

# Jeremiah 35:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

## Analysis

**Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel**—The full title יהוה אלהי צבאות אלהי ישראל (Yahweh Elohei Tzeva'ot Elohei Yisra'el) combines covenant name (Yahweh), military sovereignty (God of hosts/armies), and relationship (God of Israel). The comprehensive title underscores that judgment comes from Israel's own covenant God, not a foreign deity.

**Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them** הִנְנִי מְבִיא אֶל־יְהוּדָה...אֶת כָּל־ הִנְנִי מְבִיא אֶל־יְהוּדָה...אֶת כָּל־ (hineni mevi el-Yehudah...et kol-hara'ah asher dibarti aleihem) —Hineni ('behold') marks solemn divine decree. **Because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered**—The double indictment (not hearing, not answering) seals Judah's doom. God's patient appeals exhausted, covenant curses (Deuteronomy 28) activate.

## Historical Context

This pronouncement anticipated the 586 BC Babylonian destruction: Jerusalem's walls breached, temple burned, population exiled, Davidic throne suspended. The

'evil' (ra'ah) fulfilled covenant warnings Moses gave 800 years earlier—disobedience triggers curse. The severity matches the privilege: to whom much revelation is given, much accountability is required (Luke 12:48).

## **Related Passages**

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## **Study Questions**

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1. How does God's exhaustion of appeals ('I have spoken...I have called') before judgment warn you not to presume on His patience indefinitely?
2. What 'evil that I have pronounced' (consequences of sin) are you inviting by refusing to hear and answer God's current calls to repentance?
3. In what ways does the certainty of God's judgment ('Behold, I will bring') motivate you toward urgent obedience rather than presumptuous delay?

## Interlinear Text

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| כֵּן לְ כֵן                          | כֹּה     | אָמַר                | יְהוָה   | אֱלֹהֵי    | צְבָאוֹת     | אֱלֹהֵי |
| H3651                                | H3541    | Therefore thus saith | the LORD | God        | of hosts     | God     |
|                                      |          | H559                 | H3068    | H430       | H6635        | H430    |
| לְ יִשְׂרָאֵל                        | הִנֵּנִי | מִבַּיָּא            | אֶל      | יְהוּדָה   | וְאֶל        | כָּל    |
| of Israel                            | H2005    | Behold I will bring  | H413     | upon Judah | H413         | H3605   |
| H3478                                |          | H935                 |          | H3063      |              |         |
| וְנֹשְׁבֵי                           |          | יְרוּשָׁלַם          | אֵת      | כָּל       | הָרָעָה      | אֲשֶׁר  |
| and upon all the inhabitants         |          | of Jerusalem         | H853     | H3605      | all the evil | H834    |
| H3427                                |          | H3389                |          |            | H7451        |         |
| דְּבַר רִנִּי                        |          | עָלֵיהֶם             | וְעַן    |            |              |         |
| against them because I have spoken   |          | H5921                | H3282    |            |              |         |
| H1696                                |          |                      |          |            |              |         |
| דְּבַר רִנִּי                        |          | אֲלֵיהֶם             | וְלֹא    |            |              |         |
| against them because I have spoken   |          | H413                 | H3808    |            |              |         |
| H1696                                |          |                      |          |            |              |         |
| שָׁמָּה                              |          | וְאָקֹרֶא            | לָהֶם    | וְלֹא      |              |         |
| unto them but they have not heard    |          | and I have called    | H0       | H3808      |              |         |
| H8085                                |          | H7121                |          |            |              |         |
| עָנִי:                               |          |                      |          |            |              |         |
| unto them but they have not answered |          |                      |          |            |              |         |
| H6030                                |          |                      |          |            |              |         |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 66:4** (Evil): I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

**Romans 10:21** (References Israel): But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

**Isaiah 65:12** (Evil): Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

**Proverbs 16:2** (References Lord): All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

**Jeremiah 7:13** (References Lord): And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;

**Isaiah 50:2** (Parallel theme): Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.

**Proverbs 13:13** (Parallel theme): Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

**Jeremiah 11:8** (Evil): Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not.

**Jeremiah 32:33** (Parallel theme): And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

**Jeremiah 26:5** (Parallel theme): To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;