

# 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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כֹּה	יֹאמֶר	יְהוָה	צְבָאוֹת	אֱלֹהֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	יֹאמֶר	אֵת
H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	of hosts	the God	of Israel	Thus saith	H859
	H559	H3068	H6635	H430	H3478	H559	
וְנָשֶׁיכֶם	וְתַדְבֵּר רְנָה	בְּפִיכֶם	וּבְיָדְכֶם	מִלֵּאתֶם			
Ye and your wives	have both spoken	with your mouths	with your hand	and fulfilled			
H802	H1696	H6310	H3027	H4390			
יֹאמֶר	תַּעֲשֵׂ יְהוָה	תַּעֲשֵׂ יְהוָה	אֵת	נְדָרֵיכֶם:	אֲשֶׁר		
Thus saith	We will surely	We will surely	H853	our vows	H834		
H559	H6213	H6213		H5088			
נָדָרְנוּ	לְקַטֵּר	לְמַלְכָּת	הַשָּׁמַיִם	וּלְהִסֵּךְ			
that we have vowed	to burn incense	to the queen	of heaven	and to pour out			
H5087	H6999	H4446	H8064	H5258			
לָהּ	נֹסְכִים יִמְנָה	תִּקַּח יִמְנָה	תִּקַּח יִמְנָה	אֵת	נְדָרֵיכֶם:		
H0	drink offerings	accomplish	accomplish	H853	our vows		
	H5262	H6965	H6965		H5088		
תַּעֲשֵׂ יְהוָה	תַּעֲשֵׂ יְהוָה	אֵת	נְדָרֵיכֶם:				
We will surely	We will surely	H853	our vows				
H6213	H6213		H5088				

## 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.

