

### *Cities of Judah Warned*

26:1 **I**N the beginning of the reign of <sup>a</sup>Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, 2 “Thus says the LORD, <sup>a</sup>Stand in the court of the LORD’S house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, who have <sup>b</sup>come to worship *in* the LORD’S house, <sup>c</sup>all the words that I have commanded you to speak to them. <sup>d</sup>Do not omit a word! 3 <sup>a</sup>Perhaps they will listen and everyone will turn from his evil way, that <sup>b</sup>I may repent of the calamity which I am planning to do to them because of the evil of their deeds.’ 4 “And you will say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD, <sup>a</sup>“If you will not listen to Me, to <sup>b</sup>walk in My law, which I have set before you, 5 to listen to the words of <sup>a</sup>My servants the prophets, whom I have been sending to you <sup>1</sup>again and again, but you have not listened; 6 then I will make this house like <sup>a</sup>Shiloh, and this city I will make a <sup>b</sup>curse to all the nations of the earth.’””

### *A Plot to Murder Jeremiah*

7 And the <sup>a</sup>priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. 8 And when Jeremiah finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, <sup>a</sup>“You must die! 9 “Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD saying, ‘This house will be like Shiloh, and this city will be <sup>a</sup>desolate, without inhabitant’?” And <sup>b</sup>all the people gathered about Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 And when the <sup>a</sup>princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and sat in the <sup>b</sup>entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’S *house*. 11 Then the priests and the prophets <sup>a</sup>spoke to the officials and to all the people, saying, “A <sup>b</sup>death sentence for this man! For he has prophesied <sup>c</sup>against this city as you have heard in your hearing.” 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, <sup>a</sup>“The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard. 13 “Now therefore <sup>a</sup>amend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will <sup>1</sup>change His mind about the misfortune which He has pronounced against you. 14 “But as for me, behold, <sup>a</sup>I am in your hands; do with me as is good and right in your sight. 15 “Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring <sup>a</sup>innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

### *Jeremiah Is Spared*

16 Then the officials and all the people <sup>a</sup>said to the priests and to the prophets, “No <sup>b</sup>death sentence for this man! For he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.” 17 Then <sup>a</sup>some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying, 18 <sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, ‘Thus the LORD of hosts has said, <sup>b</sup>“Zion will be plowed *as* a field, And Jerusalem will become ruins,

And the <sup>c</sup>mountain of the house as the <sup>2</sup>high places of a forest.”

19 “Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not <sup>a</sup>fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and <sup>b</sup>the LORD <sup>1</sup>changed His mind about the misfortune which He had pronounced against them? But we are <sup>c</sup>committing a great evil against ourselves.”

**20** Indeed, there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah from <sup>a</sup>Kiriath-jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land words similar to all those of Jeremiah. **21** When King Jehoiakim and all his mighty men and all the officials heard his words, then the <sup>a</sup>king sought to put him to death; but Uriah heard *it*, and he was afraid and <sup>b</sup>fled, and went to Egypt. **22** Then King Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt: <sup>a</sup>Elnathan the son of Achbor and *certain* men with him *went* into Egypt. **23** And they brought Uriah from Egypt and led him to King Jehoiakim, who <sup>a</sup>slew him with a sword, and cast his dead body into the <sup>1</sup>burial place of the <sup>2</sup>common people. **24** But the hand of <sup>a</sup>Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so that he was <sup>b</sup>not given into the hands of the people to put him to death.

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<sup>a</sup> 2 Kin. 23:36; 2 Chr. 36:4, 5

<sup>a</sup> 2 Chr. 24:20, 21; Jer. 7:2; 19:14

<sup>b</sup> Deut. 12:5

<sup>c</sup> Jer. 1:17; 42:4; Matt. 28:20; Acts 20:20, 27

<sup>d</sup> Deut. 4:2

<sup>a</sup> Is. 1:16-19; Jer. 36:3-7

<sup>b</sup> Jer. 18:8; Jon. 3:8

<sup>a</sup> Lev. 26:14; 1 Kin. 9:6; Is. 1:20; Jer. 17:27; 22:5

<sup>b</sup> Jer. 32:23; 44:10, 23

<sup>a</sup> 2 Kin. 9:7; Ezra 9:11; Jer. 7:13; 25:3, 4

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *rising early and sending*

<sup>a</sup> Josh. 18:1; 1 Sam. 4:12; Ps. 78:60, 61; Jer. 7:12, 14

<sup>b</sup> 2 Kin. 22:19; Is. 65:15; Jer. 24:9; 25:18

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 5:31; Mic. 3:11

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 11:19; 18:23; Lam. 4:13, 14; Matt. 21:35, 36; 23:34, 35; 27:20

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 9:11; 33:10

<sup>b</sup> Acts 3:11; 5:12

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 26:21

<sup>b</sup> Jer. 36:10

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 18:23

<sup>b</sup> Deut. 18:20; Matt. 26:66

<sup>c</sup> Jer. 38:4; Acts 6:11-14

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 1:17, 18; 26:15; Amos 7:15; Acts 4:19; 5:29

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 7:3, 5; 18:8, 11; 26:3; 35:15; Joel 2:14; Jon. 3:9; 4:2

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *be sorry for*

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 38:5

<sup>a</sup> Num. 35:33; Prov. 6:16, 17; Jer. 7:6

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 26:11; 36:19, 25; 38:7, 13

<sup>b</sup> Acts 5:34-39; 23:9, 29; 25:25; 26:31

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<sup>a</sup> Acts 5:34

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *Micaiah the Morasthite*

<sup>a</sup> Mic. 1:1

<sup>b</sup> Neh. 4:2; Ps. 79:1; Jer. 9:11; Mic. 3:12

<sup>c</sup> Is. 2:2, 3; Jer. 17:3; Mic. 4:1; Zech. 8:3

<sup>2</sup> Or, *a wooded height*

<sup>a</sup> 2 Chr. 29:6-11; 32:26; Is. 37:1, 4, 15-20

<sup>b</sup> Ex. 32:14; 2 Sam. 24:16

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *was sorry for*

<sup>c</sup> Jer. 44:7; Hab. 2:10

<sup>a</sup> Josh. 9:17; 1 Sam. 6:21; 7:2

<sup>a</sup> 2 Chr. 16:10; 24:21; Jer. 36:26; Matt. 14:5

<sup>b</sup> 1 Kin. 19:2-4; Matt. 10:23

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 36:12

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 2:30

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *graves*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *sons of the people*

<sup>a</sup> 2 Kin. 22:12-14; Jer. 39:14; 40:5-7

<sup>b</sup> 1 Kin. 18:4; Jer. 1:18, 19

<sup>i</sup> *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.