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¹ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of **Judah** / around 608BC... came this word from the LORD, saying,

² Thus says the LORD;

Stand in the court of **the house of the LORD** / chapter 7 is all about... the goings on at the house of the LORD,

speak to all the citizens of **Judah** who come to worship in the house of the LORD, all the words that I command you to speak to them;

do **not** omit a word:

³ Perhaps they will listen, and turn everyone from his evil way, that I may change My mind of the evil that I purpose to do to them because of their evil deeds.

⁴ And you will say to them, Thus says the LORD;

If you will **not** listen to Me, to walk in My law which I set before you,

⁵ To listen to the words of My servants the prophets, whom I sent to you, again and again, sending them, but you have not listened;

⁶ Then I will make **this house** like Shiloh / the LORD would destroy the temple in Jerusalem; in chapter 7 the LORD said, go and see what I did in Shiloh where I first made a house for My Name, but they did wickedly, **and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth** / the Eternal God will not be held hostage by anyone, will He?

Then Jeremiah went and did as the LORD said, as he stood in the court...

⁷ So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in **the house of the LORD**.

⁸ Now it happened, when Jeremiah finished speaking all that the LORD commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the *false* prophets and all the people seized him, saying,

You will surely die.

⁹ Why have you prophesied in the Name of the LORD, saying, This house will be like Shiloh, and this city will be desolate without an occupant? / because that is what real prophets do; speak what the Lord tells them to speak...



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All the people were gathered against Jeremiah in **the house of the LORD** / and maybe, just like when Jesus irritated them, they picked up stones to kill Him—in the house of the Lord.

¹⁰ When the princes of Judah heard these things / all the commotion started with Jeremiah, then they came up from the king's house to **the house of the LORD**, and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of **the house of the LORD**.

¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes / the officials... and to all the people, saying, This man should die; for he has prophesied against the city, as you hear with your own ears.

¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against **this house** and against **this city** **all the words** that you heard.

¹³ Therefore now change your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will change His mind of the evil that He pronounced against you.

¹⁴ As for me, behold,

I am in your hands: do with me as seems good and proper to you.

¹⁵ But know for certain, if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on the inhabitants: for truly the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.

¹⁶ Then said the officials and all the people to the priests and the prophets; This man is **not** worthy of death: for he spoke to us in the name of the LORD our God.

¹⁷ Then arose certain elders of the land and spoke to all the assembly, saying,

¹⁸ Micah the Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying,

Thus says the LORD of hosts; Zion will be plowed as a field, Jerusalem will become ruins, and **the house on this mount**... as an overgrown forest.

¹⁹ Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death?

Did he not fear the LORD, and seek the LORD? And the LORD changed His mind of the evil which He pronounced against them.

Thus we might commit great evil against ourselves.

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20 Indeed, there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah from Kirath-jearim, he prophesied against this city and against this land words similar to all those of Jeremiah.

21 When King Jehoiakim, with all his mighty men, and all the officers heard his words, then the king sought to put him to death: but when Uriah heard, he was afraid, and fled, and went to Egypt;

22 Then King Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and men with him into Egypt.

23 And they brought Uriah from Egypt, and led him to King Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graveyard for the common people.

24 So the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah / one of the officials or a respected individual... instead of remaining silent, advocated in defense of the prophet -- [verse 16](#) or [17](#).

so that they should **not** give him into the hand of the people...to put him to death.

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