

## ~JEREMIAH 6 (957)

(Jer-e-mi'ah) [possibly, Yehowah Exalts, or, Yehowah Loosens, likely from the womb]

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- A prophet, the son of Hilkiah, a priest of Anathoth, a city of the priests located in Benjamin's territory less than 5 kilometers (3 miles) North-Northeast of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.
- The words of **Jeremiah** the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. (**Jeremiah 1:1**)
- And to the sons of Aaron the priest they gave the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, Hebron, and its pasture ground, also Libnah and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:13**)
- And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon and its pasture ground, Geba and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:17**)
- Anathoth and its pasture ground, and Almon and its pasture ground, four cities. (**Joshua 21:18**)
- Jeremiah's father, Hilkiah, was not the High Priest of that name, who was of the line of Eleazar. Jeremiah's father was very likely of the line of Ithamar and possibly descended from Abiathar, the priest whom King Solomon dismissed from priestly service.
- And to Abiathar the priest the king said; Go to Anathoth to your fields! For you are deserving of death, but on this day I shall not put you to death, because you carried the ark of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah before David my father, and because you suffered affliction during all the time that my father suffered affliction. (**1 Kings 2:26**)
- So Solomon drove out Abiathar from serving as a priest of Yehowah, to fulfill Yehowah's word that he had spoken against

the house of Eli in Shiloh. (1 Kings 2:27)

### • Commissioned as Prophet.

- **Jeremiah** was called to be a prophet when a young man, in **647 B.C.E.**, in the 13th year of the reign of King Josiah of Judah, **659-629 B.C.E.**
- **Yehowah** told him;
- To whom the word of Yehowah occurred in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, the king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reigning. (**Jeremiah 1:2**)
- And it kept on occurring in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, until the completion of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, until Jerusalem went into exile in the fifth month. (**Jeremiah 1:3**)
- And the word of Yehowah began to occur to me, saying; (**Jeremiah 1:4**)
- Before I was forming you in the belly I knew you, and before you proceeded to come forth from the womb I sanctified you. Prophet to the nations I made you. (**Jeremiah 1:5**)
- He was therefore one of the few men for whose birth Yehowah assumed responsibility intervening by a miracle or by a guiding providence that they might be his special servants. Among these men are Isaac, Samson, Samuel, John the Baptizer, and Jesus.

### See Also FOREKNOWLEDGE, FOREORDINATION

- When Yehowah spoke to him, **Jeremiah** showed diffidence. He replied to God; Alas, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah! Here I actually do not know how to speak, for I am but a boy.
- But I said; Alas, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah! Here I actually do not know how to speak, for I am but a boy. (**Jeremiah 1:6**)
- From this remark of his, and comparing his boldness and firmness during his prophetic ministry, it can be seen that such unusual strength was not a thing inherent in **Jeremiah**, but actually came from full reliance on Yehowah.

- Truly Yehowah was with him, like a terrible mighty one, and it was Yehowah who made **Jeremiah**, a fortified city and an iron pillar and copper walls against all the land.
- But Yehowah was with me like a terrible mighty one. That is why the very ones persecuting me will stumble and not prevail. They will certainly be put to much shame, because they will not have prospered. Their indefinitely lasting humiliation will be one that will not be forgotten. (**Jeremiah 20:11**)
- But as for me, here I have made you today a fortified city and an iron pillar and copper walls against all the land, toward the kings of Judah, toward her princes, toward her priests and toward the people of the land. (**Jeremiah 1:18**)
- And they will be certain to fight against you, but they will not prevail against you, for, I am with you, is the utterance of Yehowah, to deliver you. (**Jeremiah 1:19**)
- **Jeremiah's** reputation for courage and boldness was such that some during Jesus earthly ministry took him to be **Jeremiah** returned to life.
- Now when he had come into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus went asking his disciples; Who are men saying the Son of man is? (**Matthew 16:13**)
- They said; Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others **Jeremiah** or one of the prophets. (**Matthew 16:14**)

## •• Writings

- **Jeremiah** was a researcher and a historian as well as a prophet. He wrote the book bearing his name and is also generally credited with writing the books of First and Second Kings, covering the history of both kingdoms, Judah and Israel, from the point where the books of Samuel left off, that is, in the latter part of David's reign over all Israel, down to the end of both kingdoms.
- His chronology of the period of the kings, using the method of comparison or collation of the reigns of Israel's and Judah's kings, helps us to establish the dates of certain events with accuracy. After the fall of Jerusalem, **Jeremiah** wrote the book of Lamentations.

## •• Strong Denunciatory Message

- **Jeremiah was no chronic complainer.** Rather, he showed himself to be loving, considerate, and sympathetic. He exercised fine control and marvelous endurance and was moved to great sadness by the conduct of his people and the judgments they suffered.
- Over the breakdown of the daughter of my people I have become shattered. I have grown sad. Outright astonishment has seized hold of me. (Jeremiah 8:21)
- Actually, it was Yehowah who made the complaint against Judah, and justifiably so, and Jeremiah was under obligation to declare it unremittingly, which he did. Also, it must be borne in mind that Israel was God's nation, bound to him by covenant and under his law, which they were grossly violating.
- As basis and solid ground for Jeremiah's denunciations, Yehowah repeatedly pointed to the Law, calling attention to the responsibility of the princes and the people and recounting wherein they had broken the Law.
- Time and again Yehowah called attention to the things he, through his prophet Moses, had warned them would come upon them if they refused to listen to his words and broke his covenant. (Leviticus Chapter 26)(Deuteronomy Chapter 28)

## •• Courage, Endurance, Love

- **Jeremiah's** courage and endurance were matched by his love for his people. He had scathing denunciations and fearful judgments to proclaim, especially to the priests, prophets, and rulers and to those who took the popular course and had developed an enduring unfaithfulness.
- Why is it that this people, Jerusalem, is unfaithful with an enduring unfaithfulness? They have taken hold of trickiness, they have refused to turn back. (Jeremiah 8:5)
- I have paid attention, and I kept listening. It was not right the way they kept speaking. There was not a man repenting over his badness, saying; What have I done? Each one is going back into the popular course, like a horse that is dashing into the battle.

**(Jeremiah 8:6)**

- **Yet he appreciated that his commission was also to build and to plant.**
- **See, I have commissioned you this day to be over the nations and over the kingdoms, in order to uproot and to pull down and to destroy and to tear down, to build and to plant. (Jeremiah 1:10)**
- **He wept over the calamity that was to come to Jerusalem.**
- **Over the breakdown of the daughter of my people I have become shattered. I have grown sad. Outright astonishment has seized hold of me. (Jeremiah 8:21)**
- **Is there no balsam in Gilead? Or is there no healer there? Why is it, then, that the recuperation of the daughter of my people has not come up? (Jeremiah 8:22)**
- **O that my head were waters, and that my eyes were a source of tears! Then I could weep day and night for the slain ones of the daughter of my people. (Jeremiah 9:1)**
- **The book of Lamentations is an evidence of his love and concern for Yehowah's name and people. In spite of cowardly, vacillating King Zedekiah's treacherousness toward him, Jeremiah pleaded with him to obey the voice of Yehowah and continue living.**
- **And the princes began to say to the king; Let this man, please, be put to death, for that is how he is weakening the hands of the men of war who are left remaining in this city and the hands of all the people, by speaking to them according to these words. For this man is one seeking not for the peace of this people but for calamity. (Jeremiah 38:4)**
- **So King Zedekiah said; Look! He is in your hands. For there is nothing at all in which the king himself can prevail against you. (Jeremiah 38:5)**
- **Then King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah; I am in fright of the Jews that have fallen away to the Chaldeans, for fear that they might give me into their hand and they might actually deal abusively with me. (Jeremiah 38:19)**

- **But Jeremiah said; They will do no such giving. Obey, please, the voice of Yehowah in what I am speaking to you, and it will go well with you, and your soul will continue to live. (Jeremiah 38:20)**
- **But if you are refusing to go out, this is the thing that Yehowah has caused me to see. (Jeremiah 38:21)**
- **And, look! All the women that have been left remaining in the house of the king of Judah are being brought out to the princes of the king of Babylon, and they are saying; The men at peace with you have allured you and prevailed over you. They have caused your foot to sink down into the very ooze, they have retreated in the opposite direction. (Jeremiah 38:22)**
- **And all your wives and your sons they are bringing out to the Chaldeans, and you yourself will not escape out of their hand, but by the hand of the king of Babylon you will be seized, and because of you this city will be burned with fire. (Jeremiah 38:23)**
- **Furthermore, Jeremiah had no self-righteous attitude but included himself when acknowledging the wickedness of the nation.**
- **We do acknowledge, O Yehowah, our wickedness, the error of our forefathers, for we have sinned against you. (Jeremiah 14:20)**
- **Do not disrespect us for the sake of your name, do not despise your glorious throne. Remember, do not break your covenant with us. (Jeremiah 14:21)**
- **After his release by Nebuzaradan, he hesitated to leave those being taken into Babylonian exile, perhaps feeling that he should share their lot or desiring to serve their spiritual interests further.**
- **And he was yet not one that would return, when Nebuzaradan said; Do return to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has commissioned over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him in the midst of the people, or to wherever it is right in your eyes to go, go. And the chief of the bodyguard then gave him a food allowance and a present and let him go. (Jeremiah 40:5)**

- At times in his long career **Jeremiah** became discouraged and required Yehowah's assurance, but even in adversity he did not forsake calling on Yehowah for help. (**Jeremiah Chapter 20**)

## ·· **Associations**

- Through all of his more than 40 years of prophetic service, **Jeremiah** was not abandoned. Yehowah was with him to deliver him from his enemies.

- And they will be certain to fight against you, but they will not prevail against you, for, I am with you, is the utterance of Yehowah, to deliver you. (**Jeremiah 1:19**)

- **Jeremiah** took delight in Yehowah's word.

- Your words were found, and I proceeded to eat them, and your word becomes to me the exultation and the rejoicing of my heart, for your name has been called upon me, O Yehowah God of armies. (**Jeremiah 15:16**)

- He avoided association with those who had no consideration for God.

- I have not sat down in the intimate group of those playing jokes and begun exulting. Because of your hand I have sat down all by myself, for it is with denunciation that you have filled me. (**Jeremiah 15:17**)

- He found good associates among whom he could do building up work.

- See, I have commissioned you this day to be over the nations and over the kingdoms, in order to uproot and to pull down and to destroy and to tear down, to build and to plant. (**Jeremiah 1:10**)

- Namely, the Rechabites, Ebed-melech, and Baruch. Through these friends he was assisted and delivered from death, and more than once Yehowah's power was manifested in protecting him.

- And the priests and the prophets and all the people began to hear **Jeremiah** speaking these words in the house of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 26:7**)

- So it came about that when **Jeremiah** had completed speaking all that Yehowah had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying; You will positively die. (**Jeremiah 26:8**)
- Why is it that you have prophesied in the name of Yehowah, saying; Like that in Shiloh is how this house will become, and this very city will be devastated so as to be without an inhabitant? And all the people kept congregating themselves about **Jeremiah** in the house of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 26:9**)
- In time the princes of Judah got to hear these words, and they proceeded to come up from the house of the king to the house of Yehowah and to sit down in the entrance of the new gate of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 26:10**)
- And the priests and the prophets began to say to the princes and to all the people; To this man the judgment of death belongs, because he has prophesied concerning this city just as you have heard with your own ears. (**Jeremiah 26:11**)
- At that **Jeremiah** said to all the princes and to all the people; It was Yehowah that sent me to prophesy concerning this house and concerning this city all the words that you have heard. (**Jeremiah 26:12**)
- And now make your ways and your dealings good, and obey the voice of Yehowah your God, and Yehowah will feel regret for the calamity that he has spoken against you. (**Jeremiah 26:13**)
- And as for me, here I am in your hand. Do to me according to what is good and according to what is right in your eyes. (**Jeremiah 26:14**)
- Only you should by all means know that, if you are putting me to death, it is innocent blood that you are putting upon yourselves and upon this city and upon her inhabitants, for in truth Yehowah did send me to you to speak in your ears all these words. (**Jeremiah 26:15**)
- Then the princes and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets; There is no judgment of death belonging to this man, for it was in the name of Yehowah our God that he spoke to us. (**Jeremiah 26:16**)



- Furthermore, certain ones of the older men of the land rose up and began saying to all the congregation of the people: **(Jeremiah 26:17)**
- Micah of Moresheth himself happened to be prophesying in the days of Hezekiah the king of Judah and went on to say to all the people of Judah, This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Zion herself will be plowed up as a mere field, and Jerusalem herself will become mere heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the House will be for high places of a forest. **(Jeremiah 26:18)**
- Did Hezekiah the king of Judah and all those of Judah by any means put him to death? Did he not fear Yehowah and proceed to soften the face of Yehowah, so that Yehowah got to feeling regret for the calamity that he had spoken against them? So we are working up a great calamity against our souls. **(Jeremiah 26:19)**
- And there also happened to be a man prophesying in the name of Yehowah, Urijah the son of Shemaiah from Kiriath-jearim. And he kept prophesying against this city and against this land in accord with all the words of **Jeremiah**. **(Jeremiah 26:20)**
- And King Jehoiakim and all his mighty men and all the princes got to hear his words, and the king began seeking to put him to death. When Urijah got to hear of it he at once became afraid and ran away and came into Egypt. **(Jeremiah 26:21)**
- But King Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor and other men with him to Egypt. **(Jeremiah 26:22)**
- And they proceeded to bring Urijah out from Egypt and to bring him to King Jehoiakim, who then struck him down with the sword and cast his dead body into the graveyard of the sons of the people. **(Jeremiah 26:23)**
- Moreover, it was the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan that proved to be with **Jeremiah**, in order not to give him into the hand of the people to have him put to death. **(Jeremiah 26:24)**
- The word that occurred to **Jeremiah** from Yehowah in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, saying; **(Jeremiah 35:1)**

- **Go to the house of the Rechabites, and you must speak with them and bring them into the house of Yehowah, to one of the dining rooms, and you must give them wine to drink. (Jeremiah 35:2)**
- **So I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah the son of Habazziniah and his brothers, and all his sons, and all the household of the Rechabites. (Jeremiah 35:3)**
- **And I proceeded to bring them into the house of Yehowah, to the dining room of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, a man of the true God, which was beside the dining room of the princes that was above the dining room of Maaseiah the son of Shallum the doorkeeper. (Jeremiah 35:4)**
- **Then I put before the sons of the house of the Rechabites cups full of wine and goblets and said to them; Drink wine. (Jeremiah 35:5)**
- **But they said; We shall drink no wine, because Jonadab the son of Rechab, our forefather, was the one that laid the command upon us, saying; You must drink no wine, neither you nor your sons, to time indefinite. (Jeremiah 35:6)**
- **And no house must you build, and no seed must you sow, and no vineyard must you plant, nor must it come to be yours. But in tents you should dwell all your days, in order, that you may keep living many days upon the surface of the ground where you are residing as aliens. (Jeremiah 35:7)**
- **So we keep obeying the voice of Jehonadab the son of Rechab our forefather in everything that he commanded us by drinking no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons and our daughters. (Jeremiah 35:8)**
- **And by not building houses for us to dwell in, so that no vineyard or field or seed should become ours. (Jeremiah 35:9)**
- **And we keep dwelling in tents and obeying and doing according to all that Jonadab our forefather commanded us. (Jeremiah 35:10)**
- **But it came about when Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon**

- came up against the land that we began to say; Come, and let us enter into Jerusalem because of the military force of the Chaldeans and because of the military force of the Syrians, and let us dwell in Jerusalem. (**Jeremiah 35:11**)
- And the word of Yehowah proceeded to occur to **Jeremiah**, saying; (**Jeremiah 35:12**)
  - This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Go, and you must say to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; Did you not continually receive exhortation to obey my words? Is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 35:13**)
  - There has been a carrying out of the words of Jehonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons, to drink no wine, and they have drunk none down to this day, because they have obeyed the commandment of their forefather. And as for me, I have spoken to you men, rising up early and speaking, but you have not obeyed me. (**Jeremiah 35:14**)
  - And I kept sending to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying; Turn back, please, each one from his bad way, and make your dealings good, and do not walk after other gods to serve them. And keep dwelling on the ground that I have given to you and to your forefathers. But you did not incline your ear, nor did you listen to me. (**Jeremiah 35:15**)
  - But the sons of Jehonadab the son of Rechab have carried out the commandment of their forefather that he commanded them, but as for this people, they have not listened to me. (**Jeremiah 35:16**)
  - Therefore this is what Yehowah, the God of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Here I am bringing upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the calamity that I have spoken against them, for the reason that I have spoken to them but they did not listen, and I kept calling to them but they did not answer. (**Jeremiah 35:17**)
  - And to the household of the Rechabites **Jeremiah** said; This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; For the reason that you have obeyed the commandment of Jehonadab your forefather and continue keeping all his commandments and doing according to all that he commanded you. (**Jeremiah 35:18**)

- Therefore this is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; There will not be cut off from Jonadab the son of Rechab a man to stand before me always. (**Jeremiah 35:19**)
- Finally the princes said to Baruch; Go, conceal yourself, you and **Jeremiah**, so that no one at all will know where you men are. (**Jeremiah 36:19**)
- Then they came in to the king, to the courtyard, and the roll they entrusted to the dining room of Elishama the secretary, and they began to tell all the words in the ears of the king. (**Jeremiah 36:20**)
- So the king sent Jehudi out to get the roll. Accordingly he got it out of the dining room of Elishama the secretary. And Jehudi began to read it aloud in the ears of the king and in the ears of all the princes standing by the king. (**Jeremiah 36:21**)
- And the king was sitting in the winter house, in the ninth month, with a brazier burning before him. (**Jeremiah 36:22**)
- Then it came about that as soon as Jehudi had read three or four page-columns, he proceeded to tear it apart with the secretary's knife, pitching it also into the fire that was in the brazier until all the roll ended up in the fire that was in the brazier. (**Jeremiah 36:23**)
- And they felt no dread, neither did the king and all his servants, who were listening to all these words, rip their garments apart. (**Jeremiah 36:24**)
- And even Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah themselves pleaded with the king not to burn the roll, but he did not listen to them. (**Jeremiah 36:25**)
- Further, the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of the king and Seraiah the son of Azriel and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel to get Baruch the secretary and **Jeremiah** the prophet. But Yehowah kept them concealed. (**Jeremiah 36:26**)
- And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a man who was a eunuch and who was in the house of the king, got to hear that they had put **Jeremiah** into the cistern, and the king was sitting in the Gate of

**Benjamin. (Jeremiah 38:7)**

- So Ebed-melech went out of the house of the king and spoke to the king, saying; **(Jeremiah 38:8)**
- O my lord the king, these men have done bad in all that they have done to **Jeremiah** the prophet, whom they have thrown into the cistern, so that he will die where he is because of the famine. For there is no bread anymore in the city. **(Jeremiah 38:9)**
- Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying; Take in your charge from this place thirty men, and you must get **Jeremiah** the prophet up out of the cistern before he dies. **(Jeremiah 38:10)**
- Accordingly Ebed-melech took the men in his charge and went into the house of the king to beneath the treasury and took from there worn-out rags and worn-out pieces of cloth and let them down to **Jeremiah** into the cistern by means of the ropes. **(Jeremiah 38:11)**
- Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to **Jeremiah**; Put, please, the worn-out rags and the pieces of cloth under your armpits beneath the ropes. **Jeremiah** now did so. **(Jeremiah 38:12)**
- Finally they drew out **Jeremiah** by means of the ropes and brought him up out of the cistern. And **Jeremiah** continued to dwell in the Courtyard of the Guard. **(Jeremiah 38:13)**
- Furthermore, Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon gave command concerning **Jeremiah** by means of Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard, saying; **(Jeremiah 39:11)**
- Take him and keep your own eyes set upon him, and do not do to him anything bad at all. But just as he may speak to you, so do with him. **(Jeremiah 39:12)**
- Accordingly Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard and Nebushazban the Rabsaris, and Nergal-sharezer the Rabmag and all the principal men of the king of Babylon sent. **(Jeremiah 39:13)**
- They even proceeded to send and take **Jeremiah** out of the Courtyard of the Guard and give him over to Gedaliah the son of

Ahikam the son of Shaphan, in order to bring him forth to his house, that he might dwell in the midst of the people. (**Jeremiah 39:14**)

- The word that occurred to **Jeremiah** from Yehowah after Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard sent him from Ramah, when he took him while he was bound with handcuffs in the midst of all the exiles of Jerusalem and of Judah, who were being taken into exile in Babylon. (**Jeremiah 40:1**)
- Then the chief of the bodyguard took **Jeremiah** and said to him; Yehowah your God himself spoke this calamity against this place. (**Jeremiah 40:2**)
- That Yehowah might bring it true and do just as he has spoken, because you people have sinned against Yehowah and have not obeyed his voice. And this thing has happened to you. (**Jeremiah 40:3**)
- And now, look! I have let you loose today from the handcuffs that were upon your hands. If it is good in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, come, and I shall keep my eye upon you. But if it is bad in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, refrain. See! The entire land is before you. To wherever it is good and right in your eyes to go, go there. (**Jeremiah 40:4**)
- And he was yet not one that would return, when Nebuzaradan said; Do return to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has commissioned over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him in the midst of the people, or to wherever it is right in your eyes to go, go. And the chief of the bodyguard then gave him a food allowance and a present and let him go. (**Jeremiah 40:5**)

### •• Dramatic Illustrations

- **Jeremiah** performed several small dramas as symbols to Jerusalem of her condition and the calamity to come to her. There was his visit to the house of the potter.
- The word that occurred to **Jeremiah** from Yehowah, saying; (**Jeremiah 18:1**)
- Rise up, and you must go down to the house of the potter, and

- there I shall cause you to hear my words. (**Jeremiah 18:2**)
- **And I proceeded to go down to the house of the potter, and there he was doing work upon the potter's wheels. (Jeremiah 18:3)**
  - **And the vessel that he was making with the clay was spoiled by the potter's hand, and he turned back and went making it into another vessel, just as it looked right in the eyes of the potter to make. (Jeremiah 18:4)**
  - **And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; (Jeremiah 18:5)**
  - **Am I not able to do just like this potter to you people, O house of Israel, is the utterance of Yehowah? Look! As the clay in the hand of the potter, so you are in my hand, O house of Israel. (Jeremiah 18:6)**
  - **At any moment that I may speak against a nation and against a kingdom to uproot it and to pull it down and to destroy it. (Jeremiah 18:7)**
  - **And that nation actually turns back from its badness against which I spoke, I will also feel regret over the calamity that I had thought to execute upon it. (Jeremiah 18:8)**
  - **But at any moment that I may speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom to build it up and to plant it. (Jeremiah 18:9)**
  - **And it actually does what is bad in my eyes by not obeying my voice, I will also feel regret over the good that I said to myself to do for its good. (Jeremiah 18:10)**
  - **And now say, please, to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; This is what Yehowah has said; Here I am forming against you a calamity and thinking against you a thought. Turn back, please, each one from his bad way, and make your ways and your dealings good. (Jeremiah 18:11)**
  - **And the incident of the ruined belt.**
  - **This is what Yehowah has said to me; Go, and you must get for yourself a linen belt and put it upon your hips, but you must not**

bring it into any water. (**Jeremiah 13:1**)

- So I got the belt in accord with the word of Yehowah and put it upon my hips. (**Jeremiah 13:2**)
- And the word of Yehowah proceeded to occur to me a second time, saying; (**Jeremiah 13:3**)
- Take the belt that you got, that is upon your hips, and rise up, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the crag. (**Jeremiah 13:4**)
- So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, just as Yehowah had commanded me. (**Jeremiah 13:5**)
- But it came about at the end of many days that Yehowah proceeded to say to me; Rise up, go to the Euphrates and take from there the belt that I commanded you to hide there. (**Jeremiah 13:6**)
- Accordingly I went to the Euphrates and dug and took the belt from the place in which I had hid it, and, look! The belt had been ruined, it was not fit for anything. (**Jeremiah 13:7**)
- Then the word of Yehowah occurred to me, saying; (**Jeremiah 13:8**)
- This is what Yehowah has said; In the same way I shall bring to ruin the pride of Judah and the abundant pride of Jerusalem. (**Jeremiah 13:9**)
- This bad people who are refusing to obey my words, who are walking in the stubbornness of their heart and who keep walking after other gods in order to serve them and to bow down to them, will also become just like this belt that is fit for nothing. (**Jeremiah 13:10**)
- For just as a belt clings to the hips of a man, so I caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling even to me, is the utterance of Yehowah, in order to become to me a people and a name and a praise and something beautiful, but they did not obey. (**Jeremiah 13:11**)



- **Jeremiah** was commanded not to marry, this served as a warning of the deaths from maladies of the children who would be born during those last days of Jerusalem.

- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; **(Jeremiah 16:1)**

- You must not take for yourself a wife, and you must not come to have sons and daughters in this place. **(Jeremiah 16:2)**

- For this is what Yehowah has said concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who are giving them birth and concerning their fathers who are causing their birth in this land. **(Jeremiah 16:3)**

- With deaths from maladies they will die. They will not be bewailed, neither will they be buried. As manure upon the surface of the ground they will become, and by the sword and by famine they will come to an end, and their dead bodies will actually serve as food for the flying creatures of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth. **(Jeremiah 16:4)**

- He broke a flask before the older men of Jerusalem as a symbol of the impending smashing of the city.

- This is what Yehowah said; Go, and you must get an earthenware flask of a potter and some of the older men of the people and some of the older men of the priests. **(Jeremiah 19:1)**

- And you must go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is at the entrance of the Gate of the Potsherds. And there you must proclaim the words that I shall speak to you. **(Jeremiah 19:2)**

- And you must break the flask before the eyes of the men who are going with you. **(Jeremiah 19:10)**

- And you must say to them; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; In the same way I shall break this people and this city as someone breaks the vessel of the potter so that it is no more able to be repaired, and in Topheth they will bury until there is no more place to bury. **(Jeremiah 19:11)**

- **He repurchased a field from his paternal uncle's son Hanamel as a figure of the restoration to come after the 70 years exile, when fields would again be bought in Judah.**
- **In time Hanamel the son of my paternal uncle came in to me, according to the word of Yehowah, into the Courtyard of the Guard, and proceeded to say to me; Buy, please, the field of mine that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin, for the right of hereditary possession is yours, and the repurchasing power is yours. Buy it for yourself. At that I knew that it had been the word of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 32:8)**
- **So I proceeded to buy from Hanamel the son of my paternal uncle the field that was in Anathoth. And I began to weigh out to him the money, seven shekels and ten silver pieces. (Jeremiah 32:9)**
- **Then I wrote in a deed and affixed the seal and took witnesses as I went weighing the money in the scales. (Jeremiah 32:10)**
- **After that I took the deed of purchase, the one sealed according to the commandment and the regulations, and the one left open. (Jeremiah 32:11)**
- **And I then gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah the son of Mahseiah before the eyes of Hanamel the son of my paternal uncle and before the eyes of the witnesses, those writing in the deed of purchase, before the eyes of all the Jews who were sitting in the Courtyard of the Guard. (Jeremiah 32:12)**
- **I now commanded Baruch before their eyes, saying; (Jeremiah 32:13)**
- **This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Taking these deeds, this deed of purchase, even the sealed one, and the other deed left open, you must also put them into an earthenware vessel, in order, that they may last for many days. (Jeremiah 32:14)**
- **For this is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Houses and fields and vineyards will yet be bought in this land. (Jeremiah 32:15)**
- **With money people will buy fields themselves, and there will be a**

recording in the deed and a sealing and a taking of witnesses in the land of Benjamin and in the surroundings of Jerusalem and in the cities of Judah and in the cities of the mountainous region and in the cities of the lowland and in the cities of the south, because I shall bring back their captives, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 32:44**)

- Down in Tahpanhes, Egypt, he hid large stones in the terrace of bricks at the house of Pharaoh, prophesying that Nebuchadnezzar would set his throne over that very spot.
- Then the word of Yehowah occurred to **Jeremiah** in Tahpanhes, saying; (**Jeremiah 43:8**)
- Take in your hand great stones, and you must hide them in the mortar in the terrace of bricks that is at the entrance of the house of Pharaoh in Tahpanhes before the eyes of the Jewish men. (**Jeremiah 43:9**)
- And you must say to them; This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Here I am sending and I will take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will place his throne right above these stones that I have hidden, and he will certainly extend his state tent over them. (**Jeremiah 43:10**)

### ·· A True Prophet

- **Jeremiah** was acknowledged as God's true prophet by Daniel, who, by a study of Jeremiah's words concerning the 70 years exile, was able to strengthen and encourage the Jews regarding the nearness of their release.
- In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus of the seed of the Medes, who had been made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans. (**Daniel 9:1**)
- In the first year of his reigning I myself, Daniel, discerned by the books the number of the years concerning which the word of Yehowah had occurred to **Jeremiah** the prophet, for fulfilling the devastations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. (**Daniel 9:2**)
- For this is what Yehowah has said; In accord with the fulfilling of seventy years at Babylon I shall turn my attention to you people, and I will establish toward you my good word in bringing

- you back to this place. (**Jeremiah 29:10**)
- **Ezra called attention to the fulfillment of his words.**
  - **And in the first year of Cyrus the king of Persia, that Yehowah's word from the mouth of **Jeremiah** might be accomplished, Yehowah roused the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia so that he caused a cry to pass through all his realm, and also in writing, saying; (**Ezra 1:1**)**
  - **Furthermore, he carried off those remaining from the sword captive to Babylon, and they came to be servants to him and his sons until the royalty of Persia began to reign. (**2 Chronicles 36:20**)**
  - **To fulfill Yehowah's word by the mouth of **Jeremiah**, until the land had paid off its Sabbaths. All the days of lying desolated it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. (**2 Chronicles 36:21**)**
  - **The apostle Matthew pointed to a fulfillment of one of **Jeremiah's** prophecies in the days of Jesus young childhood.**
  - **Then that was fulfilled which was spoken through **Jeremiah** the prophet, saying; (**Matthew 2:17**)**
  - **A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and much wailing. It was Rachel weeping for her children, and she was unwilling to take comfort, because they are no more. (**Matthew 2:18**)**
  - **This is what Yehowah has said; In Ramah a voice is being heard, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel weeping over her sons. She has refused to be comforted over her sons, because they are no more. (**Jeremiah 31:15**)**
  - **The apostle Paul spoke of the prophets, among whom was **Jeremiah**, from whose writings he quoted, at;**
  - **For he does find fault with the people when he says; Look! There are days coming, says Yehowah, and I will conclude with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a New Covenant. (**Hebrews 8:8**)**
  - **Not according to the covenant that I made with their forefathers in the day of my taking hold of their hand to bring them forth out**

of the land of Egypt, because they did not continue in my covenant, so that I stopped caring for them, says Yehowah. **(Hebrews 8:9)**

- For this is the covenant that I shall covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says Yehowah. I will put my laws in their mind, and in their hearts I shall write them. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. **(Hebrews 8:10)**
- And they will by no means teach each one his fellow citizen and each one his brother, saying; Know Yehowah! For they will all know me, from the least one to the greatest one of them. **(Hebrews 8:11)**
- For I shall be merciful to their unrighteous deeds, and I shall by no means call their sins to mind anymore. **(Hebrews 8:12)**
- Look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I will conclude with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a New Covenant. **(Jeremiah 31:31)**
- Not one like the covenant that I concluded with their forefathers in the day of my taking hold of their hand to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt, which covenant of mine they themselves broke, although I myself had husbandly ownership of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. **(Jeremiah 31:32)**
- For this is the covenant that I shall conclude with the house of Israel after those days, is the utterance of Yehowah. I will put my Law within them, and in their heart I shall write it. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. **(Jeremiah 31:33)**
- And they will no more teach each one his companion and each one his brother, saying; Know Yehowah! For they will all of them know me, from the least one of them even to the greatest one of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. For I shall forgive their error, and their sin I shall remember no more. **(Jeremiah 31:34)**
- Of these men, the same writer said; The world was not worthy of them, and they had witness borne to them through their faith.

- **And what more shall I say? For the time will fail me if I go on to relate about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David as well as Samuel and the other prophets. (Hebrews 11:32)**
- **And the world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and mountains and caves and dens of the earth. (Hebrews 11:38)**
- **And yet all these, although they had witness borne to them through their faith, did not get the fulfillment of the promise. (Hebrews 11:39)**