

# Jeremiah 44:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and sucking, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;

## Analysis

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**Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel**—the messenger formula with triple divine titles (Yahweh, God of hosts, God of Israel) adds solemnity. 'ělōhē šəbā'ôt (God of hosts/armies) emphasizes sovereignty over heavenly and earthly powers. The question **Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your souls** (lāmmâ 'attem 'ōšîm rā'â gədōlâ 'el-napšōtēkem) uses lāmmâ (why?) to express divine incredulity—after witnessing Jerusalem's fate, how can you persist?

**Against your souls** ('el-napšōtēkem) shows sin's self-destructive nature—nepesh (soul, life, self) indicates they're committing spiritual suicide. **To cut off from you man and woman, child and sucking** uses the Hiphil infinitive ləhakrît (to cut off, destroy) with comprehensive categories spanning gender (man/woman) and age (child/nursing infant). This echoes covenant curse language (Deuteronomy 28:18, 32:25), depicting total demographic annihilation. **To leave you none to remain** (ləbiltî haš'îr lākem še'ērît)—the theological term še'ērît (remnant) becomes tragically negative: no remnant will survive. Their idolatry in Egypt ensures they forfeit the remnant status God had offered.

## Historical Context

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This addresses the paradox of the remnant theology. God had promised to preserve a remnant (Jeremiah 23:3, 31:7), but the Egyptian refugees forfeited that promise through continued rebellion. The phrase 'man and woman, child and suckling' emphasizes total population extinction—no future generations would survive. Historical evidence suggests this community in Egypt was eventually absorbed or destroyed, validating Jeremiah's warning.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How is sin ultimately 'against your souls'—an act of spiritual self-harm?
2. What does the comprehensive judgment (all ages, both genders) reveal about the seriousness of corporate covenant rebellion?
3. How can people forfeit 'remnant' status through persistent disobedience despite God's promises?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Habakkuk 2:10** (Parallel theme): Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul.

**Jeremiah 51:22** (Parallel theme): With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;

**Numbers 16:38** (References Lord): The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel.

**Proverbs 15:32** (Parallel theme): He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

**Proverbs 5:22** (Evil): His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

**Jeremiah 7:19** (References Lord): Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

**Jeremiah 44:14** (Parallel theme): So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

**Jeremiah 9:21** (Parallel theme): For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.

**Deuteronomy 32:25** (Parallel theme): The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

**Ezekiel 33:11** (Evil): Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?