

# Jeremiah 7:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

## Analysis

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The Lord GOD declares He will pour out His anger 'upon this place' (Jerusalem), affecting comprehensively: 'upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground.' This total judgment extends beyond humans to animals, vegetation, and crops. The final phrase 'it shall burn, and shall not be quenched' uses fire imagery for unstoppable judgment. This cosmic scope of judgment reflects Genesis 3's curse—human sin affects all creation. Romans 8:20-22 explains that creation groans under the curse of human rebellion. Reformed theology sees this as demonstrating sin's far-reaching consequences and God's comprehensive judgment.

## Historical Context

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The Babylonian conquest devastated not just Jerusalem's population but also agriculture, livestock, and the land itself. Prolonged siege, warfare, and depopulation left the land desolate.

## Related Passages

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does human sin affect the broader creation beyond just people?
2. What does the comprehensiveness of judgment teach about the seriousness of covenant breaking?
3. How should awareness of sin's cosmic effects shape environmental and ecological perspectives?

## Interlinear Text

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Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD Behold mine anger

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בְּאֹהֶם עַל בֵּן הַמִּקְדָּשׁ וּמְלֵאָה כְּתַתְּנִתְּנָה  
and my fury shall be poured out upon this place

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וְעַל בְּבָהָמָת הַבְּהָמָת וְעַל  
and upon beast and upon the trees of the field

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וְעַל פְּרִי הַאֲדָم הַבָּאָדָם וְלֹא  
and upon the fruit of the ground and it shall burn

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 42:18** (References God): For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

**Isaiah 42:25** (Parallel theme): Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

**Jeremiah 17:27** (Parallel theme): But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

**Jeremiah 44:6** (Parallel theme): Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.

**Nahum 1:6** (Parallel theme): Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

**Ezekiel 22:22** (References Lord): As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

**Lamentations 4:11** (References Lord): The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

**Isaiah 66:24** (Parallel theme): And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

**2 Kings 22:17** (References God): Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.