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

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD;

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

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

do **not** omit a word:

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> And you shall say to them, Thus says the LORD;

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

<sup>5</sup> 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;

<sup>6</sup> Then will I 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...

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

<sup>8</sup> Now it happened, when Jeremiah finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets / remember: false prophets... and all the people seized him, saying,

You shall surely die.

<sup>9</sup> Why have you prophesied in the Name of the LORD, saying,

This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an occupant?

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/ because that is what real prophets do...

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.

<sup>10</sup> 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 LORD's house**.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> As for me, behold,

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

<sup>15</sup> But know for certain, if you put me to death, you shall 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> Then arose certain elders of the land and spoke to all the assembly, saying,

<sup>18</sup> 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 shall be plowed as a field,

Jerusalem shall become ruins,

and **the house on this mount**... as an overgrown forest.

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**<sup>19</sup> 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.**

**<sup>20</sup> 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.**

**<sup>21</sup> 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;**

**<sup>22</sup> Then King Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and men with him into Egypt.**

**<sup>23</sup> 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.**

**<sup>24</sup> So the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan / one of the officials or a respected individual... instead of remaining silent, advocated in defense of the prophet—verse 16 or 17.**

**was with Jeremiah,**

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

**to put him to death.**