

# Jeremiah 44:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

## Analysis

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God says sarcastically 'ye will surely accomplish your vows' to worship the queen of heaven. If they're determined to sin, God will not prevent it - He gives them over to their desires (Rom 1:24-28). This is judicial hardening where God removes restraining grace, allowing sin's natural consequences. 'Accomplish ye vows' is bitter permission, not approval.

## Historical Context

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The women particularly were devoted to queen of heaven worship (44:15-19). God's response acknowledges their determination while pronouncing judgment.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean when God 'gives people over' to their sinful desires?
2. How does persistent sin lead to spiritual hardening?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי	לֹאמֶר	יְהוָה	אֲכֻבָּאֹת	אֱלֹהִים	לִשְׁבָא	לִאמֶר	אַתָּה	מִلְאָאת	וּבִידִיכָּה	מִלְאָאת	וּבִידִיכָּה
H3541	<b>Thus saith</b>	<b>the LORD</b>	<b>of hosts</b>	<b>the God</b>	<b>of Israel</b>	<b>Thus saith</b>					
	H559	H3068	H6635	H430	H3478	H559					H859
וּנְשִׁיכָה	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	בְּפִיכָם	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	רְנָה	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	רְנָה	וְנִשְׁחַט	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	רְנָה	וְנִשְׁחַט	מִתְּנִדְבָּר
Ye and your wives	have both spoken	with your mouths	with your hand				<b>and fulfilled</b>				
H802	H1696	H6310	H3027				H4390				
אֲשֶׁר	נִדְרִיכָם	אַתָּה	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	יְנָה	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	יְנָה	אֲשֶׁר	נִדְרִיכָם	אַתָּה	אֲשֶׁר	נִדְרִיכָם
<b>Thus saith</b>	<b>We will surely</b>	<b>We will surely</b>	H853	<b>our vows</b>	H834						
H559	H6213	H6213		H5088							
וְלֹבֶס	בְּנֵי	פְּשָׁעִים	לְמַלְכָת	לְקַטֵּר	לְמַלְכָת	לְמַלְכָת	וְלֹבֶס	בְּנֵי	פְּשָׁעִים	לְמַלְכָת	וְלֹבֶס
that we have vowed	to burn incense	to the queen	of heaven				<b>and to pour out</b>				
H5087	H6999	H4446	H8064				H5258				
לְהַלְכָה	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	לְהַלְכָה	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	לְהַלְכָה
<sup>הַ</sup> ה	<b>drink offerings</b>	<b>accomplish</b>	<b>accomplish</b>	H853	<b>our vows</b>	H853					
H0	H5262	H6965	H6965		H5088						
גִּדְרִיכָם	אַתָּה	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	יְנָה	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	יְנָה	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	גִּדְרִיכָם	אַתָּה	מִתְּנִדְבָּר	יְנָה	גִּדְרִיכָם
We will surely	We will surely	H853	<b>our vows</b>	H5088							
H6213	H6213										

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 14:9** (Parallel theme): And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.

