

Jeremiah 1

King James Version (KJV)

(A prophet sent to Judah)

(Jeremiah's ministry began about 13 years into Josiah's reign and lasted about 40 years. He began his ministry at about 21. There are 51 prophecies in this book. Many things that happen today pertain to Jeremiah's prophecies)

1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: (Anathoth was one of the priest's cities; Jeremiah = whom God raises up - whom God launches forth; Hilkiah = Yah is my portion; Anathoth = answer to prayer)

(Anathoth was a Priests' city; about 3 miles NE of Jerusalem)

²To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. (Josiah = whom Yah heals)

(Josiah was the last good king of Judah. Under him, Judah returned to God. They found the scrolls of the torah, buried under rubble in the temple. They had to ask a prophetess what these scrolls were)

(They had drifted that far away from God. Josiah renewed the covenant with God and returned the people away from idolatry and back to worshipping Yahoveh)

(After Josiah's death, his sons and the people of Judah eagerly returned to idolatry and turned their backs on Yahoveh. Jeremiah, had a very rough life as a prophet of Yahoveh in this corrupt and heathen society)

³It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. (Jehoiakim & Jehoiakin only ruled about 3 months each)

(Zedekiah was the last king of Judah. Zedekiah and his sons were executed by Nebuchadnezzar <king of Babylon> for their betrayal of their oath of loyalty to him)

(Zedekiah's daughters, however, were spared. They would go on with Jeremiah to travel to Egypt, and then to southern England to keep God's Word alive. Their travels are historic; some of it is covered in the Bible)

(God gave up on the heathen people of Judah. HE judged them to go into captivity to the Babylonians for 70 years)

⁴Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

⁵Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. (God chose him in the First Age. Although he was sent to Judah, Jeremiah's prophecies apply today to all nations today)

NOTE: (We were all created during the First Age. We pass through the flesh in the Second Age to be tested. Do we choose to follow God or do we follow the ways of this world? Those who pass the test will live for the eternity in the Third Age) See 2Peter, and many other examples

⁶Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. (Jeremiah was only 21 years old. It seemed to him that he was too young to be a prophet)

(God can use whoever He chooses. God blessed Jeremiah and gave him the wisdom that he needed to fulfill his ministry)

⁷But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. (This is also prophetic for the Elect. They will be delivered up to the antichrist)

(The Holy Spirit of God will do the speaking, through the Elect; when they testify against antichrist, in the end days) See Mark-13

⁸Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. (If God is with you, no one can stand against you)

⁹Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. (God also did this in Ezekiel-33:22 – "HE touched me and I was no longer dumb")

¹⁰ See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. (Judah and Israel had fallen into idolatry and heathenism. They worshipped false gods that the heathen had brought in)

(Jeremiah was sent to destroy idolatry; and then to rebuild and restore the worship of God)

(God = Yahoveh = I Am That I Am) Exodus-3:14

¹¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. (This is a rod for correction)

(The almond, the "early waker" or the watcher, is one of the first trees to awaken and sprout in the spring. God expects us to wake early and see the truth, as His watchmen)

¹² Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

¹³ And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north. (Seething = boiling)

(In the end days, Satan <as antichrist> will set up his throne on the north side of Zion; where God's throne is supposed to be. He will present himself as messiah. People will fall for his lies and worship him)

¹⁴ Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. In Ezekiel-38,39 (Rosh = Russ = Russia <today>)

(Esau <Russia> will come from the north into Jerusalem in the end times. They will probably be allied with the Muslim nations)

(The enemy will come from the north at the battles of Armageddon & Haman-Gog. God will fight those battles for us) see Ezekiel

¹⁵ For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls

thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. (In those days, it was Babylon that would come)

(In the end times, it will be Russia <the former communist nations> and the Muslim nations that will surround Jerusalem and the Christian nations)

¹⁶ And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. (This is God's judgment upon Judah, for their idolatry and their perversions)

¹⁷ Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. (Men wore skirts. To gird up was to bring up your belt between your legs to be ready to do battle; turning a skirt into a pair of shorts. Girding up was how men prepared to do battle)

(Do what God commands and do it His way, or you will be ashamed before the world)

Also see Ephesians-6:11->on (This is the Spiritual Armor of God that we will put on in the end days. There is no rapture, as ignorant preachers teach. We will all be here to stand against antichrist)

¹⁸ For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. (Judah had become a wasteland of traditions of men and idolatry)

(Today the Christian nations are falling to multiculturalism, atheism, socialism and political correctness. It's all the same thing to God. We will be judged for our actions; just like Judah was judged for their actions)

¹⁹ And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee. (God never loses, regardless of how many are against Him)