

Jeremiah 21

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Jerusalem's Doom

- ¹ The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,
- ² Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.
- ³ Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah:
- ⁴ Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.
- ⁵ And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.
- ⁶ And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.
- ⁷ And afterward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

- 8** And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.
- 9** He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey.
- 10** For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.
- 11** And touching the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear ye the word of the LORD;
- 12** O house of David, thus saith the LORD; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.
- 13** Behold, I am against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, and rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?
- 14** But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

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God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Jeremiah 21:1 **References Lord:** Jeremiah 29:25. **Kingdom:** Jeremiah 37:1; 37:3. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 52:24; 1 Chronicles 9:12. **Word:** Jeremiah 38:1

Jeremiah 21:2

Kingdom: Jeremiah 37:3; 37:7. **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 28:15. **References Lord:** 1 Samuel 28:6

Jeremiah 21:4 **Kingdom:** Jeremiah 39:3; Isaiah 13:4. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 33:5; Isaiah 5:5; Zechariah 14:2. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 32:5; Lamentations 2:5; 2:7

Jeremiah 21:5 **Judgment:** Exodus 6:6. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 6:12; 32:17; Exodus 9:15; Isaiah 5:25; 9:12; 9:17; 9:21; 10:4; 63:10

Jeremiah 21:6 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 32:24; 33:12; Isaiah 6:11; Ezekiel 14:13; 14:17; 14:19; 14:21; Hosea 4:3; Zephaniah 1:3

Jeremiah 21:7 **Kingdom:** Jeremiah 37:17. **References Lord:** Ezekiel 7:9. **Grace:** Jeremiah 13:14. **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 28:50

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Jeremiah 21:11 **Kingdom:** Jeremiah 13:18; 17:20. **Parallel theme:** Micah 3:1

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Jeremiah 21:14 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 32:19; 2 Chronicles 36:19; Proverbs 1:31.
References Lord: Jeremiah 9:25; 17:10; 52:13

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