

Jeremiah 20

King James Version (KJV)

20 Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. (Immer = talkative)

(Pashur was probably a wind bag, teaching false doctrine. That's what got these guys in trouble with God in the first place)

²Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the LORD. (These priests are the biggest offenders against God)

(They brought idol worship into the temple itself. They taught traditions of men, instead of the Word of God, unchanged. They also taught the people to worship heathen idols and to take part in their services)

(Pashur saw Jeremiah as a threat to their doctrines. He wanted him dead, just as the Kenites wanted Jesus dead. Teach God's Word and you will make some powerful enemies in this world)

³And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but Magormissabib. (Pashur = noble; Magormissabib = terror on every side <in Aramaic>)

(The new name is given in Aramaic, because that would soon be their new language; after Babylonians defeated them)

⁴For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. (Hurt the prophets of God, and He will avenge them)

(God, through Nebuchadnezzar, killed King Zedekiah and all of his sons for the evil that they did to God's prophets. God uses whoever He wishes to execute His judgments. God even called Nebuchadnezzar "my servant") see Jeremiah-27:6

⁵ Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. (They lost everything, including their freedom, when they abandoned God. Their heathen idols couldn't save them when the enemy came)

NOTE: (Today, we are again moving away from God as a nation. Our labors <jobs> are going overseas along with our wealth and our prosperity. We are gradually sinking deeper and deeper into perversion and poverty because of government and religious corruption)

⁶ And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies. (God hates liars and false preachers. Pashur and his cronies have just been sentenced to death at the hands of the Babylonians)

⁷ O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. (deceived = persuaded, induced, convinced – bad translation)

(God doesn't deceive. He persuaded Jeremiah to step up and speak the truth. He was mocked by the people for preaching God's Word, but that's nothing new. Even today, Christians are mocked everywhere; even in the so called Christian nations)

⁸ For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily. (The people didn't receive God's Word well, and blamed Jeremiah for having delivered God's Word to them. The same thing happens today, if someone calls out their delusions or their false teachings)

⁹ Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay. (He had to speak the truth; even to the point of being persecuted and imprisoned. That is the mark of a true prophet of God)

¹⁰ For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against

him, and we shall take our revenge on him. (They meant to harm Jeremiah, if he didn't stop preaching. They said - let him speak so that we can catch him saying something that we can hang him for)

(These people were Kenites and evil Jews. Their descendants later crucified Jesus. They also twisted Jesus' words against Him; in order to crucify Him)

¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten. (terrible = awesome – bad translation) (They cannot defeat Almighty God. HE will avenge His faithful followers)

¹² But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause. (Jeremiah committed himself to preach God's Word, even if the people abused him for it. He was a good example for the Elect in the end times)

¹³ Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers. (praise ye the LORD = Hallelujah <in the Hebrew>)

(God protects His faithful followers) See Revelation-9:4

¹⁴ Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed. Quoting Job-3:3 (Being a faithful follower of God will bring persecution from the world)

¹⁵ Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad. (Jeremiah is feeling sorry for himself, because of the constant persecution from the religious community)

¹⁶ And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide;

¹⁷ Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me.

¹⁸ Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow,
that my days should be consumed with shame? (Jeremiah was shamed
by the world; but he received joy and peace of mind from God)

NOTE: (Jeremiah made a big difference in bringing people closer to
God over the centuries, since this Book was penned)