

Jeremiah 7:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The reason for judgment: '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.' Not only did they practice idolatry generally, but they placed idols in the temple itself—the house bearing God's name. This represents ultimate covenant violation: defiling the sacred space dedicated to Yahweh's worship. The phrase 'in my sight' emphasizes that God witnesses all violations of His holiness. Polluting the temple that bore His name was simultaneously sacrilege and identity theft—claiming to worship Yahweh while serving idols.

Historical Context

Archaeological and biblical evidence confirms that pagan symbols and altars were erected even in the Jerusalem temple during periods of apostasy (2 Kings 21:4-5; Ezekiel 8).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do modern believers risk polluting what bears God's name (the church, our bodies as temples)?
2. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of syncretism and religious compromise?
3. How should reverence for God's holiness inform our worship practices?

Interlinear Text

נָאָם	בְּעֵינִ	רָבָע	בְּרַע	רָע	בְּעֵינִ	נָאָם
H5002	saith					
ה	בָּנִי	ה	יְהוָה	ה	בָּנִי	ה
H3063	of Judah					
רָע	שְׁמַעַ	רָע	רָע	רָע	רָע	רָע
H7451	evil					
בְּרַע	בְּעֵינִ	בְּרַע	בְּרַע	בְּרַע	בְּרַע	בְּרַע
H5869	in my sight					
בְּרַע	בְּרַע	בְּרַע	בְּרַע	בְּרַע	בְּרַע	בְּרַע
H1121	For the children					
have done	H6213					
בָּנִי						
אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר
H834	which is called					
נִזְבָּא						
בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ
H1004	in the house					
שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ
H8251	their abominations					
שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ
H7760	they have set					
יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה
H3068	the LORD					
בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ	בְּבַבְּ
אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר
H7121	which is called					
לְטִמְאָה	לְטִמְאָה	לְטִמְאָה	לְטִמְאָה	לְטִמְאָה	לְטִמְאָה	לְטִמְאָה
H5921	to pollute					
עַל	עַל	עַל	עַל	עַל	עַל	עַל
H2930						
שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ	שְׁמַעַ
H8034	by my name					

Additional Cross-References

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

Ezekiel 7:20 (Parallel theme): As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations and of their detestable things therein: therefore have I set it far from them.

Daniel 9:27 (Parallel theme): And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

2 Kings 21:7 (References Lord): And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

2 Kings 21:4 (References Lord): And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name.

2 Chronicles 33:7 (Parallel theme): And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

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