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Book of Jeremiah Chapter 18

24_JER_18_01 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

24_JER_18_02 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

24_JER_18_03 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.

24_JER_18_04 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make [it].

24_JER_18_05 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

24_JER_18_06 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay [is] in the potter's hand, so [are] ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

24_JER_18_07 [At what] instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy [it];

24_JER_18_08 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

24_JER_18_09 And [at what] instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant [it];

24_JER_18_10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

24_JER_18_11 Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

24_JER_18_12 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

24_JER_18_13 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

24_JER_18_14 Will [a man] leave the snow of Lebanon [which cometh] from the rock of the field? [or] shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

24_JER_18_15 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways [from] the ancient paths, to walk in paths, [in] a way not cast up;

24_JER_18_16 To make their land desolate, [and] a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

24_JER_18_17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

24_JER_18_18 Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

24_JER_18_19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

24_JER_18_20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, [and] to turn away thy wrath from them.

24_JER_18_21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their [blood] by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and [be] widows; and let their men be put to death; [let] their young men [be] slain by the sword in battle.

24_JER_18_22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

24_JER_18_23 Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay [me]: forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal [thus] with them in the time of thine anger.