

# Jeremiah 7:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

## Analysis

God exposes the absurd logic: 'And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?' (ûbāṭem wa'āmadtem lēpānay babbayit hazzeḥ 'āšer-niqrā-šēmî 'ālāyw wa'āmarttem niṣṣalnû lēma'an 'āsōt 'ēt kol-hatō'ēbōt hā'ēlleh). The verb nāṣal (delivered, saved) typically refers to divine rescue from danger. Jeremiah accuses them of perverting salvation's purpose—instead of deliverance from sin leading to righteousness, they view it as license to sin with impunity. 'To do all these abominations' (lēma'an 'āsōt 'ēt kol-hatō'ēbōt) uses tō'ēbā, a strong term for detestable, abominable acts—especially idolatry and sexual perversion. This exposes the ultimate religious hypocrisy: using God's grace as excuse for continued sin. Paul addresses identical error in Romans 6:1-2: 'Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid.' Genuine salvation produces transformation, not license for immorality.

## Historical Context

This verse captures the perverted theology of Jeremiah's contemporaries. They believed temple worship and covenant status provided unconditional protection regardless of behavior. This allowed them to participate in temple ritual while continuing flagrant covenant violations—a form of cheap grace that divorced justification from sanctification. The prophets consistently condemned this disconnect between worship and ethics (Isaiah 1:10-20, Amos 5:21-24, Micah

6:6-8). Jesus later confronted similar hypocrisy in religious leaders who maintained external piety while hearts remained evil (Matthew 23:25-28). The New Testament teaches that genuine salvation produces transformed life—faith without works is dead (James 2:14-26), and those who continue in sin prove they never knew God (1 John 2:3-6, 3:6-10). Grace that doesn't transform isn't biblical grace but dangerous deception.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. In what ways might you be treating God's grace as license to continue in sin rather than power to be transformed from sin?
2. How does understanding salvation's purpose—deliverance from sin for righteousness—challenge comfortable religion that divorces justification from sanctification?

## Interlinear Text

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And come and stand before me in this house H2088 H834

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 32:34** (Parallel theme): But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.

**Ezekiel 23:39** (Parallel theme): For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

**Jeremiah 7:11** (Parallel theme): Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.

**Jeremiah 34:15** (Parallel theme): And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

**Jeremiah 7:14** (Parallel theme): Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

**Jeremiah 7:30** (Parallel theme): For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

**Ezekiel 23:37** (Parallel theme): That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them.

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