

## Jeremiah 26

King James Version (KJV)

**26** In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying, (**Josiah was the last righteous king of Judah. His son Jehoiakim was an evil, corrupt idol worshipper**)

<sup>2</sup> Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word: (**Preach God's Word to them in the court of God's temple; but do not change a single word that I tell you. This is going to upset some corrupt priests**)

NOTE: (That goes for preachers today. Teach God's Word, chapter by chapter, verse by verse – properly translated. There are some translation errors in the KJV Bible, but there are good tools to help the teacher to find and correct them. Do not preach sermons written by men) Jeremiah-17:5

<sup>3</sup> If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. (**evil = tumult, troubles – better translation**)

(**God will spare the people if they repent and return to Him. HE is angry at what they are doing; but He is always ready to forgive if they repent**)

<sup>4</sup> And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, (**The law is the Ten Commandments**)

<sup>5</sup> To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; (**Warning after warning; prophet after prophet – they refused to change their evil ways. Instead, they persecuted the prophets that God sent to them**)

<sup>6</sup> Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. (**Shiloh means peace or rest, similar to Sabbath. There is no peace on earth without God**)

1Samuel-4:10-11 (Eli was a corrupt priest as were his 2 sons. God killed all three of them because of their great sins. At that time, the Mosaic Tabernacle was in Shiloh. God punished Israel by allowing the Philistines to take the Ark of the Covenant away from the tabernacle in Shiloh)

<sup>7</sup> So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. (This is going to upset the crooked priests. It will also upset the corrupt king. Jeremiah had a lot of courage and a lot of faith in God)

<sup>8</sup> Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. (These are religious community; the priests, false prophets and deacons, who are ready to commit murder)

(What kind of "church" commits murder? The worst part is that the people also wanted to kill Jeremiah. Jesus said – You will know the by their deeds) Matthew-7:17-20

NOTE: (Teach God's Word and you will make some powerful enemies. They even crucified Jesus, who was the living Word) John-1:1

<sup>9</sup> Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. (Here, Jeremiah is a type for Jesus, before His crucifixion)

(They want to kill Jeremiah because he questioned their doctrine. They think that they are doing right by stopping Jeremiah from preaching)

<sup>10</sup> When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house. (The new gate = the east gate - where they used to judge the people. That is similar to our courts today)

<sup>11</sup> Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. (Jeremiah only spoke what God commanded him to speak. He is not guilty of anything criminal)

<sup>12</sup> Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. (Again, God is giving them another chance to repent)

NOTE: (This holds true today as well. Repent and return to God. Walk away from the perversions of political correctness <abortion, homosexuality, greed, envy, lust, etc>. Return to moral correctness in God's Word. Learn it and live by it)

<sup>14</sup> As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. (Jeremiah is not backing down for teaching the Word of God)

<sup>15</sup> But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears. (God will avenge His prophets and His faithful servants. Abuse God's prophets and you will pay the price) See Deuteronomy-19:10

<sup>16</sup> Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God. (These are false prophets and false priests. The government leaders refused to execute Jeremiah, as the priests were asking for. Maybe the rulers and the people were beginning to wake up. Clearly, the false priests and prophets were not)

<sup>17</sup> Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying,

<sup>18</sup> Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest. (The mountain of the house is where God's temple is. The high places of the forest are where the pagan rituals were held to Baal, and to Ishtar, and the other Canaanite deities) Micah-3:12

NOTE: (Ishtar worship is where Easter comes from)

<sup>19</sup> Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and besought the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls. (At least the civil rulers see what is happening. They won't do what the false priests are asking for – to murder Jeremiah)

<sup>20</sup> And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjathjearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah. (Urijah was a second witness to Jeremiah's words)

<sup>21</sup> And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt;

<sup>22</sup> And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him into Egypt. (Assassins)

<sup>23</sup> And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people. (Jehoiakim murdered a prophet. Later, he died a bad death for having done this. His body was left to rot in a ditch by the road)

<sup>24</sup> Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death. (Ahikam was able to intercede on Jeremiah's behalf. Jeremiah was imprisoned, but at least they didn't kill him, like they did to Urijah)