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¹ **In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah / circa 593 BC** when ambassadors of nations in the neighborhood gathered to conspire with Judah against Babylon

this word came from the LORD to Jeremiah, saying,

² **Thus says the LORD to me; Make bonds / leather straps, ties... and yokes,**

and put them on your neck,

³ **And send word to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites / Northeast, East and Southeast of the Jordan River,**

and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon / S to N Lebanon to the northwest, by the hand of the messengers who came to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah;

Remember: all these were distant cousins of Israel and Judah living in the neighborhood, through the seven 7 sons of Abraham and Keturah as well as descendants of his nephew Lot

⁴ **And command them to say to their masters,**

Thus says the LORD of hosts / whose name indicates: God Almighty... who has an army consisting of all His creation... things visible and invisible; things animate and inanimate... in the heavens and on earth,

the God of Israel; or this could be literally translated:

the God of those He rules... does He rule you? Then He is your God, too; so He speaks to you and me even in the 21st century.

Thus shall you say to your masters;

⁵ **I made the earth /** in recent years, 2 scientists wrote: The Privileged Planet, describing the incredible complexity of this planet situated at the correct distance from the sun able to sustain carbon based life, with an unusually large moon... strangely able to perfectly create lunar and solar eclipses... that permit even the ancients to recognize the orderly workings of the solar system, the moon being 400 times smaller than our sun, which is 400 times further away from earth than the moon. Had any one of the 30 – 50+ requirements necessary to sustain life, from size of earth, effecting its gravity to atmospheric chemicals... had any been altered slightly, our planet would be no different than all the other planets in our solar system... incapable of seeing the sun from their surface due to their cloudy atmospheres,

I made the earth... the man / literally,

Adam and the beasts that are upon the ground,

and give it to anyone I choose.

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⁶ And now, I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, My servant;

the beasts of the field I have also given to serve him / God speaks in symbolic layers, these same words also speak through the prophets of the wild govts of the earth, that act with all the viciousness of a dumb beast of the field.

⁷ And all nations / at least all the gentiles, all the heathen living in this neighborhood; maybe not the Eskimo or Incas...

shall serve him, his son, and his son's son / Belshazzar the grandson was last in his lineage who would rule... during the time of Daniel,

until the time of his own land comes: when many nations and great kings will make him... to serve them / which happened when the Medes and Persians marched into Babylon and took control.

⁸ And it shall be, that the nation and kingdom which will **not serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and will **not** submit to the yoke of the king of Babylon,**

that nation I will punish, with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence... until I have destroyed them with his hand, says the LORD.

⁹ Therefore

Do not listen to your prophets,

nor to your **diviners / your **psychics**,**

nor to your **dreamers / your **visionaries**,**

nor to your **enchanters / your **smooth talking charmers**,**

nor to your **sorcerers / your **chemistry wizards**; who are still around chattering today in the 21st century,**

who speak to you, saying,

You will **not serve the king of Babylon** / the LORD says they speak falsely:

¹⁰ For they prophesy **a lie to you, in order to remove you far from your land;**

and I will drive you out, and you will perish.

¹¹ But the nation that brings its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serves him,

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I will leave in their own land, says the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell in it.

Jeremiah says...

¹² I spoke words like all this to Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.

¹³ Why die—you and your people by sword, by famine, and pestilence, as the LORD spoke against the nation that will **not** serve the king of Babylon?

¹⁴ Therefore

Do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you / and Jeremiah could have added:

nor your **diviners**, or **dreamers**, or **enchanters**, or **sorcerers** / but he didn't have time,

saying,

You will **not** serve the king of Babylon:

for they prophesy **a lie** to you.

¹⁵ I have **not** sent them, says the LORD,

yet they prophesy **a lie** in My Name; in order that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you.

Jeremiah then tells us...

¹⁶ Next, I spoke to the priests and to all these people, saying,

Thus says the LORD;

Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying,

Behold / pay attention,

The vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon:

for they prophesy **a lie** to you.

¹⁷ **Do not listen to them;**

serve the king of Babylon, and live:

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Why should this city be destroyed?

¹⁸ **But if they are *truly* prophets,**

and if the word of the LORD is with them,

Then... **let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts,**

that the vessels which are left in the **house of the LORD,**

and... in the house of the king of Judah,

and... at Jerusalem,

do not go to Babylon / this reminds me of the roman church whose clerics and dreamers and diviners and sorcerers... who claim they have power over purgatory, and can release people from their suffering... Oh yeah, for a little \$\$\$\$. John Wycliffe said, if we really had that power... why not use it day and night... and alleviate all the sorrow and pain inflicted on so many through the ages?

¹⁹ **For thus says the LORD of hosts** / who has a mountain of things visible and invisible available...

concerning the pillars, concerning the bronze sea, concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the vessels that remain in this city.

²⁰ **which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take... when he carried away captive Jechoniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;**

²¹ **Yes, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,**

concerning the vessels that remain in **the house of the LORD,**

and in the house of the king of Judah,

and of Jerusalem;

²² **They shall be carried to Babylon,**

and there they shall be... until the day that I visit them,

says the LORD;

then I will bring them back, and restore them to **this place.**