field, behold the slain with the sword!

If I enter into the city, then behold those diseased due to famine!

Yes, both the *false* prophet and the priest go about

in a land that they do not know / in a place they don't recognize.

And as Jeremiah goes about, does he hear these comments from the people?

- **¹⁹ Has He utterly rejected Judah?**
- **Does His soul loathe Zion?**
- **Why has He struck us?**
- **Is there no healing for us?**
- **Behold, we looked for peace, for a time of healing, but nothing came; only trouble!**

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And does he hear more well-crafted liturgical speeches from religion central... read at God?

20 We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against You. YAWN.

21 For Your Name's sake, YAWN. Do not abhor us; do not disgrace Your glorious throne: Remember, Do not break Your covenant with us.

But... they could abhor Him, they could disgrace His throne, they didn't need to remember anything, and of course, they could break their covenant with Him? Lots of empty words and accusations.

Jeremiah concludes...

22 Is there anyone / king or idol... among the vanities of the Gentiles who can cause rain?

Can the heavens give showers?

Are You not the One, O LORD our God?

Therefore we will wait upon You: for You have made all these things.