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¹ Then said the LORD to me,

Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me / if the great law giver, or the faithful high priest... stood to intercede yet one more time for Judah and Jerusalem, as they did in their days,

yet My mind could not be toward this people:

send them away from My presence / they are beyond hope; let them go.

² And it shall be, if they say to you / Jeremiah,

Where shall we go?

Then you shall tell them, Thus says the LORD;

To death, those for death; to the sword, those for the sword; to famine, those for famine; to captivity, those for captivity.

³ I will assign over them four kinds, says the LORD:

the sword to slay, wolves to tear,

fowls of the heaven to devour, and beasts of the earth to destroy.

⁴ And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth,

on account of what the son of Hezekiah, Manasseh the king of Judah did in Jerusalem / the most evil king who introduced gross idolatry among Judah including pagan practices at the temple.

⁵ Who shall have pity on you, O Jerusalem? Who shall cry for you?

Who shall ask how you are?

⁶ You have abandoned Me, says the LORD, you keep rebelling: so I will stretch out My hand against you, and destroy you;

I am weary with conceding.

⁷ I will winnow them / to separate them... with a winnowing fork at the gates of the land;

I will deprive them of children,

I will destroy My people since they return not from their ways.

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⁸ I made their widows more numerous than the sand of the seas: at noonday I brought a destroyer against them, against the mothers of the young men / even against women who joyously baked their cakes and burned their incense to the queen of heaven... who gladly participated in teaching their children faithlessness to the living God of Judah:

I caused terror to suddenly fall upon the city.

⁹ The mother of seven grows faint: she gives up her last breath; her sun sets while it is yet day: she has been ashamed and confounded / disgraced and humiliated:

and the survivors I will deliver to the sword before their enemies, says the LORD.

In this chapter, the LORD has just said to Jeremiah, *Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me...* they would not be able to convince Him to change His mind about His people... particularly those leaders living in Jerusalem. And the Lord is fiery mad! He's pissed off. Read about it. And Jeremiah finally has the courage to speak up.

Verse ¹⁰ Woe is me, my mother, that you gave me birth... a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! Dang!!

I have neither lent on usury. / If someone needed money, Jeremiah didn't loan charging interest,

nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them curses me.

Verse ¹¹ The LORD said, Verily it... / more precisely

Verily Jeremiah, it shall be well with your remnant. / but before we go too far, who is your remnant? Jeremiah was guardian of the daughters of the king; so it's the remnant of the royal family.

The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with your remnant.

Verily Jeremiah... I will cause the enemy to entreat you well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction / in the time of disaster and distress, or tribulation. In other words, in the time of this calamity that is about to boil over and hit Jerusalem. God knows how to protect His own.

The LORD says...

it will be well with you... and your remnant.

I will make the enemy to entreat them well,

even in the time of affliction / and distress.

Jeremiah speaks up again; somewhat in disbelief.

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¹² **Shall iron break the northern iron and steel?**

More clearly...

Shall I ...the little iron pillar break the northern iron and steel? / Jeremiah wants to know, shall I break invading Babylon and its allies? Me? Is that what You are saying? He refers to chapter 1.

Verse 13 and 14 (some phrases will be grouped a little differently)

The LORD speaking...

¹³ **Your substance / Jerusalem's substance.** The Lord GOD is pissed off with Jerusalem. Right?

Your substance, O Jerusalem... and your treasures I will give to the spoil... without price / the Lord is giving it freely to the spoilers, at no cost to the destroyers,

and for all your sins,

even in all your borders... / for all the sins of Jerusalem, even within her walls!

You know... the Capital City led the way; they are like their own reality. They think their crap don't stink. You hear it in the religious leaders at the time of Christ: Who's that foreigner? He's not from our city. He's not been taught in our schools. And speaking of schools, you know how in Washington... everybody sends their kids to private schools?! None of them use public education. That's for everybody else! They are hypocrites. Nothing's new; nothing changes.

But back to the LORD speaking...

Your substance and your treasures...

I will give to the spoil without price / and why is He going to do that?

for all your sins, even within all your walls;

for a fire is kindled in My anger,

which shall burn against you / Jerusalem is going to feel His heat!

And to Jeremiah...

¹⁴ **And I will make you /** better,

I will cause you... Jeremiah and the royal remnant—those he is guardian over...

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I will cause you to pass with your enemies to bring you...

into a land which you know not. / So was Jeremiah going into Babylonian captivity? **NO!**

I will cause you to pass with your enemies to bring you...

into a land which you know not / and was he going on vacation? **NO!** Old King David was told the House of Israel was going *to a place of their own*, another place—**2 Samuel 7**; **Isaiah 41** tells us, someone from the east, a righteous man comes to Israel in the islands, *passing safely by the way he had not gone with his feet*, he didn't walk there, they sailed!

He was going to build... and to plant; and the royal remnant, the royal daughters were at his side. Hmm?! So they weren't going to plant tomatoes!

Verse ¹⁵ O LORD, You know:

Remember me,

and visit me. / don't just remember me! Show up occasionally!

and revenge me of my persecutors / Jeremiah said the whole earth... didn't like him... and we can feel his pain! because he had a tough assignment. But I bet the Eskimos liked him... and the people of Pago Pago liked him, too... don't you think?

And he says...

revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away

in You longsuffering / better

in Your patience, don't banish me:

know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke.

Verse ¹⁶ Thy words were found, and I did eat them / I consumed them; I got them inside of me.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them;

and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart:

for I am called by Thy name, O LORD God of hosts... / Lord GOD of everything!

—Claim that promise; own that promise... we are called by His Name; take it with you the rest of your life!

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Jeremiah speaking...

¹⁷ **I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced** / he did not stand in their way—**Psalm 1**;

I sat alone because of Your hand / His fatherly hand ...like a Father, who guides and stayed him:

for You have filled me with indignation / when I see You angry, I get angry... LORD!

¹⁸ **Why is my pain perpetual,**

and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Will You be altogether to me as a liar, as water that fails? / Jeremiah complains a little with God

¹⁹ **Therefore thus says the LORD,**

If you return to them, then will I bring you again / the LORD wasn't going to let Jeremiah get away,

and you shall stand before Me / I'll deal with you, like a Father with a child, so don't go with them.

If you take forth the precious from the vile / and is that the precious royal remnant? **Yes!**

you shall be as My mouth:

let them return to you; but you return not to them.

²⁰ **And I will make you to this people like a fenced brazen wall** / like a fortified city. And you know, things haven't changed with the Lord. This is what He said first to Jeremiah in chapter one. Our God is faithful.

they shall fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you:

for I am with you to save you, to deliver you, says the LORD.

²¹ **And I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked;**

I will redeem you out of the hand of the terrible.

The Complete Jewish Bible says, *I will free you from the grasp of the wicked; and redeem you from the clutches of the ruthless.*

And you know... with a God like that, we ought to listen to Him. These things were written for our instruction. Go with Him; we also will be safe!