

# Jeremiah 12:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

## Analysis

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This verse shifts to divine lament: 'I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.' God speaks of abandoning 'my house' (beti—temple and nation), 'my heritage' (nachalati—His special possession), 'dearly beloved of my soul' (yediguth nafshi—intensely affectionate language). This isn't cold judicial pronouncement but anguished divine grief. God reluctantly, sorrowfully withdraws protection, allowing enemies to devastate what He loves. The verse reveals God's pain in judgment—He doesn't delight in destruction (Ezekiel 33:11) but grieves necessity.

## Historical Context

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This section (12:7-13) represents God's lament over Judah's judgment. The affectionate terms ('heritage,' 'dearly beloved') emphasize the relationship being severed. The 'house' includes both temple and nation. Similar divine grief appears in Hosea 11:8-9. The Babylonian conquest wasn't divine cruelty but grieving necessity after exhausted patience.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. What does God's use of affectionate terms while announcing judgment reveal about His heart?
2. How does divine grief in judgment differ from capricious or vindictive punishment?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>I have forsaken</b>	H853	<b>mine house</b>	<b>I have left</b>	H853	<b>mine heritage</b>	<b>I have given</b>
H5800		H1004	H5203		H5159	H5414
אֶתְּ	יָדְדָהּ	נַפְשִׁי	בְּכַף	אֶיֱבֹיָהּ:		
H853	<b>the dearly beloved</b>	<b>of my soul</b>	<b>into the hand</b>	<b>of her enemies</b>		
	H3033	H5315	H3709	H341		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 2:6** (Parallel theme): Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

**Jeremiah 11:15** (Love): What hath my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.

**Hosea 9:15** (Love): All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revolvers.