

## Jer. 14:11 DO NOT PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE

**Jer. 14:11** *So the LORD said to me, “Do not pray for the welfare of this people”.*

**Jer. 14:16** *“The people also to whom they are prophesying will be thrown out into the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and there will be no one to bury them — neither them, nor their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters — for I shall pour out their own wickedness on them.”*

Yeshua and Jeremiah both spoke of terrible judgments coming to Jerusalem and the world, which no-one wanted to hear. The people did not listen to Jeremiah and the temple and city were destroyed, the people were taken into captivity by the Babylonians. The same thing that happened many years ago is happening today, people refuse to listen to the instructions and therefore it is questionable whether or not we should even pray for them. Jeremiah was told not to bother, so should we bother? **Prov. 28:9** If a person will not listen to the law, even his prayer is an abomination. “The cellular customer you are trying to reach is unavailable”

With this in mind you will understand why Yeshua said what He did in Matthew. **Matt. 16:15-16** *He \*said to them, “But **who do you say that I am?**” 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, “Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”* At the time of Yeshua the people were expecting some great prophet like Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Eliyah, or Elisha to be re-incarnated so to speak. The people knew that in the scroll of Jeremiah Yah said He would send someone some day to pour out wickedness on those who did not believe in or pursue torah as Jeremiah clearly warned them about. They thought Yeshua might be Jeremiah come back to haunt them. That is why Yeshua asked the followers "who do they say I am".

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