

The Book Of The Prophet  
JEREMIAH

JEREMIAH 1

*Jeremiah's time frame and call to the ministry;*

*Jehovah...I will be sleepless over my word to do it*

CHAPTER 1

1 The words of Jeremiah,<sup>1 a</sup> the son of Hilkiah,<sup>1 b</sup> of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:<sup>1 c</sup>

2 To whom the word of Jehovah was in the days of Josiah,<sup>2 a</sup> the son of Amon, king of Judah,<sup>2 b</sup> in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 And it was in the days of Jehoiakim,<sup>3 a</sup> the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the completion of the eleventh year of Zedekiah,<sup>3 b</sup> the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the stripping of Jerusalem as captives in the fifth new moon.

4 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

5 Before I molded you in the belly I knew you, and before you came out of the womb I sanctified you; I gave you *to be* a prophet to the peoples.

6 And I said, Ah, Jehovah! Behold, I do not know to speak, because I am a child.

7 And Jehovah said to me, Do not say, I am a child, because you shall walk to all that I shall send you, and all that I command, you shall speak.

8 Do not fear their faces because I am with you to snatch you out - An oracle of Jehovah.

9 And Jehovah sent out his hand, and touched upon my mouth. And Jehovah said to me, Behold, I have given my words in your mouth.

10 See, I have this day visited you over the peoples and over the kingdoms, to tear out, and to tear down, and to cause to be lost, and to pull down, to build, and to plant.

11 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying, What do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, I see a branch of an almond tree.

12 And Jehovah said to me, You have well seen, because I will be sleepless over my word to do it.

13 And the word of Jehovah was to me again, saying, What do you see? And I said, I see a pot boiling, and its face is facing the north.

14 And Jehovah said to me, Out of the north an evil shall open upon all the inhabitants of the land,

15 Because lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north - An oracle of Jehovah - and they shall come, and they shall give every man his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Judah.

16 And I will speak my judgments against them over all their evil, who have forsaken me, and have burned perfumed incense to other gods, and prostrated them-

<sup>1a</sup> 1:1 **Jeremiah**, Jehovah Will Rise.

<sup>1b</sup> 1:1 **Hilkiah**, Portion of Jehovah.

<sup>1c</sup> 1:1 **Benjamin**, Son of my Right Hand.

<sup>2a</sup> 2:1 **Josiah**, Founded by Jehovah

<sup>2b</sup> 2:1 **Judah**, Celebrated.

<sup>3A</sup> 1:3 **Jehoiakim**, Jehovah will raise.

<sup>3B</sup> 1:3 **Zedekiah**, the right of Jehovah.

**JEREMIAH 2** ...speak...all that I command you;...my people have exchanged their heavy glory for rags  
selves to the works of their own hands.

17 And now gird up your loins, and rise up and speak to them all that I command you; do not break down at their faces lest I make you break down at their faces.

18 And behold, I have given you this day as a fortified city, and an iron column, and brass walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against her chief rulers, against her priests, and against the people of the land.

19 And they shall devour against you, and they shall not prevail against you because I am with you to snatch you out - An oracle of Jehovah.

## CHAPTER 2

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 Walk and call out in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says Jehovah; I remember you, the mercy of your youth, your love as a bride when you walked after me in the desert, in a land not sown.

3 Israel was holiness to Jehovah, the firstfruits of his income; all that devour him shall be guilty; evil shall come upon them - An oracle of Jehovah.

4 Attentively hear the word of Jehovah, Oh house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

5 Thus says Jehovah, What evil have your fathers found in me that they have widely distanced themselves from me, and have  
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walked after vanity, and have become vain?

6 And they have not said, Where is Jehovah who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who walked us through the desert, through a land of deserts and of chasms, through a parched land and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man crossed through and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into a land of planted fields to eat its fruit and its goodness, and you entered, and you defiled my land, and put my heritage *to be* morally disgusting.

8 The priests did not say, Where is Jehovah? And they who manipulated<sup>8</sup> the law did not know me; and the shepherds broke away against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

9 Therefore I will yet contend with you - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will contend with your children's children,

10 Because, cross over the habitable lands of Chittim and see; and send to Kedar and discern diligently, and see if there is such as this.

11 Has a people exchanged gods? - And they are not gods! And my people have exchanged their heavy glory for rags - not profit.

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<sup>8</sup> **2:8 manipulated**, *taphas*, to seize and hold captive for one's own unwarranted use.

*I had planted you a noble vine... how are you turned to me ...a strange vine?* **JEREMIAH 2**

12 Oh you heavens, be stunned at this and be fearful; be very desolate - An oracle of Jehovah -

13 Because my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the well of living waters, cutting themselves out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

14 Is Israel a servant? Is he homeborn? Why is he plundered?

15 The young lions roared upon him and gave voice, and they placed his land ruined; his cities are burned without inhabitant.

16 Also the children of Noph<sup>16</sup> and Tahapanes have shepherded the crown of your head.

17 Have you not done this to yourself, in that you have forsaken Jehovah, your God, when he walked you by the way?

18 And now what is there to you in the way of Egypt to drink the waters of Sihor?<sup>18</sup> And what is there to you in the way of Assyria to drink the waters of the river?

19 Your own evil shall chastise you and your backslidings shall set you right, and know and see that it is evil and bitter that you have forsaken Jehovah, your God, and that my sudden<sup>19</sup> fear

is not in you - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts -

20 Because from ancient time I have broken your yoke, tearing off your chastisements; and you said, I will not cross over against you, when upon every high hill and under every green tree you, tipping over, spilled it, playing the harlot.

21 And I had planted you a noble vine, wholly a seed of truth, and how are you turned to me a degenerate one, a strange vine?

22 Because although you wash yourself with niter, and take to yourself much lye soap, your crookedness is engraved before my face - An oracle of Jehovah.

23 How can you say, I am not polluted; I have not walked after Baals? See your way in the gorge; know by seeing what you have done; *you are* a swift dromedary interlacing her ways,

24 A wild donkey instructed in the desert; her longing soul eagerly inhales the wind; who can turn her away from her purpose? All who seek her do not tire themselves; in her new moon they shall find her.

25 Do not let your foot be unsaddled and your throat be thirsty. And you said, There is no hope; none, because I have loved strangers, and I will walk after them.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, thus the house of Israel pales in shame: they, their kings, their chief rulers, and their priests, and their prophets,

<sup>16</sup> **2:16 Noph and Tahapanes** were cities in Egypt, Noph being the capital in Jeremiah's time.

<sup>18</sup> **2:18 Sihor**, a river in Egypt.

<sup>19</sup> **2:19 sudden fear**, *pachdah*, sudden alarm, being sensitive to offenses to God so that your fear-of-God-alarm goes off at the slightest offense toward God; the quick ability to sense the slightest thing you do against God, and immediately correct it.

**JEREMIAH 3** *Can a virgin forget her ornaments? ...my people have forgotten me days without number*

27 Saying to a tree, You are my father, and to a stone, You gave birth to me, because they have faced about their back to me, and not their face, and in the time of their evil they will say, Rise up and save us.

28 And where are your gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them rise up, if they can save you in the time of your evil, because the number of your cities are the number of your gods, Oh Judah.

29 Why will you contend with me? You all have broken away against me, says Jehovah.

30 I have struck your children with ruin; they have taken no chastisement; your own sword like a destroying lion has devoured your prophets.

31 Oh generation, see the word of Jehovah. Have I been a desert to Israel, a land of darkness? Why do my people say, We tramp about free; we will come to you no more?

32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments, a bride her ornamental girding? And my people have forgotten me days without number.

33 Why do you make well your way to seek love? Therefore you have also taught the evil ones your ways.

34 Also the blood of the souls of the poor innocents is found in your skirts; I have not found it by a surprise search, but *it is* upon all these.

35 And you say, Because I am clean surely his nostrils shall turn from me. Behold, I will judge with you, because you say, I have not sinned.

36 Why do you constantly disappear to duplicate your way? Also you shall pale in shame of Egypt as you paled in shame of Assyria.

37 Also, with this one you shall go out, and your hands upon your head, because Jehovah has despised your refuges, and you shall not prosper in them.

### CHAPTER 3

1 They say, If a man sends away his wife, and she walks from him, and becomes another man's, shall he turn back to her again? Being polluted, shall not that land be polluted? And you have played the harlot with many companions, and turned back to me - An oracle of Jehovah.

2 Lift up your eyes to the bare hills, and see where you have not copulated. You have sat down upon the well trod roads to wait for them as the Arab in the desert, and you have polluted the land with your whoredoms and with your evil.

3 And the rains have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; and to you was a forehead of a woman whore; you refused to be reproached.

4 Will you not from this time call out to me, My father, you are the familiar friend of my youth?

*what backsliding Israel has done...adultery; her treacherous sister Judah* **JEREMIAH 3**

5 Will he guard his anger forever? Will he hedge it about to the end? Behold, you have spoken and done evil as you could.

6 And Jehovah said to me in the days of Josiah, the king, Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has walked upon every high mountain and to the bottom of every green tree, and there has played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn back to me. And she did not turn back. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 And I saw, because for all the occasions where backsliding Israel committed adultery, I had sent her away and given to her a writing of cutting the marriage bond, and her sister Judah who acts deceitfully did not fear, and she also walked and played the harlot.

9 And it was through the loud voice of her adultery, that she polluted the land, and committed adultery with stones and with trees.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned back to me with her whole heart, but in a sham - An oracle of Jehovah.

11 And Jehovah said to me, Backsliding Israel has made herself right more than Judah who acts deceitfully.

12 Walk and call out these words toward the north, and say, Turn back, you backsliding Israel

- An oracle of Jehovah - I will not cause my face to fall upon you, because I am merciful - An oracle of Jehovah - I will not guard anger forever.

13 Only know by seeing your crookedness, that you have broken away against Jehovah, your God, and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not attentively heard my voice - An oracle of Jehovah.

14 Turn back, Oh backsliding children - An oracle of Jehovah - because I am Jehovah to you, and I will take you one of a city and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion;

15 And I will give you shepherds according to my heart who shall shepherd you with knowledge and intelligent success.

16 And it shall be, when you have increased and are bearing fruit in the land, in those days - An oracle of Jehovah - they shall not say any more, The ark<sup>16</sup> of

**16 3:16 The ark of the covenant.** We do not know what became of the ark during the time of Jeremiah. God commanded Moses to build the ark, Exo 25:10ff. It is first simply called the ark; then it is called the ark of the testimony, Exo 25:16; because the testimony of God was placed inside it, Exo 25:21; Det 31:25; then it is called the ark of the covenant, Num 10:33; It accompanied Israel in all their journeys from the time that Bezaleel made it, Exo 31:2. When the Tent or Tabernacle was standing in place the ark of the covenant was inside the most holy place, Exo 26:33. It was always carried by the priests in their journeys, and accompanied Joshua into the land of Canaan, Jsh 3:13 (chs 4 & 6). The ark and the tabernacle were with Israel during the days of the Judges, Jdg 20:27, and was captured by the Palestinians during the days of Eli, 1 Sam 4:11, and miraculously returned, 1 Sam 5:1-7:2. When David was bringing the ark into Jerusalem, Uzzah touched the ark to keep it from falling when the oxen stumbled,

**JEREMIAH 4** *The Ark of the Covenant will not be remembered; You shall call me, Father*

the covenant of Jehovah, and it shall not come up into your heart, and they shall not remember it, and they shall not visit it, and it shall not be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of Jehovah, and all the peoples shall be bound together in expectation to Jerusalem to the name of Jehovah, and they shall not walk any more after the twisted obstinacy of their evil heart.

18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come as a unit out of the land of the north to the land that I caused your fathers to inherit.

19 And I said, How shall I place you among the children, and give you a pleasant land, a

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and God killed him, See Note 2 Sam 6:6-7. Later David brought the ark into Jerusalem with great rejoicing, 2 Sam 6:15, and placed it in a tent, 2 Sam 6:17; 1 Chr 16:1. Solomon placed it in the Temple, 1 Kng 8:4; 2 Chr 5:7; 35:3, and there it remained until Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Temple, and took all the holy furniture and vessels to Babylon, 2 Chr 35:17-19. [The reference to the ark in 2 Chr 5:9 is clearly copied directly from 1 Kng 8:8, and therefore does not prove the the ark was in the temple built after the Babylonian Captivity.] The words in Jer 3:19 are in preparation for the disappearance of the ark. There is no specific passage that tells us when it was removed, but most likely it was taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in the final destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. It was not available when the temple was rebuilt. In the synagogues after the Captivity, a chest or ark containing the Torah (scrolls of the Law) and other sacred books was placed in an area shut off from the rest of the building, as a reminder of it in the past. The heavy glory of God will come into the Temple during the one thousand years reign of Christ, Ezk 43:1-4, but no mention is made of the ark. It is not found in the Greek Covenant, except in Hebrews to explain its significance as revealed to Moses, Heb 9:4, but John saw the Ark of His Will in Rev 11:19.

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splendid heritage of the hosts of peoples? And I said, You shall call me, My Father, and shall not turn away from me.

20 Surely as a wife acting deceitfully toward her close companion, so you have acted deceitfully toward me, Oh house of Israel - An oracle of Jehovah.

21 A voice was attentively heard upon the bare hills, weeping, earnest prayers of the children of Israel for grace because they have crooked their way; they have forgotten Jehovah their God.

22 Turn back, you backsliding children; I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come to you because you are Jehovah, our God.

23 Truly, a lie is from the hills and from the tumultuous multitude of mountains; truly in Jehovah, our God, is the salvation of Israel.

24 And shame has devoured the work of our fathers from our youth - their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

25 We lie down in our shame, and our disgrace covers us because we have sinned against Jehovah, our God, we and our fathers from our youth even to this day, and have not attentively heard the voice of Jehovah, our God.

**CHAPTER 4**

1 If you will turn back, Oh Israel - An oracle of Jehovah - turn back to me, and if you will

turn away from your filthy things before my face, then you shall not wander.

2 And you shall swear, Jehovah lives, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness, and the peoples shall bless themselves in him, and in him they shall boast;

3 Because thus says Jehovah to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your plowed ground, and do not sow among thorns.

4 Circumcise yourselves to Jehovah, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, lest my hot anger come out like fire and burn that none can extinguish it because of the evil of your doings.

5 Cause it to stand out boldly in Judah, and cause it to be attentively heard in Jerusalem, and say, Blow the trumpet in the land; call out in fullness and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities.

6 Lift up the flag toward Zion; flee to take refuge; do not stand still because I will bring evil from the north and a great breaking up.

7 The lion has come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the peoples has pulled up to move out; he has gone out from his place to put your land a ruin; your cities shall be laid waste without an inhabitant.

8 For this gird yourselves with sackcloth; mourn and howl because the burning nostrils of Jehovah are not turned back from

us.

9 And it shall be at that day - An oracle of Jehovah - that the heart of the king shall be lost, and the heart of the chief rulers; and the priests shall be stunned, and the prophets shall be in consternation.

10 And I said, Ah, Jehovah! Surely deceiving, you have deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Peace shall be to you, and the sword touches the soul.

11 At that time it shall be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A shining Spirit *shall be* on the bare hills in the desert on the way of the daughter of my people, not to winnow, and not to purify,

12 A full Spirit. These shall come to me: now also I will speak judgment against them.

13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots are as a snatching hurricane; his horses are lighter than eagles. Woe to us because we are ravaged.

14 Wash evil from your heart, Oh Jerusalem, that you may be saved. How long will your vain devisings reside within you?

15 Because a voice causes it to stand out boldly from Dan, and causes panting after vanity to be attentively heard from Mount Ephraim.

16 Remember the peoples; behold, cause it to be attentively heard against Jerusalem; guards come from a distant land, and give their voice against the cities of Judah.

## JEREMIAH 5

*An invasion predicted*

17 As those who hedge about a field, they are against her all around, because she has been bitterly rebellious against me, says Jehovah.

18 Your way and your doings have done these things to you; this is your evil, because it is bitter, because it reaches to your heart.

19 My insides, my insides! I twist *in pain* in the wall of my heart; my heart makes a loud noise within me; I cannot devise in silence because you have attentively heard the sound of the trumpet, Oh my soul, the alarm of war.

20 Break upon break is called out, because the whole land is ravaged; my tents are suddenly ravaged, my curtains in a wink.

21 How long shall I see the flag, attentively hearing the sound of the trumpet?

22 Because my people are foolish; they have not known me; they are silly children, and they do not discern; they are wise to do evil, and they do not know to do good.

23 I saw the earth, and lo, it was lying waste, and empty, and the heavens, and there existed to them no light.

24 I saw the mountains, and lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

25 I saw, and lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were driven away.

26 I saw, and lo, the planted field was a desert, and all its cities were torn down at the face of  
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Jehovah, at the face of his burning nostrils,

27 Because thus Jehovah has said, The whole earth shall be desolate, yet I will not make a complete end.

28 The earth shall bewail for this, and the heavens above be darkened, because I have spoken it; I have planned it, and will not be comforted, and I will not turn back from it.

29 The whole city shall suddenly flee from the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into dark places, and go up into the hollow rocks; every city shall be forsaken, and they shall not dwell there - not a man

30 And you are ravaged. What will you do? Though you clothe yourself with crimson, though you adorn yourself with outfits of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with painting, you shall beautify yourself in ruin; those who breathe after you will despise you; they will seek your soul,

31 Because I have attentively heard a voice as of a woman worn *out*, the distress as of her who breaks open the womb, the voice of the daughter of Zion, breathing hard, spreading out her palms, saying, Woe is me now because my soul is languishing, because of those who strike fatally.

## CHAPTER 5

1 Travel the outdoors of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in her broad av-

*They committed adultery, and crowded themselves into the houses of harlots* **JEREMIAH 5**

enues if you can find a man, if there exists a man who does judgment, who seeks moral fidelity, and I will forgive it.

2 And though they say, Jehovah lives, just so they swear falsely.

3 Oh Jehovah, are your eyes not upon moral fidelity? You have struck them, and they have not twisted *in pain*; you have finished them, and they have refused to take corrective discipline; they have strengthened their faces like a craggy rock; they have refused to turn back.

4 And I said, Surely these are dangling in need; they are foolish, because they do not know by seeing the way of Jehovah, the judgment of their God.

5 I myself will walk to the great ones, and will speak to them, because they have known by seeing the way of Jehovah, the judgment of their God; surely these have broken the yoke together, tearing off the chastisements.

6 Therefore a lion out of the forest shall strike them fatally; a wolf of the deserts shall ravage them; a leopard shall be sleepless over their cities; everyone who walks out - they shall be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many; their backslidings are bound strong.

7 How shall I forgive this for you? Your children have forsaken me and sworn by them that are no gods; and I had sworn to them, and they committed adultery, and crowded themselves

into the houses of harlots.

8 They were as plump horses roaming in their lust; every man neighed after his neighbor's wife.

9 Shall I not visit you for these things? - An oracle of Jehovah - And shall not my soul be avenged on such a people as this?

10 Go up upon her fortifications, and destroy; and do not make a complete end; take away her connections because they are not Jehovah's,

11 Because acting deceitfully, the house of Israel has acted deceitfully against me, and so has the house of Judah - An oracle of Jehovah -

12 They have been untrue to Jehovah, and said, It is not he; and evil shall not come upon us, and we shall not see sword and hunger;

13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them; thus it shall be done to them.

14 Therefore thus says Jehovah God of hosts, Because you speak this word, behold, I will give my words in your mouth as fire, and this people as wood, and it shall devour them.

15 Lo, I will bring a people upon you from afar, Oh house of Israel - An oracle of Jehovah - it is a continuing people; it is an ancient people, a people whose tongue you do not know, and cannot intelligently hear what they speak.

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*An ancient people will invade this silly and revolting people*

16 Their arrow case is as an open sepulcher; they all are mighty men.

17 And they shall eat your harvest, and what your sons and your daughters should eat; they shall eat your flocks and your herds; they shall eat your vines and your fig trees; with the sword they shall demolish your fortified cities in which you trusted yourselves.

18 And also in those days - An oracle of Jehovah - I will not make a complete end with you.

19 And it shall be because you shall say, For what does Jehovah, our God, do to us all these things? And you shall say to them, Like you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land so you shall serve strangers in a land not yours.

20 Cause this to stand out boldly in the house of Jacob, and cause it to be attentively heard in Judah, saying,

21 Attentively hear now this, Oh silly people and without heart; there are eyes to them, and they do not see; there are ears to them, and they do not attentively hear!

22 Do you not fear me? - An oracle of Jehovah - Lo, do you not twist around before my face who put the sand the boundary of the sea by a perpetual enactment and it cannot cross over it: and its waves are violently agitated and they cannot prevail; and they roar and they cannot cross over it?

23 And to this people there is a heart revolting and rebellious; they turned away and walked.

24 And they did not say in their heart, Let us now fear Jehovah, our God, who gives rain in its time, the autumn *planting* rain, and the spring *harvest* rain<sup>24</sup>; he hedges about weeks by statute for the harvest for us.

25 Your crookednesses have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld the good from you,

26 Because the wicked are found among my people; they spy out as he who weaves snares; they station a trap; they capture men.

27 As a bird-trap is full of birds, so their houses are full of deceit; therefore they have become great and grown rich.

28 They have become fat; they are sleek; also, they cross over words of the evil; they do not judge the lawsuit straight - the lawsuit of the fatherless - and they prosper, and they do not judge the judgment of the poor.

29 Shall I not visit for these things? - An oracle of Jehovah - Lo, on such a people as this shall not my soul be avenged?

30 A consternation and a horror exist in the land;

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<sup>24</sup> 5:24 the autumn *planting* rain and the spring *harvest* rain, *yowreh* and *malqowsh*, literally the autumn rain and the spring rain. We have placed in italics planting and harvesting for us to understand the meaning. The seasons are reversed in the Holy Land as compared to the seasons in America and many other places. We plant in the spring and harvest in the fall, whereas in Israel they plant in the fall and harvest in the spring.

*War is coming against the daughter of Zion for her plundering and falsehood* **JEREMIAH 6**

31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests tread down by their hands, and my people love it so; and what will you do in its end?

### CHAPTER 6

1 Oh you children of Benjamin, flee from the midst of Jerusalem to take refuge, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and lift up a raising of your hands in prayer in Beth Haccerem, because evil is leaning out of the window of the north and a great breaking up.

2 I have likened the daughter of Zion *to be* beautiful and luxurious.

3 The shepherds shall come to her with their arrangements; they shall pitch their tents against her all around; they shall shepherd every man at his hand.

4 Make herself clean for war against her; rise up and let us go up at noon. Woe to us, because the day faces about, because the shadows of the evening are spread out.

5 Rise up and let us go by night, and let us destroy her citadels,

6 Because thus Jehovah of hosts has said, Cut down trees, and mound up a mound against Jerusalem; she is the city to be visited; all is fraud in her midst.

7 As drawing out her waters from a cistern, so she draws out her evil; violence and ravaging are attentively heard in her; sickness and wounds *are* continually before my face.

8 Be chastised, Oh Jerusalem, lest my soul be severed from you, lest I put you desolate, a land not inhabited.

9 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Gleaning, they shall glean the remnant of Israel as a vine; turn back your hand as a grapegatherer upon the twigs.

10 To whom shall I speak and testify that they may attentively hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot prick up their ear; behold, the word of Jehovah is to them a disgrace; there is no delight to them in it.

11 And I am full with the hot anger of Jehovah; I am weary with holding in. Pour it out upon the children outside, and upon the assembled counsel of youth together, because the man also with the wife shall be captured, the old with those full of days.

12 And their houses shall be revolved around to others, their fields and wives together, because I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land - An oracle of Jehovah -

13 Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them everyone plunders plunder, and from the prophet even to the priest everyone does falsehood.

14 And they have healed the break of my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace; and there exists no peace.

15 Were they ashamed because they had done morally disgusting? Also, not paling in shame, they did not pale in

**JEREMIAH 6** *Your burnt offerings are not acceptable; a people comes from the north land*

shame; also they could not be reproached; therefore falling, they shall fall; at the time I visit them they shall totter weak legged, says Jehovah.

16 Thus says Jehovah, Stand upon the well trod road, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is this good way, and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it.

17 And I raised up those to lean out and look over you, saying, Prick up your ears to the sound of the trumpet. And they said, We will not prick up our ears.

18 Therefore attentively hear, you peoples, and know by seeing, Oh congregation, what is among them.

19 Attentively hear, Oh earth; behold, I will bring evil upon this people, the fruit of their devisings, because they have not pricked up their ears to my words and to my law and despised it.

20 To what purpose comes this frankincense to me from Sheba, and the good cane from a far land? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, and your sacrifices do not intermix with me.

21 Therefore thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will give to this people stumblingblocks, and the fathers and the sons together shall totter weak legged upon them; the neighbor and his friend shall be lost.

22 Thus says Jehovah, Behold, a people comes from the north land, and a great people shall be awakened from the sides of the earth.

23 They shall seize bow and spear; they are cruel and are not compassionate; their voice roars like the sea; and they ride upon horses, arranged as a man for war against you, Oh daughter of Zion.

24 We have attentively heard its fame; our hands slack off; distress has fastened upon us, pain as of a woman in childbirth.

25 Do not go out into the field, and do not walk in the well trod road because of the sword of the one who hates us; fear is all around.

26 Oh daughter of my people, gird yourself with sackcloth, and roll yourself in ashes, mourning for an only beloved; make for yourself a lamentation in bitterness because the ravager shall come suddenly upon us.

27 I have given you *to be* an assayer among my people, a fortress, that you may know by seeing and try their well trod way.

28 They are all turned away revolvers, walking scandal-mongers; brass and iron, they are all corrupters.

29 The bellows are burned; the lead is consumed by the fire; the refinery refines for ruin, and the wicked are not torn away.

30 They shall call them, Despised silver, because Jehovah has despised them.

**CHAPTER 7**

1 The word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of Jehovah's house, and call out there this word, and say, Attentively hear the word of Jehovah, all Judah, who enter in at these gates to prostrate yourselves to Jehovah.

3 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Make your ways and your doings good, and I will cause you to reside in this place.

4 Do not trust in lying words, saying, The temple of Jehovah, The temple of Jehovah, The temple of Jehovah are these;

5 Because if making good, you make your ways and your doings good, if doing, you do judgment between a man and his neighbor,

6 Do not oppress the guest, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and do not walk after other gods to your evil,

7 Then I will cause you to reside in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from now on and forever.

8 Behold, you trust in lying words without profit.

9 Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn perfumed incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know,

10 And come and stand before my face in this house which is called by my name, and say, We

are snatched out to do all these morally disgusting things?

11 Has this house which is called by my name become a den of violent tyrants in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it - An oracle of Jehovah -

12 But you walk now to my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to reside at the first, and see what I did to it before the face of the evil of my people Israel.

13 And now, because you have done all these works - An oracle of Jehovah - and I spoke to you, loading up early and speaking, and you did not attentively hear, and I called you, and you did not answer;

14 And I will do to this house, - which is called by my name, in which you trust, and the place which I gave to you and to your fathers - what I did to Shiloh.

15 And I will throw you out from before my face as I threw out all your brothers, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

16 And do not judge in prayer for this people, and do not lift up a cry nor prayer for them, and do not impinge upon me *for them*, because I will not attentively hear you.

17 Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the outdoors of Jerusalem?

18 The children pick up wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes to the queen of the heavens, and to pour out drink

**JEREMIAH 7** *My nostrils and my hot anger shall be poured out upon this place; the Valley of Slaughter*

offerings to other gods, so that they may provoke me.

19 Do they provoke me? - An oracle of Jehovah - Is it not to themselves to the confused shame of their own faces?

20 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Behold, my nostrils and my hot anger shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon animal, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the soil, and it shall burn and shall not be extinguished.

21 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Scrape your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat flesh,

22 Because I did not speak to your fathers and I did not command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt about the word of the burnt offerings or sacrifices;

23 But I commanded them this word, saying, Attentively hear my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people, and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you that it may be well to you.

24 And they did not attentively hear, and did not spread out their ear, and walked in the counsels of the twisted obstinacy of their evil heart, and were backward, and not facing forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day I have sent to you all my servants, the prophets, daily loading up early and sending them;

26 And they did not attentively hear me, and did not spread out their ear, and hardened their neck; they were good for nothing more than their fathers.

27 And you shall speak to them all these words, and they will not attentively hear you; and you shall call out to them, and they will not answer you.

28 And you shall say to them, This is a people who will not attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, their God, and will not take corrective discipline; moral fidelity has been lost and is cut off from their mouth.

29 Cut off your hair, and throw it away, and lift up a lamentation on the bare hills because Jehovah has despised and thrust away the generation of his wrath,

30 Because the children of Judah have done evil in my eyes - An oracle of Jehovah - they have put their filth in the house which is called by my name to pollute it.

31 And they have built the high places of Tophet which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom to set on fire their sons and their daughters in the fire which I did not command, and it did not rise up in my heart.

32 Therefore, behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and it shall no more be said, Tophet and the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; and they shall bury in Tophet until there exists no place.

*The bones of his chief rulers shall be for manure upon the face of the earth* **JEREMIAH 8**

33 And the carcasses of this people shall be food for the birds of the heavens and for the animals of the earth, and none shall cause them to tremble in fear.

34 And I will cause to cease from the cities of Judah and from the outdoors of Jerusalem the voice of cheerfulness, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, because the land shall be desolate.

### **CHAPTER 8**

1 At that time - An oracle of Jehovah - they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his chief rulers, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem out of their graves,

2 And they shall spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of the heavens whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have treaded seeking, and to whom they have prostrated themselves; they shall not be gathered nor be buried; they shall be for manure upon the face of the earth.

3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the remnant of them who remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places where I have expelled them - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts.

4 And you shall say to them, Thus says Jehovah, Shall they fall and not rise up? Lo, he turns away and shall he not turn back?

5 Why has this people of Jerusalem turned back by a perpetual backsliding? They seize deceit; they refuse to turn back.

6 I pricked up my ears and attentively heard; they did not speak right; no man sighed strongly over his evil, saying, What have I done? Everyone turned to his race, as the horse flushes into the battle.

7 Yes, the stork in the heavens knows her appointed times, and the dove and the crane and the swallow hedge about the time of their coming, and my people do not know the judgment of Jehovah.

8 How do you say, We are wise, and the law of Jehovah is with us? Lo, surely in deceit he made it; the pen of the scribes is in deceit.

9 The wise men pale in shame; they break down and are captured; lo, they have despised the word of Jehovah, and what wisdom is in them?

10 Therefore I will give their wives to others, their fields to them who shall possess them, because from the least and to the greatest everyone is cut to pieces by those who cut in pieces; everyone does falsely from the prophet even to the priest.

11 And they have healed the break of the daughter of my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace, and there exists no peace.

**JEREMIAH 9** *The harvest has ended, and we are not saved; I weep day and night for the polluted*

12 Were they ashamed in confusion when they did morally disgusting things? Even, not paling in shame, they did not pale in shame; and they did not know to be reproached; therefore falling, they shall fall; in the time of their visitation they shall totter weak legged, says Jehovah.

13 Gathering them, I will snatch them away to their end - An oracle of Jehovah - There shall be no grapes on the vine, and no figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall wilt; and what I have given them shall cross on away from them.

14 Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us be silent there, because Jehovah, our God, has caused us to be silent, and given us poison water to drink because we have sinned against Jehovah.

15 We bound ourselves in expectation for peace, and there existed no good, and for a time of health, and behold fear!

16 From Dan was attentively heard the snorting of his horses; at the sound of the neighing of his mighty ones the whole land trembled, and they have come, and have devoured the land and its fullness, the city and those who dwell there.

17 Because, behold, I will send among you snakes, vipers, which will not be charmed, and they shall strike you - An oracle of Jehovah.

18 I would cheer myself against sorrow; my heart is sick within me.

19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people, them who dwell in a distant land, Is not Jehovah in Zion? If her king is not in her, why have they provoked me with their carved idols, with strange vanities?

20 The harvest has crossed over, the harvest has ended, and we are not saved.

21 I burst for the break of the daughter of my people; I am darkened; stunned devastation has seized on me.

22 Does there exist no balm in Gilead? Lo, does there not exist healing there? Then why has there not risen up wholeness to the daughter of my people?

**CHAPTER 9**

1 Who gives my head as waters and my eyes a well of tears; and I weep day and night for the polluted of the daughter of my people!

2 Who will give a lodging place in the desert for a traveler, and I will leave my people and walk from them because they are all adulterers, an assembly of those who act deceitfully.

3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies, and they do not prevail for moral fidelity upon the earth because they go out from evil to evil, and they do not know me - An oracle of Jehovah.

*Through deceit they refused to know me; lift up...a dirge; our eyelids trickle waters* **JEREMIAH 9**

4 Let every man hedge about his neighbor, and do not trust upon any brother because every brother seizing by the heel, seizes by the heel, and every neighbor walks as a scandal-monger.

5 And every man deceives his neighbor, and they do not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves to be crooked.

6 Your habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refused to know me - An oracle of Jehovah.

7 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, Behold, I will refine them and try them because how else shall I do facing the daughter of my people?

8 Their tongue is an arrow of slaughter; it speaks deceit; he speaks peaceably with his mouth to his neighbor, and in his heart he puts an ambush.

9 Shall I not visit them for these things? - An oracle of Jehovah - Lo, on such a people as this shall not my soul be avenged?

10 I will lift up a weeping and wailing over the mountains and a dirge over the habitations of the desert because they are burned up so that not a man can cross through them, and they cannot attentively hear the voice of the livestock; the birds of the heavens and the animals have been driven away; they have walked.

11 And I will give Jerusalem to be rolled into heaps, an abode of monsters, and I will give the

cities of Judah to be a stunned devastation without an inhabitant.

12 Who is the wise man, and who understands this? And to whom has the mouth of Jehovah spoken, that he may cause it to stand out boldly? For what reason is the land lost and is burned up like a desert, so that none crosses through?

13 And Jehovah says, Because they have forsaken my law which I gave before their face, and have not attentively heard my voice, and have not walked in it,

14 And have walked after the twisted obstinacy of their own heart, and after Baals which their fathers taught them,

15 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will cause this people to eat wormwood, and cause them to drink poison water.

16 And I will dash them to pieces among the peoples whom they and their fathers have not known, and I will send a sword after them until I have ended them.

17 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Understand, and call out for mourners, and they come, and send for the wise, and they come;

18 And they flow as liquid, and lift up for us a dirge; and tears are running down our eyes, and our eyelids trickle waters,

19 Because a voice of wailing is attentively heard out of Zion, How are we ravaged! We pale in shame exceedingly, because we have forsaken the land,

**JEREMIAH 10** *Death has come up into our windows; let him who boasts...boast in...Jehovah*  
because our residences have  
thrown us out;

20 Oh you women, because  
of this attentively hear the word of  
Jehovah, and let your ear take the  
word of his mouth; and teach your  
daughters wailing, and every  
woman a dirge to her female asso-  
ciate,

21 Because death has come  
up into our windows, entering  
into our citadels, to cut off the  
nursing babies from the outdoors,  
the youth from the streets.

22 Speak, Thus says Jeho-  
vah, And the carcasses of men  
shall fall as manure upon the face  
of the field, and as a bunch of  
grain after the reaper, and none  
shall gather them.

23 Thus says Jehovah, Do  
not let the wise boast in his wis-  
dom, and do not let the mighty  
boast in his might; do not let the  
rich boast in his riches;

24 But let him who boasts  
boast in this: that he is intelli-  
gently successful and knows me,  
that I am Jehovah who does  
mercy, judgment, and righteous-  
ness in the earth, because I de-  
light in these - An oracle of Je-  
hovah.

25 Behold, the days come -  
An oracle of Jehovah - and I will  
visit upon all the circumcised the  
uncircumcised;

26 Upon Egypt, and upon  
Judah, and upon Edom, and upon  
the children of Ammon, and upon  
Moab, and all the utmost extremi-  
ties, who dwell in the desert, be-  
cause all peoples are uncircum-  
cised, and all the house of Israel

are uncircumcised in the heart.

## CHAPTER 10

1 Attentively hear the word  
which Jehovah speaks to you, Oh  
house of Israel:

2 Thus says Jehovah, Do  
not learn the way of the peoples,  
and do not break down at the  
signs of *the* heavens because the  
peoples break down at them;

3 Because the statutes of  
the people are vain because a tree  
is cut down out of the forest with  
the axe, the work of the hands of  
the fabricators.

4 They make it bright with  
silver and with gold; they fasten  
it with nails and with hammers,  
and it does not waver;

5 They are rounded as the  
palm tree, and do not speak; lift-  
ing, they lift them, because they  
cannot march. Do not fear them,  
because they cannot break you to  
pieces, and also to do good does  
not exist in them.

6 There exists none like  
you, Oh Jehovah; you are great,  
and your name is great in might.

7 Who would not fear you?  
Oh King of peoples! Because to  
you it is suitable, because among  
all the wise of the peoples, and in  
all their kingdoms, there exists  
none like you.

8 And they are brutish and  
silly as one; a tree itself is a cor-  
rective discipline of vanities.

9 Silver spread into plates  
is brought from Tarshish and gold  
from Uphaz, the work of the fab-  
ricator and of the hands of the

*Jehovah is the true God; Israel is the branch of his inheritance; Jehovah's wrath* **JEREMIAH 10**  
refiner; violet and purple are their clothing, all of them the work of the skilled.

10 And Jehovah is the true God; he is the living God and *the* everlasting king; at his wrath the earth shall shake, and the peoples shall not be able to abide his fury.

11 You shall say this to them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens.

12 He has made the earth by his power; he has set up the inhabited world by his wisdom, and has spread out the heavens by his understanding.

13 He gives his voice in the heavens as a tumultuous multitude of waters, and he causes the mists to ascend from the ends of the earth; he makes lightnings with rain, and brings out the wind out of his treasures.

14 Every man is brutish in his knowledge; every refiner is confounded by the carved idol, because his molten idol is falsehood, and there is no Spirit in them.

15 They are vanity, the work of frauds; in the time of their visitation they shall be lost.

16 The allotment of Jacob is not like them, because he is the one who molds all things, and Israel is the branch of his inheritance; Jehovah of hosts is his name.

17 Gather up your wares out of the land, Oh inhabitant of the siege,

18 Because thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this stroke, and will distress them that they may be found out.

19 Woe is me for my brokenness! My blow has made me worn *out*; and I said, Truly this is being worn *out*, and I must bear it.

20 My tent is ravaged, and all my ropes are torn off; my children have gone out from me, and they are not; there is none to spread out my tent any more and to raise my curtains,

21 Because the shepherds have become brutish, and have not treaded seeking Jehovah; therefore they shall not be intelligently successful, and all their flocks shall be dashed to pieces.

22 Behold, the noise of an announcement has come and a great uproar out of the north land to put the cities of Judah desolate and a den of monsters.

23 I know, Oh Jehovah, that his way is not in man; it is not in man who walks to set up his steps.

24 Chastise me, Oh Jehovah, surely with judgment, not with your burning nostrils, lest you pare me to nothing.

25 Pour out your fury upon the peoples who do not know you, and upon the families who do not call on your name, because they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and ended him, and have devastated his place of rest.

**JEREMIAH 11** *I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant; their gods shall not save them*

### CHAPTER 11

1 The word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Attentively hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

3 And say to them, Thus says Jehovah God of Israel, Cursed is the man who does not attentively hear the words of this covenant,

4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt from the iron furnace, saying, Attentively hear my voice, and do them according to all which I command you; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God,

5 That I may cause the oath which I have sworn to your fathers to rise, to give them a land flowing milk and honey as this day. And I answered, and said, Amen, Oh Jehovah.

6 And Jehovah said to me, Call out all these words in the cities of Judah and in the outdoors of Jerusalem, saying, Attentively hear the words of this covenant, and do them,

7 Because protesting, I protested to your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, and to this day, loading up early and protesting, saying, Attentively hear my voice.

8 And they did not attentively hear, and did not spread out their ear, and every man walked

in the twisted obstinacy of their evil heart, and I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant which I commanded them to do, and they did not do them.

9 And Jehovah said to me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 They are turned back to the crookedness of their forefathers who refused to attentively hear my words; and they walked after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I cut with their fathers.

11 Therefore thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will bring to them evil from which they shall not be able to go out; and they shall scream to me, I will not attentively hear them.

12 And the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem shall walk and scream to the gods to whom they burn perfumed incense; and not saving them, they shall not save them in the time of their evil,

13 Because the number of your cities were the number of your gods, Oh Judah, and according to the number of the outside streets of Jerusalem you have put altars of shame, altars to burn perfumed incense to Baal.

14 And do not judge in prayer for this people, and do not lift up a cry or prayer for them, because I will not attentively hear them in the time that they call out to me on account of their evil.

15 What is to my beloved in my house? She has made an evil plan with many, and the holy flesh has crossed over from you! When there is evil then you jump for joy.

16 Jehovah called your name a green olive tree, beautiful fruit, beautiful in appearance; he has set fire upon it with the noise of a great tumult, and its branches are broken to pieces;

17 And Jehovah of hosts who planted you has spoken evil against you on account of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me in burning perfumed incense to Baal.

18 And Jehovah has given me knowledge, and I know it; then you caused me to see their doings.

19 And I was like a lamb, like an ox flowing to the slaughter, and I did not know that they had calculated evil devisings against me: Let us destroy the tree with its food, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, and his name will not be remembered any more.

20 And, Oh Jehovah of hosts, who judges righteously, who tries the kidneys and the heart, let me see your vengeance on them, because I have revealed my controversy to you.

21 Therefore thus says Jehovah of the men of Anathoth, who seek your soul, saying, Do not prophesy in the name of Jehovah, and you will not die by our hand;

22 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, Behold, I will visit upon them; the youth shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by hunger;

23 And there shall be no remnant of them, because I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth the year of their visitation.

## CHAPTER 12

1 You are righteous, Oh Jehovah; when I contend with you, I will speak only judgments with you. Why is the way of the morally wrong at peace? Are they all at rest who cover up their covert activity?

2 You have planted them; they have even taken root; they grow; also they make fruit; you are near in their mouth and far from their kidneys.

3 And you, Oh Jehovah, know me; you have seen me, and tried my heart toward you; tear them out like flock animals for the slaughter, and make them clean for the day of slaughter.

4 How long shall the land mourn and the plants of every field wither for the evil of them who dwell there? The animals are scraped away and the birds because they said, He shall not see our last end.

5 Since you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And if in the

**JEREMIAH 12** *God's heritage has turned against Him: after I have torn them out I will turn them back*

land of peace you were confident, then how will you do in the majesty<sup>5</sup> of Jordan?

6 Because even your brothers and the house of your father, even they have acted covertly with you; yes, they have called out after you fully; do not believe them because they speak good to you.

7 I have forsaken my house; I have thrust off my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the palm of those who hate her.

8 My heritage exists to me as a lion in the forest; it gives out its voice against me; therefore I have hated it.

9 My heritage is to me as a dyed bird of prey; the birds of prey are against her all around; walk, assemble all the living creatures of the field; arrive for the food.

10 Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard; they have trampled my allotment under foot; they have given my pleasant allotment to be a stunned desert.

11 They have put it a stunned devastation; it mourns to me a stunned devastation; the whole land is stunned because there exists no man to put it to heart.

12 The ravagers have come upon all barren hills through the desert because the sword of Jehovah shall devour from extrem-

<sup>5</sup> 12:5 the majesty of Jordan means the flooding of Jordan when it reaches its most majestic flow.

ity of the land even to extremity of the land; there exists no peace to all flesh.

13 They have sown wheat, and they shall reap thorns; they have made themselves worn *out*; they shall not profit; and they shall pale in shame of your increases because of the burning nostrils of Jehovah.

14 Thus says Jehovah against all my evil residents who touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit, Behold, I will tear them out of their soil, and I will tear out the house of Judah from among them.

15 And it shall be, after that I have torn them out I will turn back and have compassion on them, and will turn them back, every man to his heritage and every man to his land.

16 And it shall be, if they<sup>16</sup> being taught, will be taught the ways of my people to swear by my name, Jehovah lives, as they taught my people to swear by Baal, then they shall be built up in the midst of my people.

17 And if they will not attentively hear, tearing out, I will tear *them* out, and cause that people to be lost - An oracle of Jehovah.

<sup>16</sup> 12:16 **they** of verse 16 refers to the people of other ethnic and religious background who are brought in to live among the Jews after they are turned back from captivity - see verse 15. If they will be taught by the Jews to believe and attentively hear Jehovah God, then they shall be built up in the midst of God's people.

*Jeremiah hides his dirty girdle near the Euphrates; the decayed girdle is like Jerusalem* **JEREMIAH 13**

### CHAPTER 13

1 Thus says Jehovah to me, Walk and get yourself a linen girdle, and put it upon your loins, and do not put it in water.

2 And I got a girdle according to the word of Jehovah, and put it on my loins.

3 And the word of Jehovah was to me the second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that you set up, which is upon your loins, and rise up, walk to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the craggy rock.

5 And I walked and hid it by the Euphrates, what Jehovah commanded me.

6 And it was at the end of many days, and Jehovah said to me, Rise up, walk to the Euphrates, and take the girdle from there, which I commanded you to hide there.

7 And I walked to the Euphrates, and dug, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it; and behold, the girdle was decayed; it was profitable for nothing in its entirety.

8 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

9 Thus says Jehovah, Like this I will decay the majesty of Judah and the great majesty of Jerusalem:

10 This evil people who refuse to attentively hear my words, who walk in the twisted obstinacy of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to prostrate themselves to them, shall even be as this girdle

which is profitable for nothing in its entirety,

11 Because as the girdle clings to the loins of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to me - An oracle of Jehovah - to be to me the people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for an ornament; and they would not attentively hear.

12 And you shall say to them this word; Thus says Jehovah God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine. And they shall say to you, Knowing, do we not know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

13 And you shall say to them, Thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, and the kings who sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

14 And I will dash them to pieces, man against his brother, and the fathers and the sons together - An oracle of Jehovah - I will not spare in pity, nor cover, and will not have compassion so as to destroy them.

15 Attentively hear, and broaden your ear; do not soar in haughtiness, because Jehovah has spoken.

16 Give heavy glory to Jehovah, your God, before he causes darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while you bind yourself in expectation of light, he

**JEREMIAH 14** *Humble yourselves; Judah shall be carried away as stripped captives; the drought*

turns it into the shadow of death and makes it thick darkness.

17 And if you will not attentively hear it my soul shall weep in secret places before the face of your pride, and weeping, my eye shall weep and run down with tears because Jehovah's flock is carried into captivity.

18 Say to the king and to the mistress, Humble yourselves; sit down, because your headship shall come down, even the crown of your ornament.

19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and there will exist none to open them; Judah shall be carried away as stripped captives - all of it; it shall be wholly carried away as stripped captives complete.

20 Lift up your eyes and behold them who come from the north; where is the flock given to you, your ornamented flock?

21 What will you say since he shall visit them against you as head over you? And you have taught them to be familiar friends. Shall not pain seize you as a woman in childbirth?

22 And now you say in your heart, Why do these *things* happen to me? For the abundance of your crookedness your skirts are stripped away; your heels have suffered violence.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin and the leopard his spots? Also you can do good, who are accustomed to do evil!

24 And I will dash them in pieces as straw that crosses on away by the wind of the desert.

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25 This is your lot, the portion of your measures from me - An oracle of Jehovah - because you have forgotten me and trusted in falsehood.

26 And also I will strip off your skirts before your face, and your disgrace will be seen.

27 As to your adulteries, and your neighings, the *evil* schemes of your adultery on the hills, in the fields, I have seen your disgusting filthy things. Woe to you, Oh Jerusalem! Will you not be made pure? How long shall it continue?

**CHAPTER 14**

1 That which was the word of Jehovah to Jeremiah concerning the word about the drought:

2 Judah mourns, and her gates droop; they are darkened to the earth, and the screech of Jerusalem has gone up.

3 And their great ones have sent their little ones to the waters; they came to the wells, and did not find water; they turned back with their vessels empty; they paled in shame and were reproached and covered their heads,

4 Because the soil is prostrated, because there was no rain in the earth; the farmers paled in shame; they covered their heads,

5 Because also the doe gave birth in the field and forsook it because there were no tender sprouts.

6 And the wild donkeys stood on the barren hills; they eagerly inhaled the wind like monsters; their eyes failed be-

*Jeremiah intercedes; The prophets prophesy lies; Let my eyes run down with tears* **JEREMIAH 14**  
cause there existed no plants.

7 Though our crookednesses answer against us, Oh Jehovah, do for your name's sake, because our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.

8 Oh the hope of Israel, her savior in time of distress, why are you as a stranger in the earth, and as a traveler turning aside to stop for a night?

9 Why are you as a man dumbfounded, as a mighty man who cannot save? And you are in our midst, Oh Jehovah, and we are called by your name; do not leave us!

10 Thus says Jehovah to this people, Thus they have loved to vacillate; they have not restrained their feet, and Jehovah is not satisfied with them; now he will remember their crookedness, and visit their sins.

11 And Jehovah said to me, Do not pray for this people for their good.

12 When they fast I will not attentively hear their cry, and when they offer up burnt offering and a food offering I will not accept them, because I will finish them by the sword, and by the hunger, and by the pestilence.

13 And I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Behold, the prophets say to them, You shall not see the sword, and hunger shall not be to you, because I will give true peace to you in this place.

14 And Jehovah said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name; I did not send them, and I did not command them; and I did

not speak to them; they prophesy to you a false vision and oracle, and a thing good for nothing, and the deceit of their heart.

15 Therefore thus says Jehovah concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name and I did not send them, and they say, Sword and hunger shall not be in this land, By sword and hunger those prophets shall be completed.

16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be thrown outside in Jerusalem before the face of the hunger and the sword, and there shall be none to bury them - them, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, and I will pour out upon them their evil.

17 And you shall say to them this word: Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and do not let them be silent because the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great break, with a very wearing blow.

18 Lo, I have gone out into the field, and behold, I see those polluted by the sword! And lo, I have entered into the city, and behold, I see them who are sick from hunger! Because both the prophet and the priest travel around toward a land that they do not know.

19 Despising, have you despised Judah? Has your soul detested Zion? Why have you struck us, and there exists no cure for us? We bound ourselves together in expectation for peace, and there exists no good, and for the time of healing, and behold fear!

**JEREMIAH 15** *Jeremiah intercedes; I will give them to be shaken into all kingdoms*

20 Oh Jehovah, we know by seeing our wrong, and the crookedness of our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

21 For your name's sake do not scorn us; do not let the throne of your heavy glory fall; remember, do not break your covenant with us.

22 Do there exist among the vanities of the peoples those who can cause rain? And do the heavens give rain on their own? Are you not he who gives rain, Oh Jehovah, our God? And we will bind ourselves together in expectation upon you because you have made all of these.

**CHAPTER 15**

1 And Jehovah said to me, If Moses and Samuel stood before my face, my soul will not be toward this people; send them away from before my face, and let them go away.

2 And it shall be, if they say to you, To where shall we go away? Then you shall say to them, Thus says Jehovah, Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for hunger, to hunger; and such as are for the exile, to the exile.

3 And I will visit over them four kinds - An oracle of Jehovah - the sword to strike fatally, and the dogs to drag away, and the birds of the heavens, and the animals of the earth to devour and destroy.

4 And I will give them to be shaken into all kingdoms of the earth because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.

5 Because, who will spare you in pity, Oh Jerusalem? And who will nod with you? And who will turn aside to inquire of your peace?

6 You are thrust from me - An oracle of Jehovah - you have walked backward; and I will stretch out my hand against you and destroy you; I am weary of having to comfort myself over you.

7 And I will toss them about with a winnowing shovel in the gates of the land; I will cause them to lose children; I will cause my people to be lost; they do not turn back from their ways.

8 Their widows have been more to me than the sand of the seas; I have brought in upon them a ravager at noonday against the mother of a young man; I have caused him to fall upon it suddenly, and *there will be* panic upon the city.

9 She who has borne seven droops; she has breathed out the soul; her sun has gone down while it was yet day; she has paled in shame and blushed, and I will give the remnant of them to the sword before the face of them who hate you - An oracle of Jehovah.

10 Woe is me, my mother, because you have borne me, a man of controversy and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not obligated anyone to me on interest, and I have not obligated myself to anyone on interest; all of them make light of me.

11 Jehovah said, Truly I will free you for good; truly in the time of evil and in the time of distress I will impinge upon them who hate you.

12 Shall one break iron - northern iron and brass?

13 I will give your resources and your treasures to the plunder without price, and that for all your sins and in all your borders.

14 And I will make you to cross over with those who hate you into a land which you do not know because a fire is inflamed in my nostrils; it shall burn upon you.

15 Oh Jehovah, you know; remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of those who run after me with hostility; in your long waiting nostrils do not take me away; know that I have borne disgrace for your sake.

16 Your words were found, and I ate them; and your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart, because I am called by your name, Oh Jehovah God of hosts.

17 I did not sit in the assembled counsel of the laughers and did not jump for joy; I sat alone before the face of your hand because you have filled me with fury.

18 Why is my suffering perpetual and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Are you being as a liar to me and as waters that cannot be trusted?

19 Therefore thus says Jehovah, If you turn back, then I will turn you back, and you shall stand before my face; and if you go out clear from being morally loose, you shall be as my mouth; turn them back to you, and you do not turn back to them.

20 And I will give you to this people as an isolated brass wall, and they shall devour against you, and they shall not prevail against you because I am with you to save you and to snatch you out - An oracle of Jehovah.

21 And I will snatch you out of the hand of the evil, and I will redeem you out of the palm of the ruthless.

### **CHAPTER 16**

1 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

2 You shall not take yourself a wife, and there shall not be to you sons and daughters in this place,

3 Because thus says Jehovah concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who bore them in this land,

4 They shall die deaths from disease; they shall not be lamented; and they shall not be buried; they shall be as manure

**JEREMIAH 16** *I have taken away my peace from this people; you have walked after other gods upon the face of the earth; and they shall be ended by the sword and hunger, and their carcasses shall be food for the birds of the heavens and for the animals of the earth,*

5 Because thus says Jehovah, Do not enter into the house of mourning, and do not walk to lament, and do not nod with them, because I have taken away my peace from this people - An oracle of Jehovah - *my* mercy and compassions.

6 Both shall die, the great and the small in this land; they shall not be buried, and they shall not lament for them, and shall not cut themselves, and shall not make themselves bald for them;

7 And they shall not break up in mourning for them to comfort them over the dead, and they shall not give them the cup of compassion to drink for their father or for their mother.

8 And you shall not go to the house of drinking to sit with them to eat and to drink.

9 Because thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes and in your days the voice of cheerfulness, and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

10 And it shall be, that you shall cause all these words to stand out boldly to this people, and they shall say to you, Why has Jehovah spoken all this great evil against us, and what is our crookedness, and what is our sin that we have sinned against Jeho-

vah, our God?

11 And you shall say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken me - An oracle of Jehovah - and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have prostrated themselves to them, and have forsaken me, and they have not hedged about my law;

12 And you have done the good for nothing more than your fathers; and behold, you walk every man after the twisted obstinacy of his evil heart that they may not attentively hear me;

13 And I will throw you out of this land into a land that you do not know, you nor your fathers, and there you shall serve other gods day and night where I will not give you grace.

14 Therefore behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and it shall no more be said, Jehovah lives who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt,

15 But, Jehovah lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where there he had pushed them out, and I will turn them back upon their soil that I gave to their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers - An oracle of Jehovah - and they will fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them upon every mountain, and upon every hill, and out of the clefts of the craggy rocks;

*I will make their crookedness double-complete; the man who trusts in Jehovah* **JEREMIAH 17**

17 Because my eyes are upon all their ways; they are not hid from my face, and their crookedness is not hid from my eyes.

18 And first I will make their crookedness double-complete, and their sin, because they have defiled my land with the carcasses of their filthiness and they have filled my inheritance with morally disgusting things.

19 Oh Jehovah, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of distress, the peoples shall come to you from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things where there exists no profit.

20 Shall a man make to himself gods, and they are not gods?

21 Therefore behold, I cause them to know by seeing this stroke; I cause them to know my hand and my might, and I will cause them to know that my name is Jehovah.

#### **CHAPTER 17**

1 The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron and with the point of a diamond; it is engraved upon the tablet of their heart and upon the horns of your altars,

2 While their children remember their altars and their pole images by the green trees upon the high hills. Note Exo 34:13

3 Oh my mountain in the field, I will give your resources and all your treasures to the plunder, your high places for sin throughout all your borders.

4 And you shall fling down yourselves from your inheritance which I gave you, and I will cause you to serve those who hate you in the land which you do not know because you have inflamed a fire in my nostrils; it shall burn forever.

5 Thus says Jehovah; Cursed is the mighty man who trusts in man, and puts flesh his outstretched arm, and turns his heart away from Jehovah.

6 And he shall be like the juniper in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, and shall reside in the arid places in the desert in a salt land and not inhabited.

7 Blessed is the mighty man who trusts in Jehovah, and whose refuge is Jehovah.

8 And he shall be as a tree transplanted by the waters, and she sends out her roots by the stream; and shall not see when heat comes, and her leaf shall be green; and she shall not be anxious in the year of drought, and shall not withdraw from making fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is sick; who can know it?

10 I, Jehovah, intimately examine the heart; I try the kidneys, and I give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge broods and does not bear young, he who makes riches and not by divine law shall leave them in the midst

**JEREMIAH 17** *Heal me, Oh Jehovah, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved*

of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

12 From the first the place of our sanctuary is a high throne of heavy glory.

13 The hope of Israel is Jehovah; all who forsake you shall pale in shame, and they who turn away from me shall be written in the earth that they have forsaken Jehovah, the fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, Oh Jehovah, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved because you are my praise.

15 Behold, they say to me, Where is the word of Jehovah? Let it come now.

16 And I have not pressed on from being a shepherd to follow you, and I have not desired the ill day; you know what came out of my lips was before your face.

17 Do not be the dissolution of me; you are my hope in the day of evil.

18 Let them pale in shame who run after me with hostile intent, and do not let me pale in shame; let them break down, and do not let me break down; bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

19 Thus said Jehovah to me; Walk and stand in the gate of the children of the people, by which there the kings of Judah come in, and by which there they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 And say to them, Attentively hear the word of Jehovah, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem who enter in by these gates;

21 Thus says Jehovah, Hedge yourselves about and do not lift a burden on the Sabbath day, and do not bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22 And do not cause a burden to go out from your houses on the Sabbath day, and do not do any work, and sanctify the Sabbath day, what I commanded your fathers.

23 And they have not attentively heard, and have not spread out their ear, and have hardened their neck, that they might not attentively hear, and failed to take corrective discipline.

24 And it shall be, if attentively hearing, you attentively hear me - An oracle of Jehovah - to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, and sanctify the Sabbath day to not do there any work,

25 Then there shall enter into the gates of this city kings and chief rulers sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their chief rulers, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and this city shall be inhabited forever.

26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from all around Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the coastal slopes, and from the mountains, and from the south,

*As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand; my people have forgotten me* **JEREMIAH 18**  
bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and food offerings, and frankincense, and coming with hands extended to the house of Jehovah.

27 And if you will not attentively hear me to sanctify the Sabbath day, and not to lift a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will set on fire a fire in her gates, and it shall devour the citadels of Jerusalem, and it shall not be extinguished.

### CHAPTER 18

1 The word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Rise up and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to attentively hear my words.

3 And I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he made a work on the potter's stones.

4 And the vessel that he made of clay was ruined in the hand of the potter, and he turned back to make another vessel, what was right in the eyes of the potter to make.

5 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

6 Am I not able to do the same with you as this potter, Oh house of Israel? - An oracle of Jehovah. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, Oh house of Israel.

7 In the wink I speak concerning a people and concerning a kingdom to tear out, and to tear down, and to cause to be lost,

8 And that people turns back from their evil - they against whom I have spoken - I will comfort myself over the evil that I calculated to do to them.

9 And the wink I speak concerning a people and concerning a kingdom to build and to plant,

10 And it does the evil in my eyes that it does not attentively hear my voice, then I will comfort myself over the good which I said I would do good to them.

11 And now, please, say to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says Jehovah, Behold, I mold against you evil, and calculate a device against you; please, every man turn back from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

12 And they said, We despair, but we will walk after our own evil devices, and we will do every man the twisted obstinacy of his evil heart.

13 Therefore thus says Jehovah, Ask, please, among the peoples, Who has attentively heard such? The virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing.

14 Will the snow of Lebanon forsake the rock of the field? Or shall the cool flowing waters that come from a strange place be torn away?

15 Because my people have forgotten me, they burned perfumed incense to ruin, and they have caused them to totter weak legged in their ways *from the* paths of old, to walk in paths, a

**JEREMIAH 19** *Walk, and let us calculate against Jeremiah; Jeremiah's prophecy in the potter's gate way not built up;*

16 To put their land a stunned devastation, a perpetual hissing; everyone who crosses over by it shall be stunned, and nod his head.

17 I will dash them to pieces with an east wind before the face of him hating them; I will let them see the back of the neck, and not the face in the day of their bending under oppression.

18 And they said, Walk, and let us calculate against Jeremiah evil devisings, because the law shall not be lost from the priest, and counsel from the wise, and the word from the prophet. Walk, and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not prick up our ears to any of his words.

19 Prick up your ears to me, Oh Jehovah, and attentively hear the voice of them who contend with me.

20 Shall evil be completed for good? Because they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before your face to speak good for them, to turn away your heat from them.

21 Therefore give up their children to the hunger, and pour out their blood by the hand of the sword, and let their wives be bereaved of their children and be widows, and let their men be struck to death, their youth be struck by the sword in battle.

22 Let a shriek be attentively heard from their houses, because you shall bring an army upon them suddenly, because they have dug a pit to capture me, and hid *trap* plates for my feet.

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23 And Jehovah, you know all their counsel against me to kill me; do not cover their crookedness, and do not rub out their sin from before your face; and let them totter weak legged before your face; in the time of your burning nostrils do so with them

### CHAPTER 19

1 Thus says Jehovah, Walk and get a potter's pottery bottle, and take of the elders of the people and of the elders of the priests;

2 And go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the potter's gate, and call out there the words that I shall speak to you,

3 And say, Attentively hear the word of Jehovah, Oh kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, so that everyone who attentively hears, his ears shall tingle.

4 Because they have forsaken me, and have caused this place to be recognized *for its idolatry*, and have burned perfumed incense in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers have known nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;

5 And they have built the high places of Baal to set their sons on fire with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command, and I did not speak, and it did not come into my heart;

*Valley of Slaughter; burst the bottle; so I will break this people; Pashur strikes Jeremiah* **JEREMIAH 20**

6 Therefore, behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and this place shall no more be called Tophet and The Valley of the Son of Hinnom but The Valley of Slaughter.

7 And I will make the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem empty in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before the face of them who hate them, and by the hands of them who seek their souls; and I will give their carcasses as food for the birds of the heavens and for the animals of the earth.

8 And I will put this city a stunned devastation and a hissing; all who cross over by it shall be stunned and hiss because of all her plagues.

9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and every man shall eat the flesh of his companion in the siege and distress, by which those who hate them and those who seek their souls shall press upon them.

10 And you shall burst the bottle in the eyes of the men who walk with you,

11 And shall say to them, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Even so I will break this people and this city as one bursts a potter's vessel that cannot be made whole again, and they shall bury them in Tophet until there exists no place to bury.

12 Thus I will do to this place - An oracle of Jehovah - and to her inhabitants, and give this city as Tophet;<sup>1 2</sup>

13 And the houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah shall be defiled as the place of Tophet because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned perfumed incense to all the host of the heavens, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.

14 And Jeremiah came from Tophet, where Jehovah had sent him there to prophesy, and he stood in the court of Jehovah's house, and said to all the people,

15 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her cities all the evil that I have spoken against it, because they have hardened their necks that they might not attentively hear my words.

## CHAPTER 20

1 And Pashur,<sup>1 a</sup> the son of Immer,<sup>1 b</sup> the priest, and who was the commanding visitor in the house of Jehovah, attentively heard Jeremiah prophesy these words.

2 And Pashur struck Jeremiah, the prophet, and gave him upon the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of Jehovah.

3 And it was on the next day, and Pashur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. And Jeremiah

<sup>12</sup> **19:12 Tophet**, something struck, a place of contempt.

<sup>1a</sup> **20:1 Pashur**, meaning prosperity everywhere, which was what all the false leaders were prophesying.

<sup>1b</sup> **20:1 Immer**, from *amar*, to say, meaning talkative.

**JEREMIAH 20** *Jeremiah predicts Pashur's destruction and the wealth of Jerusalem given to plunderers*  
said to him, Jehovah has not called your name Pashur but Magor-mis-Sabib,<sup>3</sup>

4 Because thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will give you to be a fright to yourself and to all your loved ones, and they shall fall by the sword of them who hate them, and your eyes shall see it; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them as stripped captives into Babylon, and shall strike them with the sword.

5 And I will give all the wealth of this city, and all her works, and I will give all her heavy honor, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah into the hand of those who hate them which shall plunder them, and take them and bring them to Babylon.

6 And you, Pashur, and all who dwell in your house shall walk into captivity, and you shall come to Babylon, and there you shall die, and there be buried, you and all your loved ones. What you have prophesied - they are lies.

7 You have made me open, Oh Jehovah, and I was made open; you are stronger than I, and have prevailed; I am laughed at every day; everyone mocks me;

8 Because since I spoke, I cried out violence, and I called out ravaging, because the word of Jehovah was made a disgrace to me and a laughingstock every day.

<sup>3</sup> 20:3 **Magor-mis-Sabib**, A Fright To All Around.  
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9 And I said, I will not remember him, and I will not speak any more in his name. And his word was in my heart as a consuming fire enclosed in my bones, and I was weary of keeping it in, and I could not;

10 Because I attentively heard the slander of many; fear was all around. Cause it to stand out boldly, they say, and we will cause it to stand out boldly. All mortal men who were at peace with me hedged about my limping, saying, Perhaps he will be open, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

11 And Jehovah is with me as a mighty ruthless one; therefore those who run after me with hostile intent shall totter weak legged, and they shall not prevail; they shall pale in shame greatly, because they shall not be intelligently successful; everlasting disgrace shall not be forgotten.

12 And, Oh Jehovah of hosts, who tries the righteous, who sees the kidneys and the heart, let me see your vengeance on them because I have revealed my controversy to you.

13 Sing to Jehovah; boast in Jehovah because he has snatched the soul of the poor out of the hand of evildoers.

14 Cursed be the day in which I was born; do not let the day in which my mother bore me be blessed.

15 Cursed be the man who announced good tidings to my father, saying, A male child is

*Jeremiah curses the day he was born; he predicts the fall of Zedekiah to Babylon* **JEREMIAH 21**

born to you, rejoicing him with joy.

16 And let that man be as the cities which Jehovah overthrew, and did not comfort himself, and let him attentively hear the shriek in the dawn and the scream at noontime;

17 Because he did not kill me from the womb, or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb with child always.

18 Why did I come out of the womb to see wearisome toil and sorrow and my days consumed with shame?

#### **CHAPTER 21**

1 The word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah when king Zedekiah sent Pashur, the son of Melchiah, to him, and Zephaniah, the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying,

2 Please tread seeking Jehovah for us, because Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, devours against us; perhaps Jehovah will do for us according to all his wondrous works that he may ascend over us.

3 And Jeremiah said to them, Thus you shall say to Zedekiah:

4 Thus says Jehovah God of Israel, Behold, I will turn around the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you devour against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans, who besiege you outside the walls, and I will gather them into the midst

of this city;

5 And I myself will devour against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, and with burning nostrils, and in heat, and in great rage.

6 And I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and animal; they shall die by a great pestilence.

7 And just after - An oracle of Jehovah - I will give Zedekiah, king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and those left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from hunger into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and into the hand of those who hate them, and into the hand of those who seek their souls; and he shall strike them with the mouth of the sword; he shall not cover for them, and he shall not spare them in pity, and shall not be compassionate.

8 And you shall say to this people, Thus says Jehovah; Behold, I give before your face the way of life and the way of death.

9 He who sits down in this city shall die by the sword, and by the hunger, and by the pestilence; and he who goes out and falls over to the Chaldeans who lay siege upon you, he shall live, and his soul shall be to him for a prey;

10 Because I have put my face against this city for evil and not for good - An oracle of Jehovah; it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall set it on fire with fire.

**JEREMIAH 22** *Oh king of Judah, Judge a straight course; if not, this house shall be a desolation*

11 And as to the house of the king of Judah, Attentively hear the word of Jehovah,

12 Oh house of David! Thus says Jehovah, Judge a straight course of judgment in the dawn, and snatch those plucked off from out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my heat go out like fire and consume, and none can extinguish it before the face of the evil of your doings.

13 Behold, I am against you, Oh inhabitant of the valley, rock of the plain - An oracle of Jehovah - who say, Who shall come down against us? And who shall enter into our homes?

14 And I will visit you according to the fruit of your doings - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will set on fire a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all, all around it.

**CHAPTER 22**

1 Thus says Jehovah; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,

2 And say, Attentively hear the word of Jehovah, Oh king of Judah, who sits upon the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates;

3 Thus says Jehovah; Do judgment and righteousness, and snatch those plucked off from out of the hand of the oppressor; and do not oppress the stranger, the bereaved, and the widow; do not

be violent; and do not pour out blood of the innocent in this place,

4 Because if doing, you do this word, then there shall enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

5 And if you will not attentively hear these words, I swear by myself - An oracle of Jehovah - that this house shall be a desolation,

6 Because thus says Jehovah to the king's house of Judah; Gilead, you are mine, the head of Lebanon; surely I will place you a desert, cities not inhabited!

7 And I will consecrate against you destroyers, every man and his weapons, and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cause them to fall into the fire.

8 And many peoples shall cross by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor, For what has Jehovah done thus to this great city?

9 And they shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of Jehovah their God, and prostrated themselves to other gods, and served them.

10 Do not weep for the dead, and do not nod your head in sympathy with him; weep, weep for him who walks away,

*Shallum (Jehoabaz) shall die a stripped captive; Jehoiakim will be buried like a donkey* **JEREMIAH 22**

because he will turn back no more and will not see his native country,

11 Because thus says Jehovah to Shallum,<sup>11</sup> the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned after Josiah, his father, who went out of this place, He shall not turn back there any more;

12 Because he shall die a stripped captive in the place where they have taken him, and he shall not see this land again.

13 Woe is he who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms not by right judgment; he works his neighbor gratis, and for his work does not give to him anything;

14 Who says, I will build for myself an extensive house, and upper rooms with breathing space; and cuts out for himself windows; and it is ceiled with cedar and rubbed with red oil of vermilion.

15 Shall you reign because you pride yourself in cedar? Did your father not eat and drink and do judgment and righteousness, and then it was well with him?

16 Judging a straight course, he judged in a straight course him who was looked down on with harshness and the poor, then it was good with him; was this not knowledge of me? - An oracle of Jehovah.

17 But your eyes and your heart are not but upon your unjust gain, and upon the pouring out of innocent blood, and upon oppression, and upon violence, to do it.

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<sup>11</sup> 22:11 Shallum, retribution.

18 Therefore thus says Jehovah to Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! Or, Ah sister! They shall not lament for him, Ah Jehovah! Or, Ah his glorious authority!

19 He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey, dragged and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry, and give your voice in Bashan, and cry from the regions across, because all your lovers are destroyed.

21 I spoke to you in your tranquil security; you said, I will not attentively hear. This has been your way from your youth, because you do not attentively hear my voice.

22 The wind shall devour all your shepherds, and your lovers shall walk into exile, because then you shall pale in shame and be reproached for all your evil.

23 Oh inhabitant of Lebanon who builds your nest in the cedars, how you shall stoop down in grace when twisting pangs come upon you, the throes as of a woman giving birth!

24 As I live - An oracle of Jehovah - though Coniah, the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signature ring upon my right hand, yet I would tear you off from there;

25 And I will give you into the hand of them who seek your soul, and into the hand of them whose face you fear, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of

**JEREMIAH 23** *Coniah (Jehoiachin) thrown out into another country; the promise of true shepherds*

Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 And I will throw you out and your mother who bore you into another country there where you were not born, and you shall die there.

27 And to the land to which they lift their soul to turn back there, there they shall not turn back.

28 This man, Coniah, is a despised broken vessel? Lo, a vessel in which there exists no pleasure? Why are they thrown out, he and his seed, and thrown out into a land which they do not know?

29 Oh earth, earth, earth, attentively hear the word of Jehovah.

30 Thus says Jehovah, Write this man childless, a mighty man who shall not prosper in his days, because no man of his seed shall prosper sitting upon the throne of David and ruling any more in Judah.

**CHAPTER 23**

1 Woe to the shepherds who cause the flock of my pasture to be lost and dashed to pieces! - An oracle of Jehovah.

2 Therefore thus says Jehovah God of Israel against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have dashed my flock to pieces, and pushed them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings - An oracle of Jehovah.

3 And I will grasp the remnant of my flock with my hand out of all lands where I have pushed them there, and will turn them back into their places of rest, and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 And I will cause shepherds to rise up over them who shall shepherd them, and they shall not fear any more, and shall not break down, and they shall not be visited with evil - An oracle of Jehovah.

See Jer 23:2.

5 Behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will cause a righteous Sprouted Branch to rise to David, and a King shall reign and be intelligently successful, and shall do judgment and righteousness in the earth.

6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall reside in faith, and this is his name whereby he shall be called, Jehovah-Tsidqenuw!<sup>6</sup>

7 Therefore, behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and they shall no more say, Jehovah lives who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt,

8 But, Jehovah lives who brought up and who caused the seed of the house of Israel to come out of the land of the north and from all lands where I had pushed them; and they shall dwell upon their own soil.

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<sup>6</sup> 23:6 **Jehovah-Tsidqenuw!** Jehovah Our Righteousness!

*My heart has burst within me because... both prophet and priest are dirty* **JEREMIAH 23**

9 My heart has burst within me because of the prophets; all my bones brood; I am like a drunk man and like a mighty man whom wine has crossed over before the face of Jehovah, and before the face of the words of his holiness;

10 Because the land is full of adulterers, because the land mourns before the face of swearing; the pleasant places of the desert are dried up, and their race is evil, and their might is not upright;

11 Because both prophet and priest are dirty; yes, I have found their evil in my house - An oracle of Jehovah.

12 Therefore their way shall be to them as slippery in the darkness; they shall be pushed down and fall there, because I will bring evil upon them the year of their visitation - An oracle of Jehovah.

13 And I have seen foolishness in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal and caused my people Israel to vacillate.

14 And I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem; they commit adultery, and walk in lies, and they strengthen the hands of evildoers that no man turns back from his evil; they are to me - all of them - as Sodom and her inhabitants as Gomorrah.

15 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink poison water, because dirtiness has gone out from the

prophets of Jerusalem into all the land.

16 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Do not attentively hear the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they make you vain; they speak a vision of their own heart, not out of the mouth of Jehovah.

17 Saying, they say to them who scorn me, Jehovah has spoken, Peace shall be to you. And to everyone who walks after the twisted obstinacy of his own heart they say, There shall not come upon you evil.

18 But who has stood in the assembled counsel of Jehovah, and has seen and has attentively heard his word? Who has pricked up his ears to his word and attentively heard?

19 Behold, a hurricane of Jehovah has gone out in heat, and a twisting hurricane; it shall twist upon the head of the wicked.

20 The burning nostrils of Jehovah shall not turn back until he has done, and until he has caused the plans of his heart to rise; in the last days you shall discern it with discernment.

21 I have not sent these prophets and they ran; I have not spoken to them and they prophesied.

22 And if they had stood in my assembled counsel, and had caused my people to attentively hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their

**JEREMIAH 23** *The prophets prophesy lies; Is not my word like a fire...and like a hammer*  
destructive badness.

23 Am I God near - An oracle of Jehovah - and not God afar off?

24 Lo, can any hide himself in secret places, and I shall not see him? - An oracle of Jehovah. Do I not fill the heavens and earth? - An oracle of Jehovah.

25 I have attentively heard what the prophets said; they prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall this exists in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? And they are prophets of the fraud of their own heart,

27 Who calculate to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which every man tallies up to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

28 The prophet to whom is a dream, let him tally up *his* dream, and he to whom my word is near, let him speak my word faithfully. What *has* the straw to *do with* the wheat? - An oracle of Jehovah.

29 Is not my word like a fire? - An oracle of Jehovah - and like a hammer breaking the rock in pieces?

30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets - An oracle of Jehovah - who steal my words everyone from his neighbor.

31 Behold, I am against the prophets - An oracle of Jehovah - who take their tongues, and who claim divine inspiration for their oracles.<sup>31</sup>

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32 Behold, I am against them who prophesy false dreams - An oracle of Jehovah - and tally them up, and cause my people to vacillate by their lies, and by their frivolity; and I did not send them, and I did not command them; and not profiting, they shall not profit this people - An oracle of Jehovah.

33 And because this people shall ask you, or the prophet, or a priest, saying, What is the burden of Jehovah? And you shall say to them, What burden? And I will thrust you away - An oracle of Jehovah.

34 And as for the prophet and the priest and the people who shall say, The burden of Jehovah, I will even visit judgment upon that man and his house.

35 Thus every man shall say to his neighbor and every man to his brother, What has Jehovah answered? And, What has Jehovah spoken?

36 And you shall not remember the burden of Jehovah any more, because every man's word shall be his burden; and you have overturned the words of the living God, of Jehovah of hosts, our God.

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<sup>31</sup> **23:31 who claim divine inspiration for their oracles**, *na'am ne'um*. These two words coming together are difficult to translate into English, because the first word is the verb, and the second is the noun of the same word. Literally it is who oracularize oracles. An oracle is something delivered by divine inspiration. God, through Jeremiah, speaks an oracle, that He is against the prophets who, on their own, take their tongues to oracularize oracles, when He has not sent them, when He has not commanded them, and when He has not even spoken to them. Jer 14:14.

*One basket of good figs (the exiles in Babylon); bad figs (those who rebel in the land)* **JEREMIAH 24**

37 Thus you shall say to the prophet, What has Jehovah answered you? And, What has Jehovah spoken?

38 And since you say, The burden of Jehovah, therefore thus says Jehovah, Because you say this word, The burden of Jehovah, and I have sent to you, saying, You shall not say, The burden of Jehovah,

39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will forget you, thrusting you away from before my face, and the city that I gave you and your fathers;

40 And I will give upon you an everlasting exposure and an everlasting disgrace which shall not be forgotten.

#### **CHAPTER 24**

1 Jehovah caused me to see, and behold, two baskets of figs were placed by appointment against the face of the temple of Jehovah, after that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had carried away Jeconiah, the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, as a stripped captive, and the chief rulers of Judah, and the fabricators and locksmiths from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket was very good figs, like the first ripe figs, and one basket was very bad figs, which could not be eaten they were so bad.

3 And Jehovah said to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs are very good, and the bad, very evil; they are so bad that they cannot be

eaten.

4 And the word of Jehovah was to me saying,

5 Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Like these good figs, so I will recognize them of the exiles of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good;

6 And I will put my eyes upon them for good, and I will turn them back upon this land, and I will build them and not pull them down, and I will plant them and not tear them out.

7 And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am Jehovah; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, because they shall turn back to me with their whole heart.

8 And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten they are so bad, surely thus says Jehovah, Thus I will give Zedekiah, the king of Judah, and his chief rulers, and the remnant of Jerusalem, who remain in this land, and them who dwell in the land of Egypt -

9 Even I will give them to be agitated with fear for their evil into all the kingdoms of the earth to be a disgrace and a proverb, a taunt and a curse in all places where I shall push them there.

10 And I will send among them the sword, the hunger, and the pestilence until they are completed from off the soil that I gave to them and to their fathers.

**JEREMIAH 25** *Jehovah has sent his prophets; they refused to hear; Nebuchadnezzar will devote them*

**CHAPTER 25**

1 The word that was upon Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon,

2 Which Jeremiah, the prophet, spoke against all the people of Judah and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah, the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, that is the twenty-third year, the word of Jehovah has been to me, and I have spoken to you, loading up early and speaking, and you have not attentively heard.

4 And Jehovah has sent to you all his servants, the prophets, loading up early and sending them, and you have not attentively heard, and you have not spread out your ear to attentively hear.

5 They said, Turn back, please, every man from his evil way, and from the destructive badness of your doings, and dwell upon the soil that Jehovah has given to you and to your fathers forever and ever;

6 And do not walk after other gods to serve them and to prostrate yourselves to them, and do not provoke me with the works of your hands, and I will not break you to pieces.

7 And you have not attentively heard me - An oracle of Jehovah - so that you provoke me

with the works of your hands to your own evil.

8 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, Because you have not attentively heard my words,

9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north - An oracle of Jehovah - and Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against her inhabitants, and against all these peoples all around, and will devote them *to destruction*, and put them a stunned devastation, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 And I will cause the voice of joy to be lost from them, and the voice of rejoicing, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation and a stunned devastation, and these peoples shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 And it shall be, when seventy years are fulfilled I will visit upon the king of Babylon and upon that people - An oracle of Jehovah - their crookedness, and upon the land of the Chaldeans, and will put it perpetual stunned devastations.

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have spoken against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the peoples,

*Jeremiah predicts all the peoples will drink the cup of Jehovah's anger*

## **JEREMIAH 25**

14 Because many peoples and great kings shall make them serve them also, and I will complete them according to their deeds and according to the works of their own hands.

15 Because thus says Jehovah God of Israel to me, Take the wine cup of this hot anger at my hand, and cause all the peoples, to whom I send you to drink it.

16 And they shall drink and be violently agitated and rave before the face of the sword that I will send among them.

17 And I took the cup at Jehovah's hand, and made all the peoples to drink to whom Jehovah had sent me:

18 Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and their kings, and their chief rulers, to give them to be a desolation, a stunned devastation, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day;

19 Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and his servants, and his chief rulers, and all his people;

20 And all the mixed people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Palistinians, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,

22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the habitable lands which are the region across the sea,

23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners,

24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mixed people who reside in the desert,

25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, every man with his brother, and all the kingdoms of the earth which are upon the face of the soil, and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

27 And you shall say to them, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Drink, and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and do not rise before the face of the sword which I will send among you.

28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, Thus says Jehovah of hosts; Drinking, you shall drink!

29 Because lo, I begin to break to pieces against the city which is called by my name. And being pure, are you pure? You are not pure, because I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts.

30 And prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, Jehovah shall roar from on high, and give his voice from his holy dwelling place; he shall roar a roar upon his place of rest; he shall give a shout as they who tread the grapes against all those of the earth who sit *as judges*.

**JEREMIAH 26** *The polluted of Jehovah; if you do not hear my prophets this house/city will be a curse*

31 An uproar shall come to the ends of the earth, because Jehovah has a controversy with the peoples; he will judge all flesh; he will give them who are wicked to the sword - An oracle of Jehovah.

32 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Behold, evil shall go out from people to people, and a great hurricane shall be awakened from the backsides of the earth.

33 And the polluted<sup>33</sup> of Jehovah shall be at that day from extremity of the earth to extremity of the earth; they shall not be lamented, and they shall not be gathered, and not buried; they shall be manure upon the face of the soil.

34 Howl, you shepherds, and shriek and wallow, you great ones of the flock, because the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are fulfilled, and you shall fall like a pleasant vessel.

35 And the way to flee shall be lost to the shepherds and the great ones of the flock to escape.

36 A sound of the shriek of the shepherds, and a howling of the great ones of the flock - because Jehovah has ravaged their pasture.

37 And the peaceable homes are still because of the burning anger of Jehovah.

38 He, as the lion, has forsaken his covert, because their land is a stunned devastation before the face of the burning anger of the violent oppressor and before the face of his burning nostrils.

## CHAPTER 26

1 In the first of the reign of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word was from Jehovah, saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah, Stand in the court of Jehovah's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah which come to prostrate themselves in Jehovah's house; of all the words that I command you to speak to them, do not scrape off a word;

3 Perhaps they will attentively hear and every man turn from his evil way that I may comfort myself over the evil which I calculate to do to them before the face of the evil of their doings.

4 And you shall say to them, Thus says Jehovah; If you will not attentively hear me to walk in my law which I have given before your face,

5 To attentively hear the words of my servants, the prophets, whom I sent to you, both loading up early and sending them, and you have not attentively heard,

6 Then I will give this house like Shiloh, and will give this city to be a curse to all the peoples of the earth.

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<sup>33</sup> 25:33 those polluted by dying in their own blood.

*The priests, prophets, and people seize Jeremiah; the rulers do not agree to kill Jeremiah* **JEREMIAH 26**

7 And the priests and the prophets and all the people attentively heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of Jehovah.

8 And it was, when Jeremiah had ended speaking all that Jehovah commanded to speak to all the people that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, Dying, you shall die.

9 Why have you prophesied in the name of Jehovah, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be parched without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered together against Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah.

10 And the chief rulers of Judah attentively heard these words, and they came up from the king's house to the house of Jehovah, and sat down in the entry of Jehovah's new gate.

11 And the priests and the prophets spoke to the chief rulers and to all the people, saying, This man is judged to die, because he has prophesied against this city as you have attentively heard with your ears.

12 And Jeremiah spoke to all the chief rulers and to all the people, saying, Jehovah sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have attentively heard.

13 And now make your ways and your doings good, and attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God, and Jehovah will comfort himself over the evil that he has spoken against you.

14 And I, behold, I am in your hand; do with me as is good and right in your eyes.

15 But knowing, know, that if you put me to death, surely you shall give innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon her inhabitants, because of a truth Jehovah has sent me to you to speak in your ears all these words.

16 And the chief rulers and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets, This man is not judged to die because he has spoken to us in the name of Jehovah, our God.

17 And mortal men rose up of the older of the land, and said to all the assembly of the people, saying,

18 Micah,<sup>18</sup> the Morasthite, was prophesying in the days of Hezekiah, king of Judah, and said to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall be overturned, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

19 Putting him to death, did Hezekiah, king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear Jehovah, and rubbed the face of Jehovah, and Jehovah comforted himself toward the evil which he had spoken against them? And we do great evil against our souls.

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<sup>18</sup> 26:18 Micah, Who is Like Jehovah.

**JEREMIAH 27** *Only Ahikam was with Jeremiah; Jeremiah's message: Babylon will rule all peoples*

20 And also there was a man who prophesied in the name of Jehovah, Urijah, the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath Je'arim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah.

21 And when Jehoiakim, the king, attentively heard with all his mighty men and all the chief rulers his words, the king sought to put him to death; and Urijah attentively heard it, and he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt;

22 And Jehoiakim, the king, sent men into Egypt, Elnathan, the son of Achbor, and certain men with him into Egypt;

23 And they brought Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim, the king, and he struck him with the sword, and threw his carcass into the graves of the children of the people.

24 Only the hand of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, was with Jeremiah, so that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

#### CHAPTER 27

1 In the first of the reign of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah to me, Make for yourself restraints and yokes, and give them upon your neck,

3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king

of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah, king of Judah;

4 And command them to say to their lords, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Thus you shall say to your lords,

5 I have made the earth, the man and the animals that are upon the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it is right in my eyes.

6 And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, my servant, and also I have given him the living creatures of the field to serve him.

7 And all peoples shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his land comes - also his time, and then many peoples and great kings shall serve themselves upon him.

8 And it shall be, that the people and kingdom which will not serve that Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, and who will not give their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will visit the sword, and the hunger, and the pestilence upon that people - An oracle of Jehovah - until I have completed them by his hand.

9 And you shall not attentively hear your prophets, and those who seek the future for you by magic, and your dreamers, and your practitioners of secret arts, and those who whisper spells -

*I spoke to Zedekiah, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon* **JEREMIAH 27**  
they who say to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon,

10 Because they prophesy a lie to you, to widely distance you from your soil, and that I should push you out and you should be lost.

11 And the peoples who bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him, those I will deposit on their own soil - An oracle of Jehovah - and they shall work it and dwell there.

12 And I spoke to Zedekiah, king of Judah, according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.

13 Why will you die, you and your people by the sword, by the hunger, and by the pestilence, what Jehovah has spoken against the people who will not serve the king of Babylon?

14 And do not attentively hear the words of the prophets who say to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon, because they prophesy a lie to you,

15 Because I have not sent them - An oracle of Jehovah - and they prophesy a lie in my name, that I might push you out, and that you might be lost, you and the prophets who prophesy to you.

16 And I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus says Jehovah, Do not attentively hear the words of your prophets who prophesy to you,

saying, Behold, the vessels of Jehovah's house shall be turned back from Babylon now in a hurry, because they prophesy to you a lie.

17 Do not attentively hear them; serve the king of Babylon, and live. Why should this city be a desolation?

18 And if they are prophets, and if the word of Jehovah exists with them, let them now impinge upon Jehovah of hosts that the vessels which are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem not go to Babylon,

19 Because thus says Jehovah of hosts concerning the columns, and concerning the sea, and concerning the pedestals, and concerning what is left of the vessels that remain in this city,

20 Which Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, did not take, when he carried away Jeconiah, the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, as a stripped captive from Jerusalem to Babylon and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;

21 Because, thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of Jehovah and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;

22 They shall be brought to Babylon, and there they shall be until the day that I visit them - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will bring them up, and turn them back to this place.

**CHAPTER 28**

1 And it was the same year, in the first of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth new moon, Hananiah, the son of Azur, the prophet, who was of Gibeon, said to me in the house of Jehovah before the eyes of the priests and of all the people, saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 Within two years of days I will turn back to this place all the vessels of Jehovah's house that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, took away from this place and brought them to Babylon;

4 And Jeconiah, the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah who went into Babylon, I will bring again to this place - An oracle of Jehovah - because I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 And Jeremiah, the prophet, said to Hananiah, the prophet, before the eyes of the priests, and before the eyes of all the people who stood in the house of Jehovah -

6 And Jeremiah, the prophet, said, Amen; so may Jehovah do; may Jehovah cause your words to rise which you have prophesied, to turn again the vessels of Jehovah's house and all the exiles from Babylon to this place.

7 Only attentively hear now this word which I speak in your ears and in the ears of all the people:

8 The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied both against many lands and against great kingdoms of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

9 The prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of the prophet comes, the prophet is known that Jehovah has truly sent him.

10 And Hananiah, the prophet, took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it.

11 And Hananiah said before the eyes of all the people, saying, Thus says Jehovah, Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, from the neck of all peoples within two years of days. And Jeremiah, the prophet, walked his way.

12 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, after that Hananiah, the prophet, had broken the yoke from off the neck of Jeremiah, the prophet, saying,

13 Walk and say to Hananiah, saying, Thus says Jehovah, You have broken the yokes of wood, and you shall make for them yokes of iron,

14 Because thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, I have given a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these peoples that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and they shall

*Hananiah, this year you shall die; Jeremiah to the exiles in Babylon: Seventy years* **JEREMIAH 29**  
serve him, and I have given him the living creatures of the field also.

15 And Jeremiah, the prophet, said to Hananiah, the prophet, Attentively hear now, Hananiah; Jehovah has not sent you, and you cause this people to trust in a lie.

16 Therefore thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will send you from off the face of the soil; this year you shall die because you have spoken apostasy against Jehovah.

17 And Hananiah, the prophet, died that year in the seventh new moon.

### CHAPTER 29

1 And these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah, the prophet, sent from Jerusalem to those left of the elders who were exiles, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away as stripped captives from Jerusalem to Babylon,

2 After that Jeconiah, the king, and the mistress, and the eunuchs, the chief rulers of Judah and Jerusalem, and the fabricators, and the locksmiths, were departed from Jerusalem,

3 By the hand of Elasah, the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah, the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah, king of Judah, sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, saying,

4 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have caused to be carried away as stripped captives from Jerusalem to Babylon:

5 Build houses and settle down, and plant gardens and eat their fruit;

6 Take for yourselves wives and beget sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to men that they may bear sons and daughters that you may be increased there and not diminished.

7 And tread seeking the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away stripped captives, and judge in prayer to Jehovah for it because in its peace there shall be peace to you,

8 Because thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Do not let your prophets deceive you who are in your midst, and those who seek the future for you by magic, and do not attentively hear your dreams which you have caused to be dreamed,

9 Because they prophesy lies to you in my name; I have not sent them - An oracle of Jehovah -

10 Because thus says Jehovah, When my mouth is fulfilled with seventy years in Babylon I will visit you, and cause my good word to rise over you, causing you to turn back to this place,

11 Because I know by seeing the devisings that I calculate toward you - An oracle of Jehovah - devisings of peace, and not of evil, to give you a cord *of hope* at the end.

**JEREMIAH 29** *May Jehovah put you like Zedekiah/Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in fire*

12 And you shall call upon me, and you shall walk and judge in prayer to me, and I will attentively hear you.

13 And you shall seek me, and find me, because you shall tread seeking me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found by you - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the peoples, and from all the places where I have pushed you - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will turn you back into the place where I caused you to be carried away as stripped captives,

15 Because you have said, Jehovah has caused prophets to rise up to us in Babylon;

16 That thus says Jehovah of the king who sits upon the throne of David, and of all the people who dwell in this city, your brothers who have not gone out with you into captivity,

17 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the hunger, and the pestilence, and will give them to be like offensive figs that cannot be eaten they are so evil.

18 And I will run after them with the sword, with the hunger, and with the pestilence, and will give them to be agitated with fear into all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and a stunned devastation, and a hissing, and a disgrace, among all the peoples where I have pushed them,

19 Because they have not attentively listened to my words - An oracle of Jehovah - which I sent to them by my servants the prophets, loading up early and sending them, and you would not attentively hear - An oracle of Jehovah.

20 And attentively hear the word of Jehovah, all you exiles, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

21 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab, the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah, the son of Maaseiah, the prophesiers of a lie to you in my name, Behold, I will give them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon; and he shall strike them before your eyes;

22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, May Jehovah put you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire,

23 Because they have done moral stupidity in Israel, and have done adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them, and I know, and am a witness - An oracle of Jehovah.

24 And to Shemaiah, the Nehelamite, say, saying

25 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your name to all the people who are at Jerusalem and to

Zephaniah, the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 Jehovah has given you to be priest in place of Jehoiada, the priest, that you should be officers in the house of Jehovah, for every man that is insane and makes himself a prophet that you should give him into the stocks and into the pillory.

27 And now, why have you not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you?

28 Because therefore he sent to us in Babylon, saying, This captivity is long; build houses and settle down, and plant gardens and eat the fruit of them.

29 And Zephaniah, the priest, called out this letter in the ears of Jeremiah, the prophet.

30 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus says Jehovah concerning Shemaiah, the Nehelamite, Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I did not send him, and he caused you to trust in a lie,

32 Therefore, thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will visit upon Shemaiah, the Nehelamite, and his seed; there shall not be to him a man to dwell among this people, and he shall not see the good that I will do for my people - An oracle of Jehovah - because he has taught apostasy against Jehovah.

### CHAPTER 30

1 The word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah God of Israel, saying, Write for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you in a book,

3 Because lo, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will turn back the captivity of my people, Israel and Judah, says Jehovah, and I will cause them to turn back to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 And these are the words that Jehovah spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah,

5 Because, thus says Jehovah, We have attentively heard a voice of fear, of fear, and not of peace.

6 Inquire now, and see whether a male labors in childbirth? Why do I see every mighty man with his hands on his loins as laboring in childbirth, and all faces are turned into paleness?

7 Alas! Because that day is great so there exists none like it, and it is the time of Jacob's Trouble, and he shall be saved out of it.

8 And it shall be in that day - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your chastisements, and strangers shall no more serve themselves upon him;

9 And they shall serve Jehovah, their God, and David, their king, whom I will cause to

**JEREMIAH 30** *Do not fear, Jacob; I will save you from afar; they who plunder you shall be a plunder rise up to them.*

10 And do not fear, Oh my servant Jacob - An oracle Jehovah - and do not break down, Oh Israel, because lo, I will save you from afar and your seed from the land of their captivity, and Jacob shall turn back, and shall be at rest, and be at peace, and none shall make him tremble in fear,

11 Because I am with you - An oracle of Jehovah - to save you; though I make a complete end of all peoples there where I have dashed you to pieces, yet I will not make a complete end of you, and I will chastise you in judgment, and will make you clean.

12 Because thus says Jehovah, Your break has made you feeble; your blow has worn you *out*.

13 There is none to judge your cause that you may be bandaged; there exists no healing medicines to you.

14 All your lovers have forgotten you; they do not tread seeking you, because I have struck you with the blow of him who hates you, the corrective discipline of a cruel one, upon the abundance of your crookedness; your sins were strong.

15 Why do you shriek over your break? Your sorrow is feebleness from the abundance of your crookedness; your sins were strong; I have done these things to you.

16 Therefore all they who devour you shall be devoured, and all your oppressors, every-

one of them, shall walk into captivity, and they who plunder you shall be a plunder, and all who prey upon you I will give for a prey;

17 Because I will raise up wholeness to you, and I will heal you of your wounds - An oracle of Jehovah - because they called you An Outcast, *saying*, This is Zion for whom there exists none to tread seeking.

18 Thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will turn back the captivity of Jacob's tents and have compassion on his dwellingplaces, and the city shall be built upon her own mound and the citadel shall dwell according to its judgment.

19 And out of them shall go raising of the hands and the voice of them who laugh; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be diminished; and I will give them heavy glory, and they shall not be small.

20 And their children shall be as in ancient time, and their congregation shall be set up before my face, and I will visit all that oppress them.

21 And of their nobles shall be one of themselves, and their ruler shall go out from their midst; and I will cause him to approach, and he shall draw near to me, because who is this who gives security of his heart to come near to me? - An oracle of Jehovah.

22 And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, the hurricane of Jehovah goes out with heat, a hurricane that drags things away; it shall twist upon the head of the wicked.

24 The burning nostrils of Jehovah shall not turn back until he has done it, and until he has caused the plans of his heart to rise; in the end days you shall understand it.

### CHAPTER 31

1 At that time - An oracle of Jehovah - I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

2 Thus says Jehovah, There was grace to the people in the desert, the survivors of the sword, Israel walking, were settled.

3 Jehovah of old was seen by me, saying, And I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you in mercy.

4 Oh virgin of Israel, I will build you again, and you shall be built; you shall be adorned again with your tambourines, and shall go out in the dances of them that make merry.

5 Again you shall plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things,<sup>5</sup> Lev 19:23-35; Deu 20:6.

6 Because there shall be a day *that* the guard upon Mount Ephraim shall call out, Rise up,

<sup>5</sup> 31:5 God promised that they could eat the crop of the first year, rather than waiting until the third year as required in the Law.

and let us go up to Zion to Jehovah, our God,

7 Because thus says Jehovah, Shout with rejoicing for Jacob, and shine at the head of the peoples; cause it to be attentively heard; boast, and say, Oh Jehovah, save your people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the backsides of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, her with child and her who is bearing a child together; a great assembly shall turn back there.

9 They shall come weeping, and I will cause them to flow with earnest prayers for grace; I will cause them to walk by the streams of waters in a straight way; they shall not totter weak legged there, because I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10 Attentively hear the word of Jehovah, Oh you peoples, and cause it to stand out boldly in the habitable places far off, and say, He who scattered Israel will gather him and hedge him about as a shepherd his flock,

11 Because Jehovah has redeemed Jacob, and is his Kinsman Redeemer from the hand of him stronger than he.

12 And they shall come and shout in the height of Zion, and shall flow with a sparkle to the goodness of Jehovah, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock, and of the herd; and their soul shall be as a

**JEREMIAH 31** *Your children shall return to their territory; farmers and shepherds will dwell in Judah*

watered garden, and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

13 Then the virgin shall rejoice in the dance, both young and old together, and I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their affliction.

14 And I will satisfy the thirst of the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be filled to satisfaction with my goodness - An oracle of Jehovah.

15 Thus says Jehovah, A voice was attentively heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children because they were not. Mat 2:17-18

16 Thus says Jehovah, Refrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears because your work shall be paid on contract - An oracle of Jehovah - and they shall turn back from the land of him who hates them.

17 And there is a cord of *hope* for your end - An oracle of Jehovah - and your children shall turn back to their own territory.

18 Having attentively heard, I have attentively heard Ephraim nodding: You have chastised me, and I was chastised as a bullock not taught; cause me to turn back, and I shall be turned back because you are Jehovah, my God,

19 Because after I was turned back I was comforted, and after I knew by seeing I slapped my hands upon my thigh; I paled in shame; also, I was reproached because I bore the disgrace of my  
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youth.

20 Is Ephraim my dear son? Lo, is he a pleasant child? Because since I spoke against him, remembering, I remember him still; therefore my insides are in a tumultuous uproar for him; having compassion, I will have compassion upon him - An oracle of Jehovah.

21 Station for yourself highway markers; put for yourself erect pillars; place your heart toward the highway, the way you walked; turn back, Oh virgin of Israel, turn back to these your cities.

22 How long will you depart, Oh you backsliding daughter? Because Jehovah has created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall surround a mighty man.<sup>22</sup>

23 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, They shall say this word again in the land of Judah and in her cities when I shall turn back their captivity, May Jehovah bless you, Oh habitation of righteousness, mountain of the sanctuary.

24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself and in all her cities together farmers and they who pull up tents with flocks,

25 Because I have satisfied the thirst of the weary soul, and I have filled every sorrowful soul to the full.

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<sup>22</sup> **31:22 A woman shall surround a mighty man**, is literally what the text says. Its meaning is not as easy to determine. Apparently, since it was not socially appropriate for a woman to seek out a man for a husband, God is saying that He will create a new thing, and Israel shall seek out Jehovah God as the One whom she loves.

*I will be sleepless over them to build/to plant; a new covenant: the law in their hearts* **JEREMIAH 31**

26 Upon this I awaked, and I saw, and my sleep was sweet to me.<sup>26</sup>

27 Behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will sow the house of Israel and the

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<sup>26</sup> **31:26 This is a my own personal experience on sleep and dreams.** It was upon reading this verse that God revealed to me that I could and should control what I dreamed. In 1957-58 while I was in seminary and pastor of a rural church in Texas, I was led to preach through, one at a time, in order, all the books of the Bible. So each week I read through an entire book of the Bible, beginning with Genesis, and prepared a message summarizing the main messages of that book. It was during the week I was reading through Jeremiah and preparing the message on Jeremiah that what I am about to relate happened. I had had several nights of bad dreams, frightening dreams, immoral dreams, and disturbing dreams of various kinds. One night late into the night I was reading straight through Jeremiah. As I read the message God gave Jeremiah up to this verse I had no idea he was asleep while receiving this message. When I read, **Upon this I awaked, and I saw, and my sleep was sweet to me**, it dawned upon me that he received all of this message in a dream. At that time I did not know that I had authority over my dreams, that is authority to prevent the frightening, immoral, and hateful dreams from entering my thoughts while asleep. So I did all I knew to do at the time, I asked God to remove from me all bad dreams, and let me dream only good dreams, so that my sleep would be sweet to me as it was to Jeremiah. That night I slept good and was not conscious of dreaming anything. The next night or so I dreamed I was preaching in that little rural church building, that it was filled with people, and people were getting saved in large numbers. From that God taught me to take authority over my sleep, to resist the evil influences and thoughts before I go to sleep, and invite God to give me whatever good dreams that are appropriate for me at that time. From that day to this I have had authority over my dreams. The only time that any frightening, immoral, or hateful dream has crept in was when I violated God's laws during my waking hours to allow myself to watch something immoral, frightening, or hateful. As long as I kept my mind free of these things while awake, at bedtime I could say, "Satan and demons, you have no authority over my dreams. I reject your evil thoughts in the name of Jesus, and you cannot disturb my sleep. Heavenly Father, give me your thoughts while I sleep." I also trained myself that if anything bad began to take place in my dream, I would willfully awaken myself, rebuke the bad dream, and go back to sleep. And it has always worked without fail!

house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of animal.

28 And it shall be, that as I was sleepless over them to tear them out, and to tear down, and to pull down, and to cause them to be lost, and to break to pieces, so I will be sleepless over them, to build and to plant - An oracle of Jehovah.

29 In those days they shall not say any more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

30 But every man shall die for his own crookedness; every man who eats the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

32 Not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day I seized them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, and I was a lord<sup>32</sup> to them - An oracle of Jehovah -

33 Because this shall be the covenant that I will cut with the house of Israel: After those days - An oracle of Jehovah - I will give my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts, and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall not teach any more every man his neighbor and every man his brother,

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<sup>32</sup> **31:32 lord, baal**, meaning in this case, husband.

**JEREMIAH 32** *Israel shall never cease to be a people; the word to Jeremiah in prison*

saying, Know Jehovah, because they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them - An oracle of Jehovah - because I will forgive their crookedness, and I will not remember their sin any more.

35 Thus says Jehovah, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which settles the sea when its waves roar; Jehovah of hosts is his name;

36 If those enactments withdraw from before my face - An oracle of Jehovah - also the seed of Israel shall cease from being a people before my face all the days.

37 Thus says Jehovah, If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also despise all the seed of Israel for all that they have done - An oracle of Jehovah.

38 Behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and the city shall be built to Jehovah from the tower of Hananeel to the gate of the corner.

39 And the measuring line shall yet go out in front of it upon the hill Gareb, and shall surround Goath.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the fatty ashes of sacrifices, and all the fields to the stream of Kidron, to the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy to Jehovah; it shall not be torn away,

and shall not be pulled down any more forever.

**CHAPTER 32**

1 The word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the tenth year of Zedekiah, king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

2 And then the king of Babylon's resources besieged Jerusalem, and Jeremiah, the prophet, was shut up in the court of the prison which was in the house of the king of Judah,

3 Where Zedekiah, king of Judah, had shut him up, saying, Why do you prophesy, and say, Thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall capture it,

4 And Zedekiah, king of Judah, shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but being given, shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall see his eyes;

5 And he shall walk Zedekiah to Babylon, and he shall be there until I visit him - An oracle of Jehovah - although you devour with the Chaldeans, you shall not prosper?

6 And Jeremiah said, The word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

7 Behold, Hanameel, the son of Shallum, your uncle, shall come to you, saying, Buy for yourself my field that is in Anathoth, because the divine

*Jeremiah commanded to buy a field; Houses, fields, vineyards shall be purchased again.* **JEREMIAH 32**  
right of redemption is yours to buy.

8 And Hanameel, my uncle's son, came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of Jehovah, and said to me, Buy, please, my field that is in Anathoth which is in the land of Benjamin because the divine right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption is yours; buy it for yourself. And I knew by seeing that this was the word of Jehovah.

9 And I bought the field of Hanameel, my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed to him the silver, seventeen shekels, even seventeen of silver.

10 And I wrote the document, and sealed it, and witnesses witnessed, and weighed him the silver in the balances.

11 And I wrote the document of the property, that which was by the command and enactment, and that which was revealed;

12 And I gave the document of the property to Baruch,<sup>1 2</sup> the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in front of the eyes of Hanameel, my uncle's son, and in front of the eyes of the witnesses who wrote the document of the property, in front of all the Jews who sat in the court of the prison.

13 And I commanded Baruch in front of their eyes, saying,

14 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Take these documents: this document of the property, even which is sealed, and this document which is open, and give them into a vessel of pottery that they may stand many days;

15 Because thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Houses and fields and vineyards shall be purchased again in this land.

16 And I judged in prayer, after I gave the document of the property to Baruch, the son of Neriah, saying,

17 Ah Lord Jehovah! Behold, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm; there is not any word too hard for you!

18 You do mercy to thousands, and make complete the crookedness of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; the Great God, the Mighty; Jehovah of Hosts is his name,

19 Great in counsel and abundant in miraculous execution, because your eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men to give every man according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings;

20 Who put signs and miracles in the land of Egypt until this day, and in Israel, and among other men, and have made a name for yourself as it is this day;

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<sup>12</sup> 32:12 Baruch, Blessed.

**JEREMIAH 32** *The city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans because of Israel/Judah's idolatry*

21 And have brought out your people, Israel, out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with miracles, and with a strong hand, and with a outstretched arm, and with great terror;

22 And have given them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing milk and honey;

23 And they came in and possessed it, and they have not attentively heard your voice, and have not walked in your law; they have not done all that you commanded them to do, and you have caused all this evil to happen to them.

24 Behold! The military mounds! They have come to the city to capture it, and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who devour against it, before the face of the sword, and of the hunger, and of the pestilence: and what you have spoken, it is! And behold, you see it!

25 And you have said to me, Oh Lord Jehovah, Buy for yourself the field for silver, and cause witnesses to witness, and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

27 Behold, I am Jehovah, the God of all flesh: is there any word too hard for me?

28 Therefore thus says Jehovah; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and he shall capture it;

29 And the Chaldeans who devour against this city shall come and set this city on fire with fire and burn it and the houses upon whose roofs they have burned perfumed incense to Baal and poured out drink offerings to other gods in order to provoke me;

30 Because the children of Israel and the children of Judah surely have done evil in front of me from their youth, because the children of Israel have surely provoked me with the work of their hands - An oracle of Jehovah;

31 Because this city has been against my nostrils and against my hot anger from the day that they built it even until this day that I should remove it from against my face,

32 Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah which they have done to provoke me, they, their kings, their chief rulers, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 And they have faced about the back to me and not the face, and I taught them, loading up early and teaching them, and there existed none attentively hearing to take corrective discipline.

34 And they put their disgusting filthiness in the house which is called by my name to pollute it.

35 And they built the high places of Baal which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom to cause

*I will gather them out of all lands; Jehovah's address: Jer 33:3*

## **JEREMIAH 33**

their sons and their daughters to cross over through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, and which did not rise up into my heart that they should do this morally disgusting word to cause Judah to sin. Note Lev 18:21

36 And now therefore, thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning this city where you say, It shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the hunger, and by the pestilence,

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all lands where I have pushed them there with my nostrils, and in my hot anger, and in great rage, and I will turn them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely;

38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God;

39 And I will give them one heart and one way that they may fear me all days for their good and of their children after them;

40 And I will cut an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn back from them to do them good, and I will give my fear in their hearts that they shall not depart from me.

41 And I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land truly with my whole heart and with my whole soul,

42 Because thus says Jehovah, Like I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I have spoken to them.

43 And fields shall be bought in this land where you say, It is a stunned devastation without man or animal; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 They shall buy fields for silver, and write documents, and seal them, and cause witnesses to witness in the land of Benjamin, and in the surroundings of Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the coastal slopes, and in the cities of the south, because I will turn back their captivity - An oracle of Jehovah.

### **CHAPTER 33**

1 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah the second time, and he was still shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah, its maker, Jehovah who molded it, who set it up, Jehovah is his name;

3 Call to me, and I will answer you, and cause to stand out boldly to you great and inaccessible things<sup>1</sup> which you do not know,

4 Because thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah which are torn

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<sup>1</sup> **33:3 inaccessible things**, *batsar*, to cut off or be cut off. All the knowledge of God that man needs is cut off from him without Holy Spirit given revelation. Revelation of that knowledge is given to those who respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to call upon God in faith for Him to reveal to you what you cannot know otherwise.

**JEREMIAH 33** *I will cause healing; Lift up your hands to Jehovah; the Sprouted Branch of righteousness*

down by the military mounds and by the sword,

5 They come to devour against the Chaldeans, and it is to fill them with the carcasses of men whom I have struck with my nostrils and in my hot anger, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

6 Behold, I will cause wholeness and healing to rise to it, and I will heal them, and will reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 And I will cause the exile of Judah and the exile of Israel to turn back, and will build them as at the first.

8 And I will purify them from all their crookedness by which they have sinned against me; and I will forgive all their crookednesses by which they have sinned and by which they have broken away against me.

9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an ornament before all the peoples of the earth, who shall attentively hear all the good that I do to them, and they shall fear and be agitated for all the goodness and for all the peace that I do to it.

10 Thus says Jehovah, Again there shall be attentively heard in this place - which you say shall be parched without man and without animal in the cities of Judah and in the outdoors of Jerusalem, that are a stunned devastation without man, and without inhabitant, and without animal -

11 The voice of joy, and the voice of rejoicing, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them who shall say, Lift up your hands to Jehovah of hosts because Jehovah is good, because his mercy is forever. This shall be said of them who shall lift up their hands in the house of Jehovah because I will cause the exile of the land to turn back as at the first, says Jehovah,

12 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Again in this place which is parched without man and even animal and in all its cities shall be a home of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the coastal slopes, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the surroundings of Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall again cross under the hands of him who weighs them out *by number*, says Jehovah.

14 Behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will cause that good word which I have spoken to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah to rise.

15 In those days and at that time I will cause the Sprouted Branch of righteousness to sprout up to David, and he shall do judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days Judah shall be saved and Jerusalem shall reside safely, and this is what she

*My covenant cannot be broken with David; I will give this city to the king of Babylon* **JEREMIAH 34**  
shall be called, Jehovah-Tsidqenuw,<sup>16</sup>

17 Because thus says Jehovah, There shall never be cut off from David a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

18 And there shall not be cut off from the Levitical priests a man before my face to offer up burnt offerings, and to burn as perfumed incense food offerings and to do sacrifice all days.

19 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus says Jehovah, If you can break my covenant of the day and my covenant of the night that there should not be day and night in their time,

21 Also my covenant can be broken with David, my servant, that there should not be to him a son to reign upon his throne, and with the Levitical priests, my ministers.

22 As the host of heavens cannot be tallied up, and the sand of the sea cannot be measured so I will multiply the seed of David, my servant, and the Levites who minister to me.

23 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Do you not see what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which Jehovah has chosen, he has even despised them? Thus they have scorned my people to be a people before their face no more.

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<sup>16</sup> **33:16 Jehovah-Tsidqenuw**, Jehovah our Righteousness.

25 Thus says Jehovah, If my covenant is not with day and night, then I have not put the ordinances of the heavens and earth,

26 And also the seed of Jacob and David, my servant, I will despise to take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - because I will cause their captivity to turn back and have mercy on them.<sup>26</sup>

### CHAPTER 34

1 The word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah (and Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and all his resources, and all the kingdoms of the earth ruled under his hand, and all the peoples devoured against Jerusalem, and against all its cities), saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Walk, and say to Zedekiah, king of Judah, and say to him, Thus says Jehovah, Behold I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire;

3 And you shall not escape out of his hand, but being captured, *you* shall be captured, and given into his hand; and your eyes

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<sup>26</sup> **33:25-26**. The sentence structure is such in verses 25 - 26 that it is a little difficult to keep the continuity of thought without adding words that are not there. The first phrase to grasp is: If my covenant is not with day and night. Then there follow two other statements that are true if the first one is true: (1) God did not put the ordinances of the heavens and the earth, and (2) God will refuse to take any of the seed of David to rule over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is stated negatively to show very strongly that God will not refuse to take of the seed of David to rule over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

**JEREMIAH 34** *Zedekiah, you shall go to Babylon; they refuse to free servants as stated in the law*  
shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak *with you* mouth to mouth, and you shall go to Babylon.

4 Yet attentively hear the word of Jehovah, Oh Zedekiah, king of Judah, Thus says Jehovah of you, You shall not die by the sword;

5 You shall die in peace and with the cremations of your fathers, the former kings which were before you, so they shall set you on fire; and, Ah Jehovah, they will mourn for you, because the word I have spoken *is* An oracle of Jehovah.

6 And Jeremiah, the prophet, spoke to Zedekiah, king of Judah, all these words in Jerusalem,

7 And the resources of the king of Babylon devoured against Jerusalem and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah, because these fortified cities remained of the cities of Judah.

8 The word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, after that King Zedekiah had cut a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem to call out liberty to them,

9 That every man should send out free his manservant and every man his maidservant being a Hebrew or a Hebrewess that none should put them in servitude<sup>9</sup>, a Jew his brother.

<sup>9</sup> 34:9 Israel was violating God's Law in many ways, and one way was that they had taken some of their fellow Hebrews as permanent servants contrary to Exo 21:2-11; Lev 25:39-55; Deu 15:12-18. They were allowed

10 And all the chief rulers and all the people who had entered into the covenant attentively heard that every man should send out his manservant and every man his maidservant free, and none should enslave them any more, and they attentively heard, and sent them out;

11 And afterward, turning back, they turned back, and caused the manservants and the maidservants whom they had sent out free to turn back, and treaded them down for manservants and for maidservants;

12 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

13 Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, I cut a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of servitude, saying,

14 At the end of seven years every man send out his brother a Hebrew who has been sold to you, and when he has served you six years you shall send him out free from you, and your fathers did not attentively hear me, and did not spread out their ear.

by God's Law to take Hebrews as servants temporarily for an obligation in debt, but never more than six years, Jer 34:14, unless the person volunteered to stay on as a family employed servant, Exo 21:6; Deu 17:17. King Zedekiah cut a covenant with the people to free all of their Hebrew servants, perhaps in an attempt to placate God, and possibly with the motivation that they should not go into captivity as servants, but as free who would be treated better by their captors. However, the masters immediately changed their minds and refused to hedge about the covenant, showing their inability to do right.

*They refused to call out liberty; the city will be burned with fire; the Rechabites* **JEREMIAH 35**

15 And today you turned back and did not do right in my eyes in calling out liberty every man to his neighbor, and you had cut a covenant before my face in the house which is called by my name;

16 And you turned back and polluted my name, and caused every man to turn back his manservant and every man his maid-servant whose souls you had sent out free, and treaded them down to be your manservants and maid-servants.

17 Therefore thus says Jehovah, You have not attentively heard me in proclaiming liberty, everyone to his brother and every man to his neighbor; behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, says Jehovah, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the hunger; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men that have crossed against my covenant, who have not caused to rise the words of the covenant which they had cut before my face, when they cut the calf in two and crossed between its sections,

19 The chief rulers of Judah, and the chief rulers of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land who crossed between the sections of the calf,<sup>19</sup>

20 I will even give them into the hand of those who hate them and into the hand of them who

seek their soul, and their carcasses shall be food for the birds of the heavens and for the animals of the earth.

21 And Zedekiah, king of Judah, and his chief rulers, I will give into the hand of those hating them, and into the hand of them who seek their soul, and into the hand of the resources of the king of Babylon which are gone up from you.

22 Behold, I will command - An oracle of Jehovah - and cause them to turn back to this city, and they shall devour against it, and capture it, and burn it with fire; and I will give the cities of Judah as a stunned devastation without an inhabitant.

#### CHAPTER 35

1 The word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the days of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 Walk to the house of the Rechabites, and speak to them, and bring them into the house of Jehovah into one of the rooms, and give them wine to drink.

3 And I took Jaazaniah, the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites,

4 And I brought them into the house of Jehovah, into the room of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the room of the chief rulers, which was above the room of Maaseiah, the son of Shallum, the one who hedged

<sup>19</sup> **34:19** The same procedure that God led Abraham through when God cut the covenant with him; Note Gen 15:17.

**JEREMIAH 35** *The Rechabites obey their father, but Judah has not obeyed their God*  
about the door;

5 And I gave before the face of the sons of the house of the Rechabites pitchers full of wine and cups, and I said to them, Drink wine.

6 And they said, We will not drink wine because Jonadab, the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, You shall not drink wine, you nor your sons forever!

7 And you shall not build a house, and not sow seed, and not plant a vineyard, and there shall be nothing to you, but you shall dwell in tents all your days that you may live many days upon the face of the soil there where you lodge temporarily.

8 And we attentively heard the voice of Jonadab, the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he has commanded us, not to drink wine all our days - we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters -

9 And not to build houses for us to dwell in, and a vineyard, or a field, or seed do not exist to us;

10 And we have dwelt in tents, and have attentively heard and done according to all that Jonadab, our father, commanded us.

11 And it was, that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came up into the land, and we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem before the face of the resources of the Chaldeans, and before the face of the resources of the Syrians, and we dwell at Jerusalem.

12 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

13 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Walk, and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will you not take corrective discipline to attentively hear my words? - An oracle of Jehovah.

14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine are risen up, and none drinks to this day, but attentively hear their father's commandment; and I have spoken to you, loading up early and speaking, and you did not attentively hear me.

15 And I have sent to you all my servants, the prophets, loading up early and sending *them*, saying, Turn back now every man from his evil way, and make good your doings, and do not walk after other gods to serve them, and you shall dwell on the soil which I have given to you and to your fathers; and you have not spread out your ear and have not attentively listened to me.

16 Because the sons of Jonadab, the son of Rechab, have caused the commandment of their father to rise up which he commanded them, and this people has not attentively listened to me;

17 Therefore thus says Jehovah God of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have spoken against them because I have spoken to them, and they have not attentively heard;

*The Rechabites will not be cut off; Jeremiah commanded to write all God's words to him* **JEREMIAH 36**  
and I have called to them, and they have not answered.

18 And to the house of the Rechabites Jeremiah said, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Because you have attentively listened to the commandment of Jonadab, your father, and hedged about all his commands and done according to all that he has commanded you,

19 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, There shall not be cut off to Jonadab, the son of Rechab, a man to stand before my face all days.

#### CHAPTER 36

1 And it was in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Take a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the peoples from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day.

3 Perhaps the house of Judah will attentively hear all the evil which I calculate to do to them that every man may turn back from his evil way, that I may forgive their crookedness and their sin.

4 And Jeremiah called Baruch, the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Jehovah which he had spoken to him

upon a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I am not able to go into the house of Jehovah;

6 And you go, and call out from the roll which you have written from my mouth the words of Jehovah in the ears of the people in Jehovah's house upon the day of fasting, and also you shall call them out in the ears of all Judah who come out of their cities.

7 Perhaps they will fall down asking for grace before the face of Jehovah, and will turn back everyone from his evil way because great *are* the *burning* nostrils and the hot anger that Jehovah has spoken against this people.

8 And Baruch, the son of Neriah, did according to all that Jeremiah, the prophet, commanded him, calling out *from the book* the words of Jehovah in Jehovah's house.

9 And it was in the fifth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth new moon, they called out a fast before the face of Jehovah to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem.

10 And Baruch called out from the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah in the room of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, the scribe, in the higher court at the entry of the new gate of Jehovah's house, in the ears of all the people.

**JEREMIAH 36** *Baruch calls out all the words of Jeremiah; Jehudi tears them, throws them into the fire*

11 And Michaiah, the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, attentively heard from the book all the words of Jehovah,

12 And he went down to the king's house into the room of the scribe, and lo, there all the chief rulers sat, Elishama, the scribe, and Delaiah, the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan, the son of Achbor, and Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah, the son of Hananiah, and all the chief rulers.

13 And Michaiah caused all the words that he had attentively heard to stand out boldly to them when Baruch called out the book in the ears of the people.

14 And all the chief rulers sent Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, the scribe, to Baruch, saying, The roll there where you have called out in the ears of the people, take in your hand, and walk. And Baruch, the son of Neriah, took the roll in his hand, and came to them.

15 And they said to him, Sit down now, and call *it* out in our ears. Baruch called *it* out in their ears.

16 And it was, when they had attentively heard all the words, they feared, each man with his neighbor, and said to Baruch, Causing to stand out boldly, we will cause all these words to stand out boldly to the king.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Cause *it* to stand out boldly to us, please, How did you write all these words at his mouth?

18 And Baruch said to them, He called out to me all these words with his mouth, and I wrote *them* in the book with ink.

19 And the chief rulers said to Baruch, Walk, hide yourself, you and Jeremiah, and do not let a man know where you *are*.

20 And they went in to the king into the court, and they visited the roll in the room of Elishama, the scribe, and caused all the words to stand out boldly to the ears of the king.

21 And the king sent Jehudi to take the roll, and he took it out of Elishama, the scribe's room. And Jehudi called it out in the ears of the king and in the ears of all the chief rulers who stood beside the king.

22 And the king sat in the winter house in the ninth new moon, and *there was* a fire in the great fire pot before his face.

23 And it was, when Jehudi had called out three or four leaves, he tore it with the marking knife, and threw *it* into the fire that was in the great fire pot until all the roll was completed in the fire that was in the great fire pot.

24 And the king, and all of his servants who attentively heard all these words did not fear, and did not tear their clothing.

25 And also Elnathan, and Delaiah, and Gemariah had impinged upon the king that he would not set the roll on fire, and he would not attentively hear them.

*Jehovah hid Jeremiah/Baruch; Jeremiah writes his words again; Zedekiah asks prayer* **JEREMIAH 37**

26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel, the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah, the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah, the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch, the scribe, and Jeremiah, the prophet, and Jehovah hid them.

27 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

28 Take to yourself again another roll, and write in it all the first words that were in the first roll which Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, has set on fire.

29 And you shall say to Jehoiakim, king of Judah, Thus says Jehovah, You have set on fire this roll, saying, Why have you written there, saying, Coming, the king of Babylon shall come, and destroy this land, and shall cause man and animal to cease from there?

30 Therefore thus says Jehovah concerning Jehoiakim, king of Judah, There shall be to him none to sit upon the throne of David, and his carcass shall be thrown out in the day to the drought and to the ice in the night.

31 And I will visit upon him, and upon his seed, and upon his servants their crookedness, and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah all the evil that I have spoken against them, and they did not attentively hear.

32 And Jeremiah took another roll, and gave it to Baruch, the scribe, the son of Neriah, and he wrote there from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim, king of Judah had set on fire in the fire, and besides many words were added to them.

### CHAPTER 37

1 And King Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, reigned instead of Coniah, the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, made king in the land of Judah.

2 And he, and his servants, and the people of the land did not attentively hear the words of Jehovah which he spoke by the hand of Jeremiah, the prophet.

3 And Zedekiah, the king, sent Jehucal, the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah, the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to Jeremiah, the prophet, saying, Judge in prayer now for us to Jehovah, our God.

4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people, and they had not given him into the house of the prison.

5 And the resources of Pharaoh had come forth out of Egypt, and when the Chaldeans who besieged Jerusalem attentively heard tidings of them they went up from Jerusalem.

6 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, the prophet, saying,

**JEREMIAH 37** *Chaldeans will burn the city; chief rulers imprison Jeremiah; the king helps Jeremiah*

7 Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Thus you shall say to the king of Judah, who sent you to me to tread seeking me, Behold, the resources of Pharaoh which have come out to your aid shall turn back into their own land of Egypt.

8 And the Chaldeans shall turn back, and devour against this city, and capture it, and burn it with fire.

9 Thus says Jehovah, Do not let your souls be deceived, saying, Walking, the Chaldeans shall walk from us, because they shall not walk *from you*;

10 Because though you had struck all the resources of the Chaldeans that devour against you, and there remained among them *only* wounded men, yet they would rise up, every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 And it was, the resources of the Chaldeans went up from Jerusalem before the face of the resources of Pharaoh,

12 And Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem to walk into the land of Benjamin to allot himself there in the midst of the people.

13 And *when* he was in the gate of Benjamin, a lord of oversight *was* there whose name *was* Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah, and he seized Jeremiah, the prophet, saying, You are falling away to the Chaldeans.

14 And Jeremiah said, *It is* false! I am not falling away to the Chaldeans. And he would not at-

tentively hear him, and Irijah seized Jeremiah, and brought him to the chief rulers.

15 And the chief rulers burst out in rage upon Jeremiah, and struck him, and gave him in the prison house in the house of Jonathan, the scribe, because they had made that the prison house.

16 Now Jeremiah entered into the prison house and into the cells, and Jeremiah dwelt there many days;

17 And Zedekiah, the king, sent, and took him, and the king inquired of him secretly in his house, and said, Does there exist any word from Jehovah? And Jeremiah said, There is! And, he said, You shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 And Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, How have I sinned against you, and your servants, and this people that you have given me in *the* prison house?

19 And where *are* your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you and against this land?

20 And now attentively hear, please, Oh my lord, the king, please let my plea for grace fall prostrate before your face, and do not turn me back to the house of Jonathan, the scribe, and let me die there.

21 And Zedekiah, the king, commanded that they should visit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and give him a loaf of bread daily from the bakers'

*He who goes out to the Chaldeans shall live; Ebed-Melch intercedes for Jeremiah* **JEREMIAH 38**  
street until all the food in the city was finished. And Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the prison.

### CHAPTER 38

1 And Shephatiah, the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah, the son of Pashur, and Jucal, the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur, the son of Malchiah, attentively heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah, He who dwells in this city shall die by the sword, by the hunger, and by the pestilence, and he who goes out to the Chaldeans shall live, and his soul shall be to him for a prey, and he shall live.

3 Thus says Jehovah, Being given, this city shall be given into the hand of the resources of the king of Babylon, and he shall capture it.

4 And the chief rulers said to the king, Please, let this man be put to death, because thus he causes the hands of the men of war who remain in this city to slack off and the hands of all the people in speaking to them these words, because this man does not tread seeking the peace of this people, but the evil.

5 And Zedekiah, the king, said, Behold, he is in your hand, because the king is not able to do against you a word.

6 And they took Jeremiah, and threw him into the pit of Malchiah, the son of Hammelech, who was in the court of the guarded house, and they sent Jeremiah down with ropes. And

*there was* no water in the pit, but mud, so Jeremiah sunk in the mud.

7 And Ebed-Melch,<sup>7a</sup> the Ethiopian,<sup>7b</sup> a man of the eunuchs, attentively heard (and he *was* in the house of the king) that they had given Jeremiah in the pit (and the king was sitting in the gate of Benjamin),

8 And Ebed-Melch went out of the house of the king and spoke to the king, saying,

9 My lord the king, these men have done evil all that they have done to Jeremiah, the prophet, whom they have thrown into the pit, and he will die underneath the face of the hunger because there does not exist *any* more food in the city.

10 And the king commanded Ebed-Melch, the Ethiopian, saying, Take by your hand from this thirty men, and bring up Jeremiah, the prophet, out of the pit before he dies.

11 And Ebed-Melch took the men by his hand, and went into the house of the king to the room under the treasury, and took there old stretched out rags and worn out garments, and sent them down to Jeremiah into the pit by ropes.

12 And Ebed-Melch, the Ethiopian, said to Jeremiah, Put now these old stretched out rags and worn out clothes under the joints of your hands under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so.

<sup>7a</sup> 38:7 **Ebed-Melch**, Servant of the King.

<sup>7b</sup> 38:7 **Ethiopian**, Cushite, Hamite.

**JEREMIAH 38** *Ebed-Melch lifts Jeremiah out of the pit; Zedekiah consults Jeremiah secretly*

13 And they drew up Jeremiah with ropes, and caused him to ascend out of the pit, and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

14 And Zedekiah, the king, sent, and took Jeremiah, the prophet, to him into the third entry that is in the house of Jehovah; and the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you a word; do not hide from me a word.

15 And Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, When I cause it to stand out boldly to you, putting me to death, will you not put me to death? And when I give you counsel, you will not attentively hear me!

16 And Zedekiah, the king, swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As Jehovah lives who made us this *one* soul, I will not put you to death, and I will not give you into the hand of these men who seek your soul.

17 And Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, Thus says Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, If going out, you will go out to the chief rulers of the king of Babylon, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire, and you shall live and your house;

18 And if you will not go out to the chief rulers of the king of Babylon, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape out of their hand.

19 And Zedekiah, the king, said to Jeremiah, I am anxious about the Jews who have fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they give me into their hand and they glean *what is left of me*.

20 And Jeremiah said, They shall not give *you to such treatment*. Attentively hear, please, the voice of Jehovah which I speak to you, and it shall be well with you, and your soul shall live.

21 And if you refuse to go out this *is* the word that Jehovah has caused me to see:

22 And behold, all the women who are left in the house of the king of Judah shall be brought out to the chief rulers of the king of Babylon, and they shall say, Your men of peace have prodded you on and have prevailed against you; your feet have sunk in the mud, and they flinch away backward.

23 And they shall bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans, and you shall not escape out of their hand, but you shall be seized by the hand of the king of Babylon, and you shall cause this city to be burned with fire.

24 And Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Do not let a man know of these words, and you shall not die.

25 And if the chief rulers attentively hear that I have spoken with you, and they come to you, and say to you, Now cause what you have spoken to the king to stand out boldly to us; do not hide it from us, and we will not put

*Zedekiah consults Jeremiah secretly; Nebuchadnezzar captures Zedekiah, blinds him* **JEREMIAH 39**  
you to death, and what the king spoke to you;

26 And you shall say to them, I caused my plea for grace to fall down before the face of the king, that he would not cause me to turn back to the house of Jonathan to die there.

27 And all the chief rulers came to Jeremiah, and asked him, and he caused *it* to stand out boldly to them according to all these words that the king had commanded. And they were silent *as they went out* from him because the word was not intelligently heard.

28 And Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was captured, and he was *there* when Jerusalem was captured.

### CHAPTER 39

1 In the ninth year of Zedekiah, king of Judah, in the tenth new moon, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came and all his resources against Jerusalem, and they besieged upon it.

2 In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth new moon, the ninth of the new moon, the city was broken open.

3 And all the chief rulers of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the middle gate, even Nergal Sharezer, Samgar Nebo, Sarsechim, Chief Eunuch, Nergal Sharezer, Chief Magician, and all the rest of the chief rulers of the king of Babylon.

4 And it was that Zedekiah, the king of Judah, saw them, and all the mortal men of war, and they fled, and went out of the city by night the way of the king's garden by the gate between the two walls, and he went out the way of the desert.

5 And the resources of the Chaldeans ran after them with hostile intent, and reached Zedekiah in the deserts of Jericho; and they took him, and they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of Hamath, and spoke judgment upon him.

6 And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes, and the king of Babylon slaughtered all the nobles of Judah.

7 And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah, and yoked him with metal to bring him to Babylon.

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire, and tore down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 And what was left of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away who fell to him, and the rest of the people who were left, Nebuzaradan, the captain of the executioners, carried away as stripped captives to Babylon.

10 And of the people who were dangling in need to whom there did not exist a speck, Nebuzaradan, the captain of the executioners, left in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at that day.

**JEREMIAH 40** *Jeremiah's prophecy of safety for Ebed-Melech; Nebuchadnezzar frees Jeremiah*

11 And Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, commanded Jeremiah into the hand of Nebuzaradan of the executioners, saying,

12 Take him, and put your eyes upon him, and do not do to him a speck of evil, but what I speak to you, so do to him.

13 And Nebuzaradan, the captain of the executioners, sent - and Nebushasban, Chief Eunuch, and Nergal Sharezer, Chief Magician, and all the princes of the king of Babylon -

14 And they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and gave him to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, to bring him to his house, and he dwelt among the people.

15 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

16 Walk and speak to Ebed-Melech, the Ethiopian, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil and not for good, and they shall be facing you in that day.

17 But I will snatch you out in that day - An oracle of Jehovah - and you shall not be given into the hand of the men whose face you fear,

18 Because, causing you to escape, I will cause you to escape, and you shall not fall by the sword; and your soul shall be for a prey to you, because you have trusted me - An oracle of Jehovah.

**CHAPTER 40**

1 The word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah after Nebuzaradan, the captain of the executioners, had sent him out from Ramah, when he had taken him, and he being yoked in metal among all the exiles of Jerusalem and Judah who were carried away as stripped captives to Babylon,

2 And the captain of the executioners took Jeremiah, and said to him, Jehovah, your God, has spoken this evil upon this place.

3 And Jehovah has brought *it*, and done according to what he has spoken because you have sinned against Jehovah, and have not attentively heard his voice, and this word is upon you.

4 And now, behold, I open for you today the chains which *were* upon your hand. If it is good in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, come, and I will put my eyes upon you, and if it *is* evil in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, cease; see, all the land *is* before your face; wherever it *is* good and right in your eyes to walk, walk there.

5 And turn back to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has visited over the cities of Judah - and he still had not turned back - and dwell with him among the people or go wherever is right in your eyes to walk; walk. And the captain of the executioners gave him a ration of food, and raised his hand, and sent him away.

*Jeremiah freed to stay in the land; a plot against Gedaliah*

**JEREMIAH 40**

6 And Jeremiah went to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 And all the chief rulers of the resources which *were* in the fields, they and their men attentively heard that the king of Babylon had visited Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, over the land, and that he had visited to him men, and women, and children, and of those left dangling in the land, of them who were not carried away as stripped captives to Babylon,

8 And they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan, and Jonathan, the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah, the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai, the Netophathite, and Jezaniah, the son of a Maachathite, they and their mortal men.

9 And Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, swore to them and to their men, saying, Do not fear to serve the Chaldeans; dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 And I, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah to stand before the face of the Chaldeans who will come to us; and you, gather wine, and harvest fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have seized.

11 And all the Jews who *were* in Moab gathered, and the children of Ammon, and in Edom, and who

*were* in all the lands attentively heard that the king of Babylon had given a remnant of Judah, and that he had visited over them Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan,

12 And all the Jews returned out of all places where there they were pushed out, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and very much harvest fruits.

13 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the chief rulers of the resources that *were* in the lands, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

14 And said to him, Knowing, do you know that Baalis, the king of the children of the Ammon, has sent Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, to strike your soul? And Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, did not believe them.

15 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, said to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me walk, please, and I will strike Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and no man will know. Why should he strike your soul, that all the Jews gathered to you should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah be lost?

16 And Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, said to Johanan, the son of Kareah, You shall not do this word, because you speak falsely of Ishmael.

## CHAPTER 41

1 And it was in the seventh new moon, that Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, to Mizpah, and they ate food there together in Mizpah.

2 And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, rose up, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword, and killed him whom the king of Babylon had visited over the land.

3 And Ishmael struck all the Jews who were with him, with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war.

4 And it was the second day after he had killed Gedaliah, and no man knew it,

5 And men came from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty men, their beards shaved, and their clothes torn, and cut themselves, and offerings and frankincense in their hand to bring them to the house of Jehovah.

6 And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, went out from Mizpah to meet them, walking, weeping as he walked; and it was, as he met them, he said to them, Come into Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam.

7 And it was, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, slaughtered them *throwing them* into the midst of the pit, he and the men who *were* with him.

8 And ten men were found among them who said to Ishmael, Do not kill us, because there exist to us secret treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. And he ceased, and did not kill them among their brothers.

9 And the pit there where Ishmael had thrown all the carcasses of the men, whom he had struck - it was at hand with Gedaliah which Asa the king had made *to hide* from the face of Baasha, king of Israel - Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, filled with them who were polluted.

10 And Ishmael carried away captive all the rest of the people who *were* in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people who were left in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan, the captain of the executioners, had visited to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam; and Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, carried them away captive, and walked to cross over to the children of Ammon.

11 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the chief rulers of the resources who were with him, attentively heard of all the evil that Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had done,

12 And they took all the men, and walked to devour against Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that *are* in Gibeon.

13 And it was, when all the people who *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the chief rulers of the resources who *were* with him, then they rejoiced.

14 And all the people whom Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned around and turned back, and walked to Johanan, the son of Kareah.

15 And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, escaped with eight men from the face of Johanan, and walked to the children of Ammon.

16 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the chief rulers of the resources who *were* with him, took all the remnant of the people whom he had turned back from Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after he had struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, - mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had turned back from Gibeon -

17 And they walked, and dwelt in the lodging place of Chimham which is by Bethlehem to walk to go into Egypt

18 Before the face of the Chaldeans because they were afraid of them, because Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon visited over the land.

### CHAPTER 42

1 And all the chief rulers of the resources, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah, the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near,

2 And said to Jeremiah, the prophet, Please let our plea for grace fall down before your face, and judge in prayer for us to Jehovah, your God, for all this remnant because we are left a few of many, what your eyes see of us;

3 And Jehovah, your God, will cause the way in which we *are to* walk to stand out boldly to us, and the word that we *are to* do.

4 And Jeremiah, the prophet, said to them, I have attentively heard *you*; behold, I will judge in prayer to Jehovah, your God, according to your words; and it shall be, the whole word that Jehovah answers you, I will cause it to stand out boldly to you; I will not hold back from you a word.

5 And they said to Jeremiah, Let Jehovah be a true and faithful witness to us; according to all the words which Jehovah, your God, sends you for us, thus we will do.

6 Whether it *is* good and whether it *is* evil we will attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, our God, to whom we send you, in order that it may be well with us because we attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, our God.

**JEREMIAH 42** *The word of Jehovah by Jeremiah to Johanan and the rulers: Do not go to Egypt*

7 And it was at the end of ten days, that the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah.

8 And he called out to Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the chief rulers of the resources who *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9 And said to them, Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to cause your plea for grace to fall down before his face,

10 If turning back you will dwell in this land, then I will build you and not pull you down, and I will plant you and not tear you out, because I comfort myself over the evil that I have done to you.

11 Do not fear before the face of the king of Babylon whom you fear; do not fear him -An oracle of Jehovah - because I *am* with you to save you and to snatch you out of his hand.

12 And I will give compassions to you, and he will be compassionate over you, and cause you to turn back to your own soil.

13 And if you say, We will not dwell in this land, neither attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, your God,

14 Saying, No; because we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall not see war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, and not hunger for food, and there we will dwell -

15 And now therefore attentively hear the word of Jehovah, you remnant of Judah: Thus says

Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, If setting, you set your faces to go into Egypt and go to lodge there,

16 Then it shall be, the sword which you feared shall reach you out of there in the land of Egypt, and the hunger about which you worried shall follow close after you out of there in Egypt; and you shall die there.

17 And it shall be, all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to lodge there - they shall die by the sword, by the hunger, and by the pestilence, and there shall not be of them a survivor or a refugee before the face of the evil that I will bring upon them.

18 Because thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, What has been poured out of my nostrils and my hot anger upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my hot anger be poured out upon you, when you go into Egypt, and you shall be a swearword, and a stunned devastation, and a curse, and a disgrace, and you shall not see this place any more.

19 Jehovah has said concerning you, Oh you remnant of Judah, Do not go into Egypt; knowing, know that I have protested to you today,

20 Because you vacillated in your hearts when you sent me to Jehovah, your God, saying, Judge in prayer for us to Jehovah, our God, and according to all that Jehovah, our God, shall say, so cause to stand out boldly to us, and we will do.

*They shall die by the sword in Egypt because they rebelled against the word of Jehovah* **JEREMIAH 43**

21 And now I have caused it to stand out boldly to you today, and you have not attentively heard the voice of Jehovah, your God, nor all that he has sent me for you.

22 And now knowing, know that you shall die by the sword, by the hunger, and by the pestilence in the place where you desire to go to sojourn.

### CHAPTER 43

1 And it was, when Jeremiah had ended speaking to all the people all the words of Jehovah, their God, which Jehovah their God had sent him for them - all these words -

2 Then Azariah, the son of Hoshaiah, said - and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the arrogant men - saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely; Jehovah, our God, has not sent you to say, Do not go into Egypt to temporarily lodge there,

3 But Baruch, the son of Neriah, prodded you against us, in order to give us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us as stripped captives to Babylon.

4 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the chief rulers of the resources, and all the people, did not attentively hear the voice of Jehovah to dwell in the land of Judah.

5 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the chief rulers of the resources, took all the remnant of Judah who were returned from all peoples where they had

been pushed out to dwell in the land of Judah -

6 Mighty men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every soul whom Nebuzaradan, the captain of the executioners, had deposited with Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah, the prophet, and Baruch, the son of Neriah -

7 And they came into the land of Egypt, because they did not attentively hear the voice of Jehovah, and they came to Tahpanhes.

8 And the word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 Take in your hand great stones, and hide them in the cement in the brick kiln, which *is* at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the eyes of the men of Judah,

10 And say to them, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, my servant, and will put his throne upon these stones that I have hid, and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

11 And he will come, and he shall strike the land of Egypt, such *as are* for death to death, and such *as are* for captivity to captivity, and such *as are* for the sword to the sword.

12 And I will burn a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt, and he shall burn them and carry them away captives; and he shall clothe himself with the land of

**JEREMIAH 44** *God's word to the Jews in Egypt: I will put my face against you for evil for your idolatry*  
Egypt as a shepherd clothes himself with his clothing; and he shall go out from there in peace.

13 And he shall break the stationary columns of *the* House of the Sun that is in the land of Egypt, and he shall burn with fire the houses of the gods of the Egyptians.

#### CHAPTER 44

1 The word that was to Jeremiah to all the Jews who dwell in the land of Egypt, who dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the land of Pathros, saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, You have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and behold, they are a desolation this day, and none exists to dwell there,

3 Before the face of their wickedness which they have done to provoke me, in that they walked to burn perfumed incense to serve other gods whom they did not know - they, you, nor your fathers.

4 And I sent to you all my servants, the prophets, loading up early and sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not do this morally disgusting word that I hate.

5 And they did not attentively hear, and did not spread out their ear to turn from their evil, not to burn perfumed incense to other gods.

6 And my hot anger and my nostrils poured out and consumed in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, and they are a desolation, a stunned devastation, this day.

7 And now thus says Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, Why are you doing great evil against your souls, to cut off man and woman, child and nursing baby from you out of Judah to leave you no remnant,

8 In that you provoke me with the works of your hands, burning perfumed incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to lodge, that you might cut yourselves off, and that you might be a curse and a disgrace among all the peoples of the earth?

9 Have you forgotten the evil of your fathers, and the evil of the kings of Judah, and the evil of their wives, and your own evil, and the evil of your wives which they have done in the land of Judah, and in the outdoors of Jerusalem?

10 They are not crushed *in heart* to this day, and they have not feared, and have not walked in my law, and in my statutes, that I gave before your face and before the face of your fathers.

11 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will put my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

12 And I will take the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt

*The Jews in Egypt answer Jeremiah: they will continue to burn incense to the queen of heaven* **JEREMIAH 44**  
to lodge there; they all shall be completed and fall in the land of Egypt; they shall be completed by the sword *and* by the hunger; from the least even to the greatest they shall die by the sword and by the hunger and they shall be a swear-word, a stunned devastation, and a curse, and a disgrace.

13 And I will visit upon them who dwell in the land of Egypt, what I have visited upon Jerusalem by the sword, by the hunger, and by the pestilence,

14 And none shall be a refugee or a survivor of the remnant of Judah who have gone to lodge there in the land of Egypt, that they should turn back into the land of Judah to where they lift up their soul to turn back there to dwell because none shall turn back because they shall not *be* refugees!

15 And all the men who knew that their wives had burned perfumed incense to other gods and all the women who stood by, a great multitude, and all the people who dwelt in the land of Egypt in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 *As for* the word that you spoke to us in the name of Jehovah, we will not attentively hear you.

17 But doing, we will do every word that goes out of our own mouth to burn perfumed incense to the Queen of the Heavens, and to pour out drink offerings to her, what we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our chief rulers, in the cities

of Judah and in the outdoors of Jerusalem; and we were filled with food, and were well, and did not see evil.

18 And since we ceased to burn perfumed incense to the Queen of the Heavens and to pour out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all *things*, and have been finished by the sword and by the hunger.

19 And when we burned perfumed incense to the Queen of the Heavens and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make for her cakes as carved Idols to her and pour out drink offerings to her without our mortal men?

20 And Jeremiah said to all the people, to the mighty men, and to the women, and to all the people who had answered him, saying,

21 *As to* the incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the outdoors of Jerusalem, you, and your fathers, your kings, and your chief rulers, and the people of the land, did Jehovah not remember them, and did it not come up into his heart?

22 And Jehovah was not able any longer to bear *it* before the face of the evil of your doings, before the face of the morally disgusting things which you have done, and your land is a desolation, and a stunned devastation, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as this day;

23 Before the face of where you have burned perfumed incense, and where you have sinned

**JEREMIAH 45** *I will give Pharaoh Hophra into the hand of those who hate him; God's word to Baruch* against Jehovah, and have not attentively heard the voice of Jehovah, and you have not walked in his law, and in his statutes, and in his testimonies, therefore this evil has happened to you, as this day.

24 And Jeremiah said to all the people and to all the women, Attentively hear the word of Jehovah, all Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt;

25 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths and have fulfilled *it* with your hands, saying, Doing, we will do our promises that we have promised, to burn perfumed incense to the Queen of the Heavens and to pour out drink offerings to her, Causing to rise, you will cause your promises to rise, and doing, you will do your promises.

26 Therefore attentively hear the word of Jehovah, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt, Behold, I have sworn by my great name, says Jehovah, my name shall no more be called out in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, the Lord Jehovah lives.

27 Behold, I will be sleepless over them for evil and not for good, and all the men of Judah shall be completed who *are* in the land of Egypt by the sword and by the hunger until there is an end of them.

28 And *few* adult men by number who escape the sword shall turn back out of the land of

Egypt to the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah who have gone into the land of Egypt to lodge there shall know whose words shall rise, mine or theirs.

29 And this *shall be* a sign to you - An oracle of Jehovah - that I will visit upon you in this place so that you may know that rising, my words shall rise against you for evil.

30 Thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra, king of Egypt, into the hand of those who hate him, and into the hand of them who seek his soul, as I gave Zedekiah, king of Judah, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, the one who hated him and who sought his soul.

#### CHAPTER 45

1 The word that Jeremiah, the prophet, spoke to Baruch, the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to you, Oh Baruch,

3 You said, Woe *is* me now because Jehovah has added grief upon my sorrow; I gasp from exhaustion in my sighing, and I find no rest.

4 Thus you shall say to him, Thus says Jehovah, Behold, what I have built I will pull down, and what I have planted I will tear out, even this whole land.

*Egypt defeated by Nebuchadnezzar at Carchemish, who later invaded Egypt* **JEREMIAH 46**

5 And do you seek for yourself great *things*? Do not seek *them*, because, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will give to you your soul for a prey in all places there where you walk.

#### CHAPTER 46

1 The word of Jehovah which was to Jeremiah, the prophet, against the peoples:

2 Against Egypt, against the resources of Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt, which were by the Euphrates River in Carchemish,<sup>2</sup> which Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah.

3 Arrange the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and go up, you horsemen, and place yourselves with your helmets; sharpen the spears, and put on the coats of mail.

5 Why have I seen them crushed, flinching back? And their mighty ones are violently

<sup>2</sup> **46:2 Carchemish.** This was one of the famous and important battles of ancient history. Carchemish, on the Euphrates in Mesopotamia, 2 Chr 35:20; Isa 10:9, was the capital of the Hittites. Later it was a fortified city of the Assyrians. In 605 B.C., the military resources of Pharaoh Necho of Egypt came against King Josiah of Judah, and Josiah was fatally wounded in the Valley of Megiddo, 2 Chr 35:20-24. Pharaoh marched on to Carchemish, and confronted the military resources of Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. All during the time period prior to this date while Babylon threatened Jerusalem, the Jews constantly counted on Egypt for help, Jer 2:18; Jeremiah constantly predicted that the Jews would pale in shame over their disappointment with Egypt, Jer 2:36; 24:8-9; The Egyptians were crushed, as Jeremiah had predicted. This gave Babylon control over the Syrian - Palestinian region.

struck down, and retreat, fleeing, and do not look back; fear *was* all around - An oracle of Jehovah.

6 Do not let the light *footed* flee away, and do not let the mighty man escape; they shall totter weak legged toward the north at the hand of the Euphrates River and fall.

7 Who *is* this coming up as a river, whose waters are violently agitated as the rivers?

8 Egypt comes up like a river, and waters are violently agitated like the streams; and he says, I will go up; I will cover the earth; I will cause the city and her inhabitants to be lost.

9 Come up, you horses; and boast, you chariots, and let the mighty men come out: the Ethiopians and the Libyans who manipulate the shield, and the Lydians who manipulating, bend the bow.

10 And this is the day of the Lord Jehovah of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his oppressors; and the sword shall devour, and it shall be filled to satisfaction and satisfy its thirst with their blood, because *there is* a slaughter to the Lord Jehovah of hosts in the north land by the Euphrates River.

11 Go up into Gilead, and take balsam, Oh virgin daughter of Egypt; you shall increase medicines for ruin; a bandage does not exist for you.

**JEREMIAH 46** *Nebuchadnezzar will take Egypt captive; Israel, I will save you from afar off*

12 The peoples have attentively heard of your disgrace, and your screeching has filled the land, because the mighty man has tottered weak legged against the mighty; they both have fallen together.

13 The word that Jehovah spoke to Jeremiah, the prophet, how Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, should come to strike the land of Egypt:

14 Cause *it* to stand out boldly in Egypt, and cause *it* to be heard in Migdol, and cause *it* to be heard in Noph and in Tahpanhes; say, Station yourselves, and set up yourselves, because the sword shall devour all around you.

15 Why are your mighty scraped away? They did not stand because Jehovah pushed them down.

16 He increased *the number of* those who totter weak legged; yes, man fell upon *his* associate, and they said, Rise up, and let us turn back to our own people and to the land of our nativity from the face of the raging sword.

17 They called out there, Pharaoh, king of Egypt, *is* in uproar; he has crossed on from the appointed time.

18 *As* I live - An oracle of the King whose name is Jehovah of hosts - As surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel *is* by the sea, he shall come!

19 Make vessels for yourself for going into captivity, Oh you daughter dwelling in Egypt, because Noph shall be a stunned dev-

astation and set on fire without an inhabitant.

20 A heifer very beautiful *is* Egypt; destruction comes; it comes out of the north.

21 Also her men hired for wages are in her midst like stalled young bulls, because they also are faced about and are fled away together; they did not stand because the day of their bending under oppression had come upon them and the time of their visitation.

22 Its sound shall walk like a snake because with resources they shall walk and come against her with axes as cutters of wood.

23 They shall cut down her forest - An oracle of Jehovah - though it cannot be penetrated because they are more than the locusts and are without number.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be ashamed in confusion; she shall be given into the hand of the people of the north.

25 Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel says, Behold, I will visit the multitude of No, and upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt, and upon their gods, and upon their kings, and upon Pharaoh, and upon them who trust in him;

26 And I will give them into the hand of those who seek their souls, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants; and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old - An oracle of Jehovah.

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27 And do not fear, Oh my servant, Jacob, and do not break down, Oh Israel, because, behold, I will save you from afar off, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall turn back, and be at rest and at ease, and none shall cause him to tremble in fear.

28 Do not fear, Oh my servant, Jacob - An oracle of Jehovah - because I *am* with you, because I will make a full end of all the peoples there where I have pushed you out, and I will not make a full end of you, and chastise you with judgment, and *not* leaving you unpunished, I will not leave you unpunished.

#### CHAPTER 47

1 The word of Jehovah that was to Jeremiah, the prophet, against the Palestinians before Pharaoh struck Gaza:

2 Thus says Jehovah, Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be a flushing stream, and shall flush the land and its fullness, the city and them who dwell there; and the men shall shriek, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl;

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his mighty ones, at the uproar of his chariots, and at the noise of his wheels the fathers shall not face about to their children for feebleness of hands,

4 Because the day that comes will ravage all the Palestinians to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon all survivors who surround

them with help, because Jehovah will be powerful against the Palestinians, the remnant of the habitable land of Caphtor.

5 Baldness has come upon Gaza; Ashkelon cannot speak with the remnant of their valley; how long will you gash yourself?

6 Oh sword of Jehovah, how long are you not at rest? Put up yourself into your scabbard; be settled, and be still.

7 How shall it rest, when Jehovah has commanded it against Ashkelon and against the cove of the sea? He has appointed it to meet there.

#### CHAPTER 48

1 Thus says Jehovah of hosts against Moab, the God of Israel, Woe to Nebo! Because it is ravaged; Kiriathaim is captured in shameful confusion; Misgab is broken down in shameful confusion.

2 There is no more praise of Moab; they calculate evil against it in Heshbon; walk, and let us cut it off from *being* a people. Also, Oh Madmen, you shall be still; the sword shall walk after you.

3 A voice of shrieking *shall be* from Horonaim, ravaging and great breaking.

4 Moab is broken; her little ones have caused a shrieking to be attentively heard,

5 Because in the ascent of Luhith *there is* weeping, weeping going up, because in the going down of Horonaim the oppressors have attentively heard a shriek of being broken.

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*The word of Jehovah against the treachery of Moab*

6 Flee; let your souls escape, and be like the juniper in the desert,

7 Because, pay attention! You have trusted in your works and in your treasures; you shall also be captured, and Chemosh shall go out into captivity, his priests and his chief rulers together.

8 And the ravager shall come to every city, and no city shall escape; and the valley shall perish, and the plain shall be desolate, as Jehovah has said.

9 Give glistening *wings* to Moab, that going away, it may go away, and its cities shall be a stunned devastation; there shall not exist any to dwell *there*.

10 Cursed *is* he who does the work of Jehovah treacherously, and cursed *is* he who holds back his sword from blood.

11 Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he is at rest on his dregs, and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, and he has walked into captivity; therefore his taste stands in him, and his odor is not exchanged.

12 Therefore, behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will send to him a pouring out, and it shall cause him to be poured out, and shall empty his vessels, and their skin bottles will be dashed in pieces.

13 And Moab shall pale in shame of Chemosh, as the house of Israel paled in shame of Bethel their refuge.

14 How *can* you say, *We are* mighty and mortal men with resources for the war?

15 Moab is ravaged, and one has gone up into her cities, and his chosen youth are gone down to the massacre - An oracle of the King, whose name is Jehovah of hosts.

16 The bending of Moab under oppression is near to come, and his evil flows like liquid exceedingly.

17 All you around him, nod with him, and all you who know his name say, How is the strong branch broken to pieces, the ornamented shoot!

18 Come down from your heavy glory, and dwell in thirst, You, daughter who dwells in Dibon, because the ravager of Moab shall ascend upon you, and he shall destroy your fortifications.

19 Stand by the way, and lean out to peer into the distance, Oh inhabitant of Aroer; ask him who flees and her who escapes, saying, What is it?

20 Moab is ashamed in confusion because it is prostrated; howl and shriek; cause it to stand out boldly in Arnon that Moab is ravaged,

21 And judgment has come to the land of the plain, to Holon, and to Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,

22 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth Diblathaim,

23 And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth Gamul, and upon Beth Meon,

24 And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.

25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his outstretched arm is broken - An oracle of Jehovah.

26 Make him drunk because he made himself great against Jehovah; Moab also shall strike his hands together in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.

27 And was not Israel the derision to you? Was it not enough *that* he was found? Because you spoke of him among thieves; you nodded at him.

28 Leave the cities and lodge in the lofty, craggy rock, Oh you who dwell in Moab, and be like a dove making her nest in the sides of the mouth of the hole.

29 We have attentively heard the majesty of Moab, exceedingly lofty, his loftiness, and his majesty, and his pride, and the raising up of his heart.

30 An oracle of Jehovah - I know his rage, and it shall not be so; his lies shall not thus be done.

31 Therefore I will howl for Moab, and I will shriek for all Moab, I will murmur for the men of Kirheres.

32 I will weep for you with the weeping of Jazer, Oh vine of Sibmah; your shoots have crossed over the sea; as they touch far as the sea of Jazer; the ravager has fallen upon your harvest and upon your vintage.

33 And rejoicing and spinning in emotion is taken from the planted field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to cease from the winepresses; none shall tread with shouting; shouting, *there shall be* no shouting.

34 From the shriek of Heshbon as far as Elealeh, as far as Jahaz, they have given their voice, from Zoar as far as Horonaim, *as* a heifer three years old, because also the waters of Nimrim shall be a stunned waste.

35 An oracle of Jehovah - And I will cause him that offers up in the high places to cease in Moab and him that burns perfumed incense to his gods.

36 Therefore my heart shall sound for Moab like the clamorous noise of flutes, and my heart for the men of Kirheres shall be like the clamorous noise of flutes because the riches he made are lost,

37 Because every head *shall be* bald and every beard scraped off; cuttings *shall be* upon all the hands and sackcloth upon the loins.

38 *There shall be* lamentation upon all the roofs of Moab and in all her streets, because I have broken Moab like a vessel in which there exists no pleasure -An oracle of Jehovah -

39 They shall howl! How it is broken down! How Moab has turned the back, paling in shame! And Moab shall be a derision and a stunned devastation to all them around him,

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*The word of Jehovah to Moab; to Ammon*

40 Because thus says Jehovah; Behold, he shall dart like an eagle and shall spread out his wings over Moab.

41 Kerioth is captured, and the strongholds are seized, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her distress.

42 And Moab shall be desolated from *being* a people because he has become great against Jehovah.

43 Fear, and the pit, and the springnet *shall be* upon you, Oh inhabitant of Moab - An oracle of Jehovah.

44 He who flees from the face of the fear shall fall into the pit, and he who comes up out of the pit shall be captured in the springnet because I will bring upon it, upon Moab, the year of their visitation - An oracle of Jehovah.

45 They who fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the power, because a fire shall come out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the children of uproarious destruction.

46 Woe to you, Oh Moab! *The* people of Chemosh have been lost because your children are taken captives and your daughters captives.

47 And I will turn back the captivity of Moab in the last days - An oracle of Jehovah. Thus far *is* the judgment of Moab.

## CHAPTER 49

1 Concerning children of Ammon, thus says Jehovah, Does there not exist children to Israel? If there exists to him no one to possess by inheritance why does their king possess Gad by inheritance, and his people dwell in his cities?

2 Therefore, behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will cause an acclamation of war to be attentively heard in Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall be a stunned devastated mound, and her daughters shall be burned with fire, and Israel shall possess by inheritance them who were to possess it by inheritance - An oracle of Jehovah.

3 Howl, Oh Heshbon, because Ai is ravaged; shriek, you daughters of Rabbah; gird yourselves with sackcloth; lament, and travel by the enclosures because their king shall walk into captivity, his priests and his chief rulers together.

4 Why do you boast in the valleys, your flowing valley, Oh backsliding daughter who trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come to me?

5 Behold, I will bring upon you a fear - An oracle of Lord Jehovah of hosts - from all those around you, and you shall be pushed out every man before *his* face, and none shall gather him up who is driven away.

6 And afterward I will turn back the captivity of the children of Ammon - An oracle of Jehovah.

7 Concerning Edom, thus says Jehovah of hosts, Does there not exist wisdom any more in Teman? Has counsel been lost from the discerning? Has their wisdom been poured out?

8 Flee, turn back, go deep to dwell, Oh inhabitants of Dedan, because I will bring upon Esau a bending down under oppression at the time I visit him.

9 If grapegatherers come to you would they not leave gleanings? If thieves *come* by night they will destroy until there is enough to them.

10 But I have stripped Esau naked; I have made his concealed places naked, and he shall not be able to hide himself; his seed is ravaged, and his brothers, and his neighbors, and he is not.

11 Leave your bereaved children; I will cause them to live; and let your widows trust upon me,

12 Because thus says Jehovah, Behold, those whose judgment is not to drink the cup, drinking, they drink. And you are he who being clean is clean? You are not clean because drinking, you shall drink,

13 Because I have sworn by myself - An oracle of Jehovah - that Bozrah shall become a stunned devastation, a disgrace, a desolation, and a curse, and all her cities shall be droughts forever.

14 I have attentively heard an announcement from Jehovah, and a pressing herald has been sent to the peoples, *saying*, Gather together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle,

15 Because lo, I will give you to be small among the peoples, despised among men.

16 Your terribleness has deceived you, the arrogance of your heart, Oh you who lodge in the clefts of the craggy rock, who wield the height of the hill because you soar loftily as the eagle to her nest; I will bring you down from there - An oracle of Jehovah.

17 And Edom shall be a stunned devastation; everyone who crosses by it shall be stunned, and shall hiss at all the blows there.

18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities, says Jehovah, no man shall dwell there, and a son of man shall not reside in it.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the home of the permanent resident, but I will suddenly settle him to run away from her; and who is a chosen one that I may visit over her, because who is like me? And who will meet me at the appointed time? And who is that shepherd who will stand before my face?

20 Therefore attentively hear the counsel of Jehovah that he has counseled toward Edom, and his devisings that he has calculated toward the inhabitants of

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*The word of Jehovah about the terrors to strike Damascus; to Elam*

Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; surely he shall make their habitations a stunned devastation upon them.

21 The earth quakes at the noise of their fall; when they shrieked its noise was attentively heard at the Red Sea.

22 Behold, he shall come up and dart as the eagle and spread out his wings over Bozrah, and at that day the heart of the mighty men of Edom shall be as the heart of a woman in her distress.

23 Concerning Damascus: Hamath pales in shame, and Arpad, because they have attentively heard evil tidings; they melted in fear; on the sea *there was* anxiety; it is not able to rest.

24 Damascus has slacked off, and facing herself about to flee, and terror has seized on her; distress and sorrows have taken her as a woman in labor to give birth.

25 How is it not left - the city of praise, the city of my delight!

26 Therefore her youth shall fall in her broad places, and all the men of war shall be still in that day - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts.

27 And I will set the wall of Damascus on fire, and it shall devour the citadels of Ben Hadad.

28 Concerning Kedar and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor which Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, shall strike, thus says Jehovah, Rise up, you; go up to Kedar and ravage the children of the east.

29 They shall take their tents and their flocks, their curtains, and all their vessels, and they shall take their camels to themselves, and they shall call out to them, Fear is all around.

30 Flee, wander exceedingly, dwell deep, Oh you inhabitants of Hazor - An oracle of Jehovah - because Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, taking counsel, has taken counsel against you, and has calculated a device against you.

31 Rise up; go up to the careless people who dwell at peace - An oracle of Jehovah - *there are* no gates and no bars to them, residing alone.

32 And their camels shall be plunder, and the tumultuous multitude of their livestock a spoil; and I will scatter them into all winds in the utmost corners; and I will bring their bending down under oppression from all regions - An oracle of Jehovah.

33 And Hazor shall be an abode for monsters, and a stunned devastation forever; no man shall sit down there, and no son of man shall lodge in it.

34 The word of Jehovah that was to Jeremiah, the prophet, to Elam in the first of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, saying,

35 Thus says Jehovah of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the first of their might.

36 And I will bring upon Elam *the* four winds from the four extremities of the heavens,

*Elam scattered; Babylon will be destroyed (by Persia) and the Jews returned*

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and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no people there where the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37 For I will cause Elam to prostrate themselves before the face of those hating them, and before the face of them who seek their soul, and I will bring evil upon them, the burning anger of my nostrils - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will send the sword after them until I have ended them;

38 And I will put my throne in Elam, and will cause the king and the chief rulers to be lost from there - An oracle of Jehovah.

39 And it shall be in the end days that I will turn back the captivity of Elam - An oracle of Jehovah.

### CHAPTER 50

1 The word that Jehovah spoke to Babylon, to the land of the Chaldeans by the hand of Jeremiah, the prophet:

2 Cause *it* to stand out boldly among the peoples, and cause *it* to be heard, and lift up a flag; cause *it* to be heard; do not hide *it*; say, Babylon is captured; Bel<sup>2</sup> is in confused shame; Merodach is prostrated; her carved images are in shameful confusion; her log idols are prostrated,

<sup>2</sup> 50:2 **Bel** and **Merodach** are names for the same god. Bel is simply the Babylonian spelling of Baal, which means lord, and Merodach is the lord of all the other gods. See Note Dan 1:2.

3 Because there comes up against her a people out of the north; they shall place her land a stunned devastation, and none shall exist to dwell there; both man and animal shall wander *away*; they shall walk.

4 In those days and in that time - An oracle of Jehovah - the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together walking and weeping; they shall walk, and shall seek Jehovah their God.

5 They shall inquire the way to Zion, their faces toward it, *saying*, Come, and let us entwine ourselves to Jehovah in a covenant forever not to be forgotten.

6 My people have been lost flock animals; their shepherds have caused them to vacillate, they have turned them back on the mountains; from mountain to hill they have walked; they have forgotten their place to lie down.

7 All that found them have devoured them, and their oppressors said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against Jehovah, the home of righteousness, and the hope of their fathers, Jehovah.

8 Wander out of the midst of Babylon, and go out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the face of the flocks,

9 Because lo, I will cause an assembly of great peoples from the north land to wake up, and cause *them* to come up against Babylon;

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and they shall arrange themselves against her; from there she shall be captured; their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty intelligently successful man; they shall not turn back empty.

10 And Chaldea shall be plundered; all who strip her shall be filled to satisfaction - An oracle of Jehovah.

11 Because you rejoiced, because you jumped in joy, Oh you who plunder my heritage, because you have spread out as the heifer to tender sprouts, and bellow as bulls,

12 Your mother shall exceedingly pale in shame; she who bore you shall blush; behold, the last of the peoples *shall be* a parched desert and a sterile desert.

13 It shall not be inhabited because of the rage of Jehovah, but it shall be wholly a stunned devastation; everyone who crosses over by Babylon shall be stunned and hiss at all her blows.

14 Arrange yourselves against Babylon all around; all you who bend the bow, shoot at her, do not in pity spare arrows because she has sinned against Jehovah.

15 Shout against her all around; she has given her hand; her foundations are fallen; her walls are pulled down, because it is the vengeance of Jehovah; take vengeance upon her; what she has done, do to her.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him who handles the sickle in the time of harvest; they shall turn every man to his people before the face of the raging sword, and every man shall flee to his own land.

17 Israel is a scattered flock animal; the lions have driven him away; at first, the king of Assyria devoured him, and afterward this Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, has broken his bones.

18 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will visit against the king of Babylon and against his land as I have visited against the king of Assyria.

19 And I will turn Israel back to his home, and he shall shepherd on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be filled to satisfaction upon Mount Ephraim and Gilead;.

20 In those days and in that time - An oracle of Jehovah - the crookedness of Israel shall be sought, and there shall exist none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found, because I will forgive them whom I cause to remain.

21 Go up against the land of Double-Bitterness<sup>21</sup> - against it - and to the inhabitants of Pekod; let it be parched and devoted *to destruction* after them - An oracle of Jehovah - and do according to all that I have commanded you.

<sup>21</sup> **50:21** **Double-Bitterness**, *Merathayim*; **Pekod**, Punishment, symbolical names for Babylon.

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22 A sound of battle and of great breaking *are* in the land.

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut down and broken! How has Babylon become a stunned devastation among the peoples!

24 I have ensnared you, and also you are captured, Oh Babylon, and you did not know; you are found and also captured because you have grated against Jehovah.

25 Jehovah has opened his treasure and has brought out the weapons of his rage because this *is* the work of Lord Jehovah of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 Come against her from the utmost border; open her storehouses; mound her up as heaps, and devote her *to destruction*; let nothing be left to her.

27 Kill all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter; woe to them, because their day has come, the time of their visitation.

28 The voice of them who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon to cause to stand out boldly in Zion the vengeance of Jehovah, our God, the vengeance of his temple.

29 Cause the archers to attentively hear *to come* against Babylon; all of you who bend the bow, pitch their tents against it all around; do not let there be escapees; make her complete according to her work; according to all that she has done, do to her, because she has boiled over toward Jeho-

vah, toward the Holy One of Israel.

30 Therefore her youth shall fall in the broad places, and all her men of war shall be still in that day - An oracle of Jehovah.

31 Behold, I *am* against you, Oh you arrogant - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah of hosts - because your day has come, the time I will visit you.

32 And the arrogant shall totter weak legged and fall, and there shall exist none to raise him up; and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all, all around him.

33 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, The children of Israel were oppressed and the children of Judah together; and all who took them captives fastened upon them; they refused to send them out.

34 Their Redeemer *is* strong; Jehovah of hosts *is* his name; defending, he shall defend their controversy so that he may cause the land to settle, and cause the inhabitants of Babylon to quiver.

35 A sword is upon the Chaldeans - An oracle of Jehovah - and toward the inhabitants of Babylon, and toward her chief rulers, and toward her wise ones.

36 A sword *is* toward the liars, and they shall be foolish; a sword *is* toward her mighty men, and they shall break down prostrate.

37 A sword *is* toward their horses, and toward their chariots, and to all the mixed people who

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*are* in her midst, and they shall become as women; a sword *is* toward her treasures, and they shall be plundered.

38 A drought *is* toward her waters, and they shall be dried up because it *is* the land of carved idols, and they rave upon their dreadful idols.

39 Therefore the desert dwellers with the howlers shall dwell there, and the daughters of the ostrich shall dwell there; and it shall be no more inhabited forever, and it shall not be lodged in from generation to generation.

40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities - An oracle of Jehovah - no man shall dwell there, and no son of man shall lodge there.

41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great people, and many kings shall be awakened from the backsides of the earth.

42 They shall manipulate the bow and the lance; they are cruel, and do not show compassion; their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses like a man arranged to the battle against you, Oh daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon has attentively heard the announcement of them, and his hands have slacked off; distress seized him and labor pains as of a woman giving birth.

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the majesty of Jordan to the home of long-time

residents, but I will settle them to run away from her; and who is a chosen one *whom* I may visit toward her? Because who is like me? And who will appoint me the meeting? And who *is* that shepherd who will stand before my face?

45 Therefore attentively hear the counsel of Jehovah that he has counseled against Babylon and his devisings that he has calculated toward the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; surely he shall make their home a stunned devastation upon them.

46 At the noise of the capture of Babylon the earth quakes, and the shrieks are attentively heard among the peoples.

#### **CHAPTER 51**

1 Thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will wake up a spirit of destruction against Babylon, and toward them who dwell in their midst who rise up against me,

2 And will send foreigners to Babylon who shall toss her about and shall pour out her land because they shall be against her all around in the day of evil.

3 Let the archer bend his bow toward him who bends the bow and toward him who lifts himself up in his coat of mail, and do not spare her youth in pity; devote all her host *to destruction*.

4 Thus the polluted shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans and they who are stabbed in her outdoors,

*Jehovah has awakened the Medes against Babylon; Jacob, my implements of war* **JEREMIAH 51**

5 Because Israel has not been discarded - nor Judah - of his God, of Jehovah of hosts, although their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and every man cause his soul to escape; do not be still in her crookedness because this *is* the time of Jehovah's vengeance; he will complete her treatment to her.

7 Babylon *has been* a golden cup in the hand of Jehovah that made all the earth drunk; the peoples have drunk of her wine, therefore the peoples are raving.

8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and broken; howl for her; take balsam for her sorrow if perhaps she may be healed.

9 We healed Babylon, and she is not healed; forsake her, and let us walk, every man into his own land, because her judgment reaches to the heavens, and is lifted up to the skies.

10 Jehovah has brought out our righteousness; come, and let us tally up the work of Jehovah, our God, in Zion.

11 Make the arrows bright; fill the shields; Jehovah has awakened the spirit of the kings of the Medes, because his plan *is* against Babylon to destroy it because it *is* the vengeance of Jehovah, the vengeance of his temple.

12 Lift up the flag toward the walls of Babylon; strengthen the guards; raise up those who hedge about; set up the ambushes, because Jehovah has both planned

and done what he spoke to the inhabitants of Babylon.

13 Oh you who lodge upon many waters, abundant in treasures, your end is come, the measure of your unjust gain.

14 Jehovah of hosts has sworn by his soul, Surely I will fill you with men as with devouring locusts, and they shall answer against you a shout.

15 He has made the earth by his power; he has set up the inhabited earth by his wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by his understanding.

16 He gave his voice; a multitude of waters *were* in the heavens, and he causes the mists to ascend from the extremities of the earth; he makes lightnings with rain, and brings forth the wind out of his treasures.

17 Every man is devoured by his knowledge; every refiner is ashamed in confusion by the carved idol because his cast metal image *is* falsehood, and there is no Spirit in them.

18 They *are* vanity, the work of fraud; they shall be lost in the time of their visitation.

19 The allotment of Jacob *is* not like them, because he is the one who formed all, and the branch of his inheritance; Jehovah of hosts *is* his name.

20 You *are* my hammer and implements of war, and I will dash in pieces the peoples with you, and I will destroy kingdoms with you;

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21 And I will dash the horse and his rider in pieces with you, and I will dash the chariot and his rider in pieces with you;

22 Also I will dash in pieces man and woman with you, and I will dash old and young in pieces with you, and I will dash the young man and the virgin in pieces with you;

23 And I will dash the shepherd and his drove in pieces with you, and I will dash the farmer and his yoke of oxen in pieces with you, and I will dash mayors and governors in pieces with you.

24 And I will make complete to Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your eyes - An oracle of Jehovah.

25 Behold, *I am* against you, Oh destroying mountain - An oracle of Jehovah - which destroys all the earth, and I will stretch out my hand upon you, and roll you down from the lofty, craggy rocks, and will give you *to be* a mountain cremated.

26 And they shall not take from you a stone for a corner nor a stone for foundations, but you shall be a stunned devastation forever - An oracle of Jehovah.

27 Lift up a flag in the land; blow the trumpet among the peoples; sanctify the peoples against her; cause the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz to attentively hear against her; visit a military governor against her; cause the horses to come up as the bristling devouring locusts.

28 Sanctify against her the peoples with the kings of the Medes, her mayors, and all her governors, and all the land of his dominion.

29 And the earth shall quake and twist because every device of Jehovah shall rise against Babylon to put the land of Babylon a stunned devastation without an inhabitant.

30 The mighty men of Babylon have ceased to devour; they have settled down in their holds; their might has dried up; they became as women; they have set her residences on fire; her bars are broken.

31 Runner shall run to meet runner running and announcer to meet announcer to cause to stand out boldly to the king of Babylon that his city is captured at one end,

32 And the crossing places are captured, and they have burned the reeds of the marsh with fire, and the men of war tremble,

33 Because thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor; it is time to tread her; yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

34 Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, has devoured me; he has put me in commotion; he has placed me *as* an empty vessel; he has swallowed me up like a monster; he has filled his belly with my delicacies; he has thrust me out.

*Jerusalem shall say, My blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea*

**JEREMIAH 51**

35 The inhabitant of Zion shall say, The violence done to me and to my flesh *be* upon Babylon, and Jerusalem shall say, My blood *be* upon the inhabitants of Chaldea.

36 Therefore thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will defend your controversy, and take vengeance for you with vengeance; and I will dry up her sea and dry up her wells.

37 And Babylon shall become heaps, an abode for monsters, a stunned devastation, and a hissing, without an inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions; they shall growl as lions' whelps.

39 In their heat I will place their feasts, and I will make them drunk so that they may jump for joy, and sleep an eternal sleep, and not wake up - An oracle of Jehovah.

40 I will bring them down like fat rams to the slaughter, like strong he goats.

41 How is Sheshach<sup>41</sup> captured! And how is the praise of the whole earth seized! How has Babylon become a stunned devastation among the peoples!

42 The sea has ascended upon Babylon; she is covered with the tumultuous multitude of her waves.

43 Her cities are a stunned devastation, a parched land, and a sterile desert, a land where no man dwells, and a son of man does not cross over *it*.

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<sup>41</sup> **51:41 Sheshach**, *humiliation*, a symbolical name for Babylon.

44 And I will visit upon Bel in Babylon, and what he gulped down I will bring out of his mouth, and the peoples shall not flow with a sparkle to him any more; also, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 Go out of her midst, my people, and every man cause his soul to escape from the burning anger of the nostrils of Jehovah.

46 And lest your heart soften, and you fear the announcement<sup>46</sup> that shall be attentively heard in the land, and the announcement shall come in a year, and after that the announcement *shall come* in a year, and violence *shall be* in the land, ruler against ruler.

47 Therefore, behold, the days come, and I will visit upon the carved idols of Babylon, and her whole land shall pale in shame, and all her polluted shall fall in her midst.

48 And the heavens and the earth, and all that *is* there, shall shout over Babylon, because the ravagers shall come to her from the north - An oracle of Jehovah.

49 As Babylon has caused the polluted of Israel to fall, so the polluted of all the earth shall fall at Babylon.

50 You who are refugees from the sword, walk; do not stand still; remember Jehovah afar off, and let Jerusalem ascend upon your heart.

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**51:46** Read this verse in the light of what we know happened in its fulfillment. Within a year the announcement came that Cyrus was planning to invade Babylon. They were not to allow their hearts to soften during that year. In the next year came the announcement that Cyrus was actually drawing near to Babylon. Then the violent war occurred as Jeremiah predicted, circa 537-536 B.C.

**JEREMIAH 51** *Jehovah has ravaged Babylon; Seraiah sent to call out Jeremiah's words in Babylon*

51 We pale in shame because we have attentively heard disgrace; disgrace has covered our faces because strangers have come into the sanctuaries of the house of Jehovah.

52 Therefore, behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - and I will visit upon her carved idols, and the polluted shall shriek through all her land.

53 Since Babylon ascends up to the heavens, and since she made the height of her strength inaccessible, therefore ravagers shall come to her - An oracle of Jehovah.

54 A sound of shrieking comes from Babylon, and a sound of great breaking comes from the land of the Chaldeans,

55 Because Jehovah has ravaged Babylon, and caused a great voice to be lost out of her; when her waves roar like great waters, a rushing uproar of their voice is given,

56 Because the ravager has come upon her, upon Babylon, and her mighty men are captured; their bows are broken, because Jehovah God of equal treatment, making complete, shall make *her* complete.

57 And I will make her chief rulers drunk, and her wise ones, her mayors, and her governors, and her mighty men, and they shall sleep an eternal sleep, and not wake - An oracle of the King, whose name is Jehovah of hosts.

58 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, The broad walls of Babylon, being made naked, shall be made naked, and her high gates

shall be burned with fire; and the people shall gasp much in vain, and the communities in the fire, and they shall be weary.

59 The word which Jeremiah, the prophet, commanded Seraiah, the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he walked with Zedekiah, the king of Judah, to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. (And Seraiah *was* a quiet ruler.)

60 And Jeremiah wrote all the evil that should come to Babylon in one book, namely all these words that are written to Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, and shall see, and shall call out all these words,

62 Then you shall say, Oh Jehovah, you have spoken to this place to cut it off that none shall dwell in it, man nor animal, but it shall be a stunned devastation forever.

63 And it shall be, when you have ended calling out this book that you shall tie a stone upon it, and throw it into the midst of *the* Euphrates;

64 And you shall say, Just so Babylon shall be submerged, and shall not rise from the face of the evil that I will bring upon her, and they shall be weary. The words of Jeremiah *are* to here.

### CHAPTER 52

1 A son of twenty-one years *was* Zedekiah when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2 And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done,

3 Because the *burning* nostrils of Jehovah were against Jerusalem and Judah until he had thrown them out from before his face, and Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

4 And it was in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth new moon, in the tenth of the new moon, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came, he and all his resources, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built battering towers against it all around.

5 And the city came into the siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

6 *It was* in the fourth new moon, in the ninth of the new moon, and the hunger seized the city, and there was no food for the people of the land.

7 And the city was broken open, and all the men of war suddenly bolted, and went out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden; and the Chaldeans were upon the city all around; and they walked by the way of the plain.

8 And the resources of the Chaldeans ran after the king, and reached Zedekiah in the sterile desert of Jericho, and all his resources were dashed to pieces from him.

9 And they captured the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he spoke judgment upon him

10 And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and he also slaughtered all the chief rulers of Judah in Riblah.

11 And he made the eyes of Zedekiah blind, and the king of Babylon yoked him in fetters, and brought him to Babylon, and gave him in the house of visitation until the day of his death.

12 And in the fifth new moon, in the tenth of the new moon - it was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar as king of Babylon - Nebuzaradan, captain of the executioners, came into Jerusalem - he stood before the face of the king of Babylon;

13 And set the house of Jehovah on fire, and the king's house, and he burned all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great with fire,

14 And all the resources of the Chaldeans that were with the captain of the executioners tore down all the walls of Jerusalem all around.

15 And those dangling of the people, and those left of the people who remained in the city,

**JEREMIAH 52** *The Chaldeans plunder the Temple; the head priest and rulers taken to Babylon and those falling away who fell away to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the crowd, Nebuzaradan, the captain of the executioners, carried away as stripped captives.*

16 And those left dangling of the land, Nebuzaradan, the captain of the executioners, left for vinedressers and for farmers.

17 And the Chaldeans broke the columns of brass that were in the house of Jehovah, and the pedestals, and the brass sea that *was* in the house of Jehovah, and carried all their brass to Babylon.

18 And they took away the boiling pots, and the shovels, and the tweezers, and the sprinkling bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they ministered there,

19 And the basins, and the firepans, and the sprinkling bowls, and the boiling pots, and the menorah,<sup>19</sup> and the spoons, and the sacrificial basins; the captain of the executioners took what was gold and what *was* of silver silver;<sup>21</sup>

20 The two columns, one sea, and twelve brass bulls that *were* under the pedestals which King Solomon had made in the house of Jehovah. The brass of all these vessels was not weighed.

21 And the columns - eighteen cubits *was* the height of one column, and a fillet of twelve cubits bordered it, and its width *was*

four fingers: *it was* hollow.

22 And a capital of brass *was* upon it; and the height of one capital *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capitals all around, all brass. And the second column and the pomegranates *were* like these.

23 And there were ninety-six pomegranates on a side, and all the pomegranates were a hundred upon the network all around.

24 And the captain of the executioners took Seraiah, the head priest, and Zephaniah, the second priest, and the three who hedged about the door,

25 And he took one eunuch out of the city, who was visited over the men of war, and seven men of them who saw the face of the king who were found in the city, and the chief ruling scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land, those found in the midst of the city.

26 And Nebuzaradan, the captain of the executioners, took them, and walked them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

27 And the king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. And Judah was carried away as stripped captives from his own land.

28 This is the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away as stripped captives: three thousand and twenty-three Jews in the seventh year;

<sup>19</sup> 52:19 **menorah**, the seven pronged lamp stand in the holy place.

<sup>21</sup> 52:21 The double use of gold and silver means pure gold and pure silver.

29 Eight hundred and thirty-two souls from Jerusalem in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar;

30 In the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan, the captain of the executioners, carried away seven hundred and forty-five souls as stripped captives of the Jews; all the souls were four thousand and six hundred.

31 And it was in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, in the twelfth new moon, in the twenty-fifth of the new moon, Evil-Merodach, king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, and brought him out of prison house,

32 And spoke good to him, and gave his throne above the throne of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon,

33 And changed his prison clothing, and he ate food before his face continually all the days of his life.

34 And for his portion of food, there was given him a continual portion of food of the king of Babylon, a word day by day until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

**JEREMIAH**