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# Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

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## Lamentations

1:19 “They will fight against you but will  
**NOT** overcome you, for I AM with You  
and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.



Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of  
Jerusalem, c. 1630, by Rembrandt

**Weeping Prophet – 13:17 *WEEPS* bitterly**

**Doesn't know yet—Jeremiah is the Loneliest Prophet**

✓ **Rejected by his NEIGHBORS –**

**11:19-21 gentle lamb led to the slaughter ...  
people of Anathoth want to kill you**

✓ **Rejected by his FAMILY –**

**12:6 members of your own family ... betrayed**

✓ **Rejected by PRIESTS & PROPHETS –**

**20:1-2 priest Pashhur ... had Jeremiah beaten ... into stocks**

✓ **Rejected by his FRIENDS –**

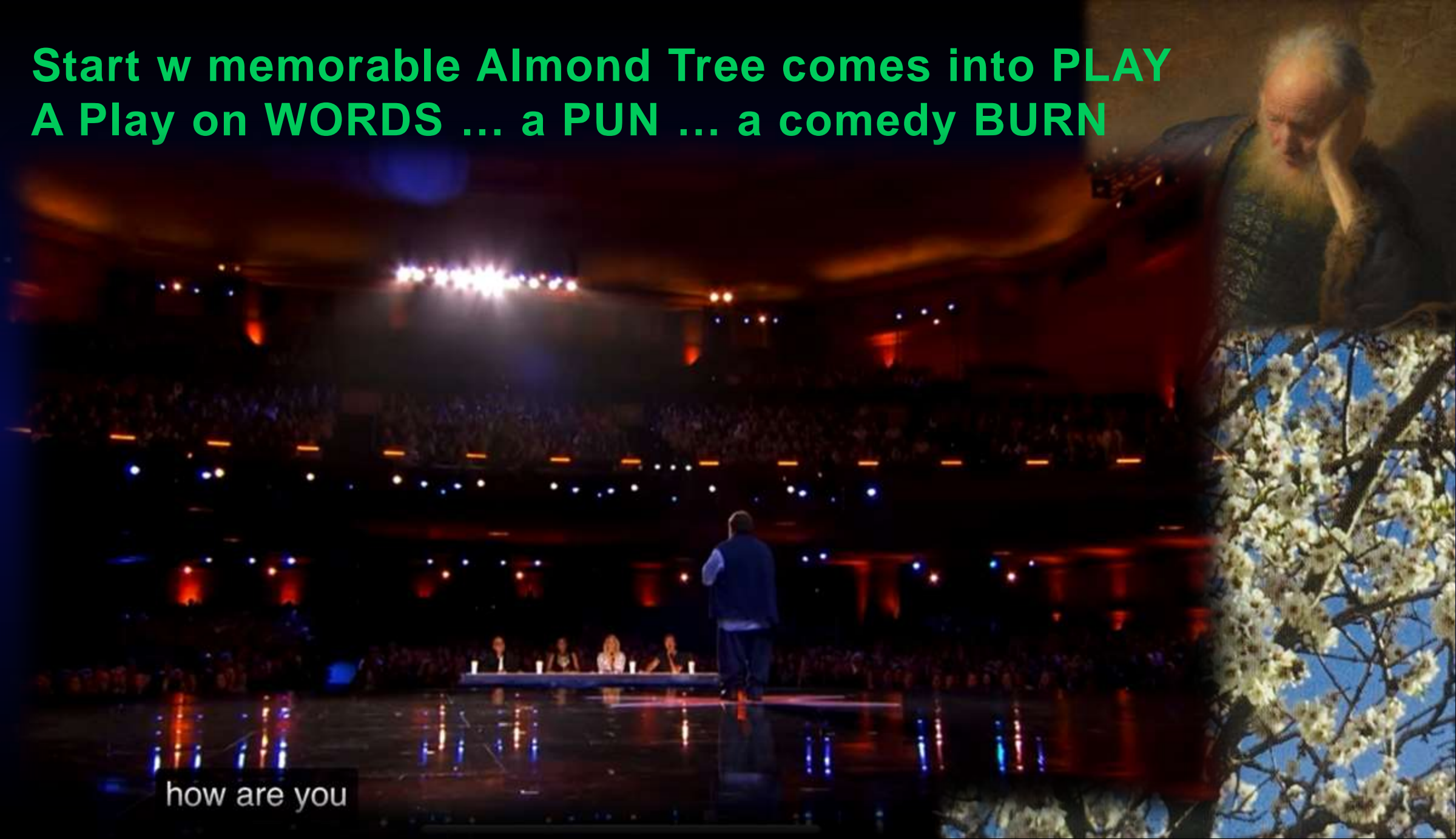
**20:10 All my friends are waiting for me to slip**

✓ **Rejected by his KING –**

**36:23 King cut Jeremiah's scroll & threw it into firepot**



**Start w memorable Almond Tree comes into PLAY  
A Play on WORDS ... a PUN ... a comedy BURN**



how are you

Very, very, very few persons are  
*called* by God to Ministry

**Jeremiah**

TRUE ... all Christians are *ministers* wherever they may be

Yet, those Called to Pastor, Teach, Missionary ... **FEW**

- ✓ Then ... there are **FEWER** Called to Confront
- ✓ Great Leaders of the Past ... Risked Their LIVES for ...
- ✓ Great Leaders of the Past ... Faced the Wind of Ridicule
- ✓ Great Leaders of the Past ... Often Fought Alone for a Time

Jeremiah ... the Weeping Loneliest Prophet ...

Stood **Alone** most of his adult life ... prophesying to **REBELS**  
then watched his homeland & God's City destroyed

In the end, Jeremiah could've said, "Told yah so" – *but did not*



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[territory] of Benjamin.

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king of Judah, down to the 5th month of  
11th year of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah,  
when people of Jerusalem went into exile = 586 B.C.



Except for End-Times Restoration in chaps 30-33

- ✓ Jeremiah is filled with condemnations ... 13:17 **WEEPS** bitterly
- ✓ Jeremiah is also filled with extraordinary poetry ... **HEARTACHE**
- ✓ Chaps 2-20 Against Judah prior to Zedekiah
- ✓ 20 Jeremiah is beaten, put in stocks, wished he **hadn't been BORN**

# Jeremiah



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo  
on the Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome



## Anathoth of the territory of Benjamin

- ✓ One of the 13 priestly cities Joshua 21:13-19
- ✓ Few miles NE of Jerusalem ...  
suburb of Jerusalem
- ✓ Home to David's priest Abiathar ...  
Brought the Ark to Jerusalem with Zadok
- ✓ Sent back to Anathoth to retire by King Solomon
- ✓ Two of David's distinguished soldiers,  
Abiezer & Jehu hailed from Anathoth

TODAY believed Palestinian town of Anata  
2 1/4 miles NE of Jerusalem

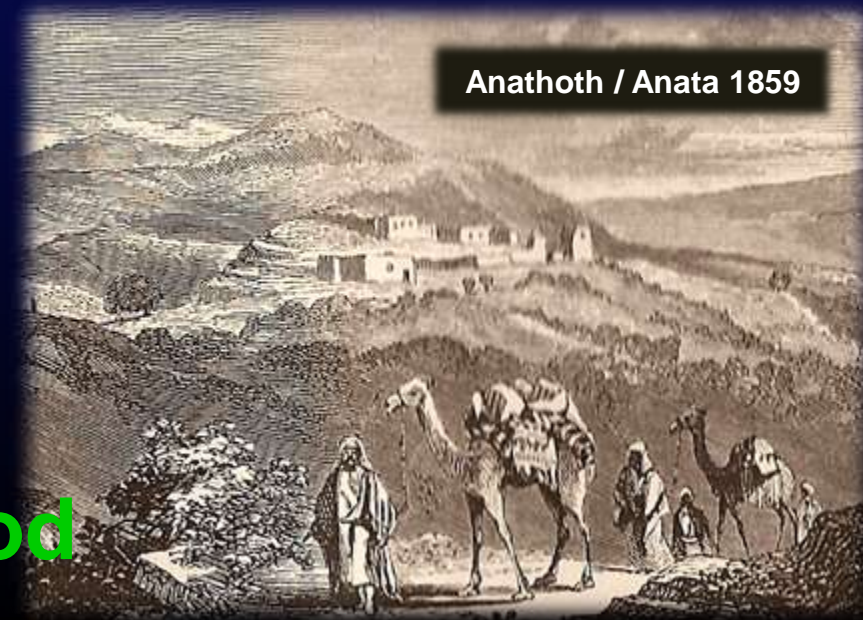
YOUNG ... says Jeremiah ... 20-30?

Sent on a Life-long Mission by God

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Palestinian city Behind West Bank barrier



Anathoth / Anata 1859



# Jeremiah

Anathoth / Anata c. 1859

Home to ...

- ✓ David's priest Abiathar ...
- ✓ David's soldiers,  
Abiezer & Jehu
- ✓ Hilkiah, Jeremiah's father
- ✓ Major Prophet Jeremiah

Anathoth—a heritage  
to the Best Priests of  
**Jerusalem**  
for 450-plus years





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when people of Jerusalem went into exile > 586 B.C.**

**Obviously ... written at the end of Jeremiah's ministry**

**End at the Beginning ... of the**

**Largest Book in the O.T.**



# Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

Book	Chap	vss	Words
Psalms	150	2,461	42,704
<b>Jeremiah</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>42,654</b>
Ezekiel	48	1,273	39,401
Isaiah	66	1,292	37,036
Numbers	36	1,289	32,896
Exodus	40	1,213	32,685
Deuteronomy	34	959	28,352
Genesis	50	1,533	38,262
2 Chronicles	36	822	26,069
Luke	24	1,151	25,640
1 Samuel	31	810	25,048
Leviticus	27	859	24,541
1 Kings	22	816	24,513
Acts			
2 Kings			
Matthew			
2 Samuel			
1 Chronicles			
Judges			
Joshua			
John			
Job			
Proverbs	31	915	15,038
Mark	16	678	14,949
Revelation	22	404	11,952
Daniel	12	357	11,602

Nehemiah	13	406	10,480
1 Corinthians	16	437	9,462
Romans	16	433	9,422
Ezra	10	280	7,440
Hebrews	13	303	6,897
Zechariah	14	211	6,443
2 Corinthians	13	257	6,046
Esther	10	167	5,633
Ecclesiastes	12	222	5,579
Hosea	14	197	5,174
Amos	9	146	4,216
Lamentations	5	154	3,411
Micah	7	105	3,152
Galatians	6	149	3,084



**Jeremiah is a long book ...**

**But NO SO LONG ...  
when you consider it over 40 years**

**Therein, just a over a chapter a year**

Colossians	4	95	1,979
1 Thess	5	89	1,837
Malachi	4	55	1,781
2 Timothy	4	83	1,666

Jeremiah	3	53	1,616
Esther	3	61	1,553
Isaiah	3	56	1,475
Isaiah	4	48	1,320
Isaiah	3	47	1,284
Isaiah	2	38	1,130
Isaiah	3	47	1,022
Isaiah	3	46	896
Isaiah	1	21	669
Jude	1	25	608
Philemon	1	25	430
2 John	1	13	298
3 John	1	14	294



1:4 WORD of the LORD came to me, saying,

5 “Before I formed you in the womb

I Knew You

before you were BORN I *set you apart*;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations

6 “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said,

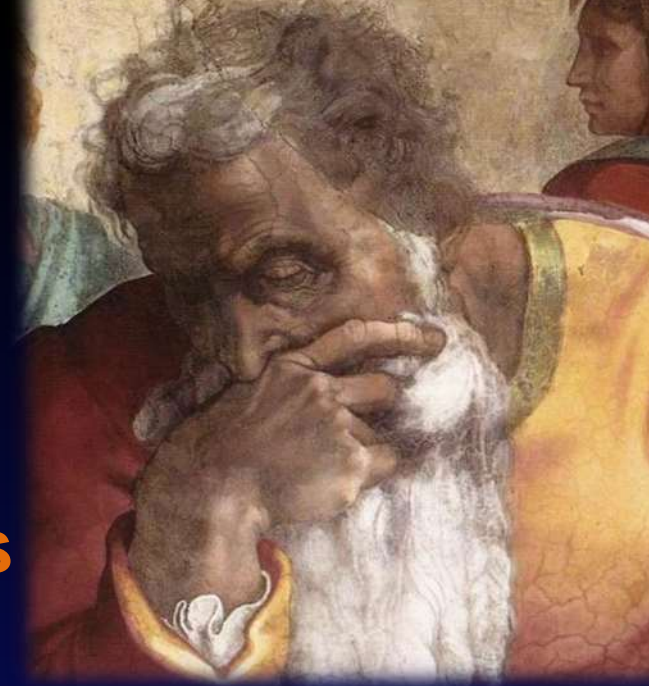
“I do NOT know HOW to speak; *I AM TOO YOUNG.*”

7 But the LORD said to me, “Do NOT say, ‘I am too young.’

You must go to **EVERYONE** I send you and  
say **WHATEVER** I command you.

Long comparisons between Moses & Jeremiah

God knew YOU too ... me ... before we were BORN



Jeremiah was UNCERTAIN how people would ...  
Hard to TALK to people if you *cannot* TALK





# Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

## Timeline . . .

Jeremiah forecasts 586 B.C.

Babylon Destroys Jerusalem

Beginning of 70 years Captivity

After return under Persian Cyrus

Judaism takes off ...

Jeremiah warns Judah from

626 to 586 ... pays a heavy price

40 years ministry to *rebels* ...

*then to Egypt*

Jeremiah Timeline		
<del>Samaria Destroyed</del>	721/22	
Good King Josiah	640	reforms initiated
Jeremiah Called in 13th yr Josiah	626	perhaps 30 yrs old
Nabopolassar RAISES Babylon	625	reigns 625-605
<del>Babylon takes Nineveh/Assyria</del>	612	
Egypt's Neco KILLS Josiah @ Megiddo	609	
Jeremiah Laments death of Josiah		II Chron 35:25
Jehoahaz	609	
Jehoiakim	609	
Babylon - Nebuchadnezzar	605	reigns 605-562
<del>Babylon X Egypt's Neco @ Charemsish</del>	605	
Neb @ Jerusalem ~ Daniel to Babylon	605	1st Deportation
	600	
Neb @ Jerusalem appoints Jehoiachin	598	3 months
Neb @ Jerusalem	597	2nd Deportation
Neb renames Josiah's son Zedekiah	597	Josiah's son Mattaniah
Jeremiah foretold 70 yrs Captivity		Jer. 25-29
Jeremiah persecuted ch 38		Jer. 36-38
<del>Babylon Neb Destroys JERUSALEM</del>	586	3rd Deportation
Zedekiah Flees, is killed		Fall itself - Jer. 39-45
Jeremiah w Gedaliah ch 39		
Jeremiah - others to Egypt ch 43		Jeremiah if 30 in 626
Last words of Jeremiah 44:24-30		he's 70+ yrs old
Words of Jeremiah to Baruch		
Cyrus the Great - Jews to Return	538	67 yrs later
Second Temple Complete	515	under Zerubbabel
Ezra in Jerusalem	458	His bk written c. 440
Nehemiah in Jerusalem	445	His bk written c. 430

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**Samaria destroyed 722 B.C.**  
**Most displaced to Haran/Gozan**  
**Some Assyrians resettle in Samaria**  
**Jerusalem *Destroyed* 586 B.C.**



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## NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S CAMPAIGNS AGAINST JUDAH

2 KGS. 24:1–21  
2 CHR. 36:6–21  
JER. 52  
OBAD. 10–14

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ⊙ Siege
- Nebuchadnezzar's first campaign (604)
- Nebuchadnezzar's second campaign (598–597)
- Nebuchadnezzar's third campaign (587–586)
- Egyptian campaign of 604–601
- Zedekiah's escape route
- Edomite's attack on Jerusalem

## Neo-Babylonian Kings

Nabopolassar	625–605 B.C.
Nebuchadnezzar	605–562 B.C.

## Judean Kings

Josiah	640–609 B.C.
Jehoahaz	609 B.C.
Jehoiakim	609–598 B.C.
Jehoiachin	598–597 B.C.
Zedekiah	597–586 B.C.





# Jeremiah

Several personal confessions ~ more than any other

11:18-23, 12:1-4, 15:10-21, 17:12-18, 18:18-23, 20:7-18

Waxes Poetic in Many Memorable Lines

2:13, 26-28 – broken cistern ... thief caught

7:11 – my house ... den of robbers

8:20, 22 – harvest past ... balm of Gilead

9:23-24 – boast about knowing Lord, kindness

10:6-13 – No one like the Lord ... true God ...

When angry, earth trembles

13:23 – because of sins, skirts torn off

17:5-9 – trust in man ... bush in wasteland

29:13 – seek ... will find ... if w whole heart

31:3, 15, 29-34 – everlasting love ... write law on hearts

33:3 – call to me ... tell great unsearchable things

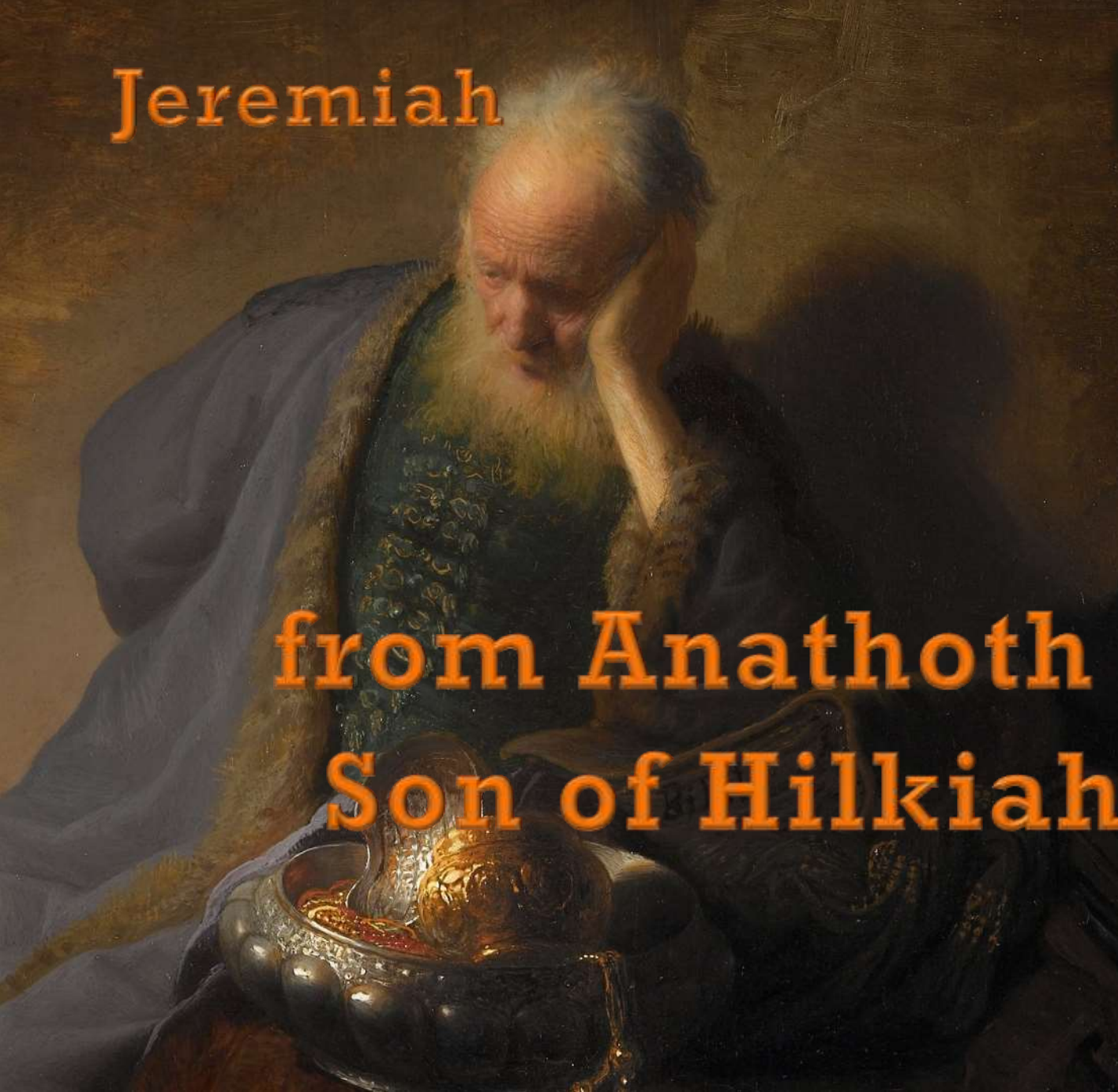
Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of  
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Jeremiah

from Anathoth  
Son of Hilkiah

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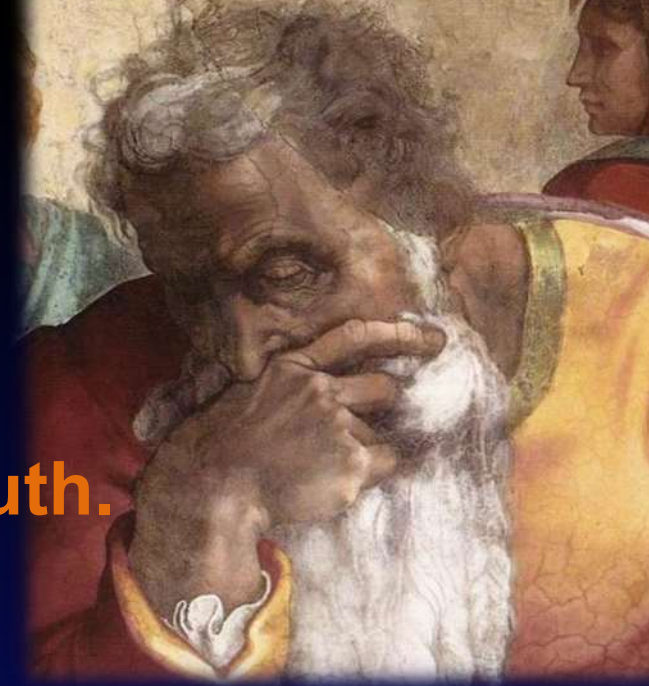
**1:8** Do NOT be afraid of them,  
for I AM WITH YOU and will rescue you” ...

**9** LORD reached out his hand & touched  
my mouth and said to me,  
“I have put Y WORDS my words in your mouth.

**10** See, today I appoint you over nations ...  
to Uproot & Tear Down,  
to Destroy & Overthrow,  
to Build & to Plant.”

“Jeremiad” = *complainer* - 15x

“destroy w Sword, Famine, Plague”



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**Catalogued the repeated words of authority  
in his 2022 commentary by Kregel**



**Six Repeated Verbs of Prophetic Authority in Jeremiah 1:10**

Verb	Meaning	Usage Elsewhere in Jeremiah
נחש	To uproot	12:14, 15, 17; 18:7, 14; 24:6; 31:28, 40; 42:10; 45:4
נחץ	To demolish	4:26; 18:7; 31:28; 33:4; 39:8; 52:14
אבד	To kill ( <i>hiphil</i> )	18:7; 25:10; 31:28; 46:8; 49:38
הרס	To destroy	24:6; 31:28, 40; 42:10; 45:4; 50:15
בנה	To build	7:31; 12:16; 18:9; 19:5; 22:13, 14; 24:6; 29:5, 28; 30:18; 31:4, 28, 38; 32:31, 35; 33:7; 35:7, 9; 42:10; 45:4; 52:4
נטע	To plant	2:21; 11:17; 12:2; 18:9; 24:6; 29:5, 28; 31:5, 28; 32:41; 35:7; 42:10; 45:4



**1:10** See, today I appoint you over nations ...  
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to Destroy & Overthrow  
to Build & to Plant

**Lord will make Jeremiah strong**

**15:20** “Fortified Wall of Bronze”

**Lord reaffirms Jeremiah's Call 7x –**

**3:12, 7:2, 7:27, 11:3 & 6, 13:12, 17:19**

**“Proclaim ... Lord Almighty ... God of Israel says”**



**1:11** Word of the LORD came to me:  
“What do you see, Jeremiah?”  
“I see the branch of an Almond Tree”

**12** LORD said to me,  
“You have seen correctly, for  
I Am Watching  
to see that my word is FULFILLED.”

שָׁקֵד Almond Tree

שָׁקֵד Wake, Watch

**Homonyms**  
*Word Play / Pun*

**Same Consonants**

*- Dots/Vowels by Masoretes c. 900 A.D.*

**Same Spelling & Sound**

**Different Definition & Origin**





1:12 I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled

תְּאֵנָה Almond Tree תְּשׁוּבָה Wake, Watch

Word PLAY & Pun ~ Spelling & Sound ~ Diff Def & Origins

Every culture has used PUNS as far back as 2,600 B.C.

English is rife w homonyms, homographs, homophones

Accept	Except	Buy	By	Bye
Ad	Add	Capital		Capitol
Advice	Advise	Ceiling		Sealing
Aid	Aide	Cell		Sell
Ail	Ale	Cent		Scent
Air	Ere	Serial		Cereal
Aisle	I'll	Chews		Choose
Allusion	Illusion	Chile		Chili
Altar	Alter	Cord		Chord
Ate	Eight	Course		Coarse
Bail water, make	Bail, Bale	Complement		Compliment
Band	Band	Council		Counsel
Bare, Bear, Bear		Crews		Cruise
Bases	Basis	Days		Daze
Beat, Beat, Beet		Deer		Dear





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OLIVE YOU  
SO MUCH  
IT HURTS

TO MY  
SIGNIFICANT  
OTTER



I'm so  
fawned



of  
YOU

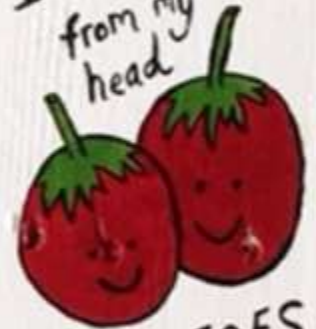
i LOVE YOU  
A LATTE



Ewe Are One In A  
million!



I Love you  
from my  
head



TOMATOES



1:12 I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled

שֵׁקֶד Almond Tree שֵׁקֶד Wake, Watch Word PLAY & Pun

Every culture has used PUNS as far back as 2,600 B.C.

What did the Beach say when the Tide came in?

Long time NO SEA – *pun on “see”*

What do you call a piece of WOOD with nothing to do?

It was Bored – *pun on “board”*

Why did the cat come down from the TREE

Because it saw the Tree BARK

Why did the King draw straight lines?

Because he was the RULER

Why did the Teacher wear Sunglasses?

Her students were sooo BRIGHT



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Links to Aaron's ROD that budded in  
Dathan's Rebellion



**Almond Tree ... *matures around 30 feet***

שֵׁקֶד Almond Tree שֵׁקֶד Wake, Watch – same consonants

**Almond Tree is First to Blossom early Spring ...  
with White Flowers with shades of pink**

**Hebrew Union College  
Prof. Stephen Roth said**

**Image portrayed is of  
“imminent fulfilling of  
God’s message to Israel”**

**Judah’s & Jeremiah’s World  
Egypt’s, Assyria’s, Babylon’s  
WORLD is Changing**



**What do you see Jeremiah? – an Almond Tree  
God is Watching ... ..**

**His Word WILL be *Fulfilled***

**Jeremiah will Declare God’s WORDS**



**1:13 Word of the LORD came to me again:  
“What do you see?”**

**“I see a pot that is boiling,” I answered.**

**“It is tilting toward us from the NORTH.”**

**14 LORD said to me,**

**“From the NORTH disaster will be poured out  
on ALL who live in the land.**

**From Egypt to Assyria to Babylon  
THEIR ... Known World SHOOK**

**Great Pyramid of Giza 2,000 yrs old in 600 B.C.**

**Acropolis walls in Athens 500 years old**

**594 B.C. Solon institutes Great Laws**

**Golden Age of Greece was dawning**



**1:15 I am about to summon  
ALL the peoples of the northern kingdoms,”  
declares the LORD.**

**“Their kings will come and set up their thrones  
in the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem;  
they will come against**

**ALL Jerusalem’s surrounding walls &  
against ALL the towns of Judah**

**Remember ... this is just the beginning  
Jeremiah is YOUNG ... 13th yr of Josiah  
627 B.C. 30 more years under Good Josiah**

**40 more years for Good Jeremiah ...  
as Jeremiah becomes increasingly ALONE**



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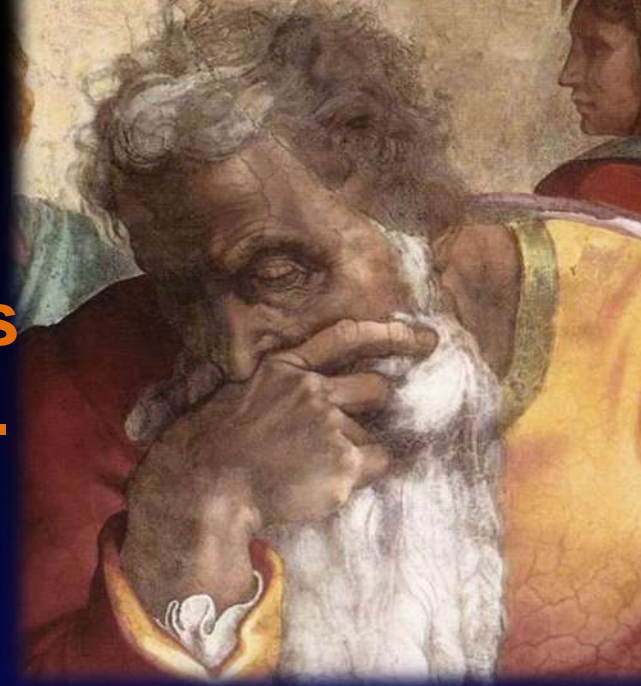
**1:16** I will pronounce my judgments on  
**MY People** because of their wickedness in  
forsaking me, burning incense to other gods  
in worshiping what their **HANDS** have made.

**17** “Get yourself ready! Stand up &  
say to them whatever I command you.

Do not be terrified by them, or  
I will terrify **YOU** before them.

You can see how Jeremiah recorded **HOW** the **LORD**  
prepared him from his awesome 40-year task

**FEW** are called to such ... **TODAY**, we have Pastors **AFRAID**  
to say “**Men BEATING Women in Sports is WRONG!**”



We have major Sports Teams SUPPORTING

- ✓ Gays *nastily* mocking the Catholic Church
- ✓ Retail Stores Sexually *TARGETING* Children
- ✓ Influential Netflix Sexually *Exploiting* Children

MOST Pastors **CANNOT** say those are **WRONG**

- ✓ We have major universities *silencing* Christians
- ✓ We have *Fortune* 500 companies *endorsing* ... you know
- ✓ We have crime practically *endorsed* w victims forgotten

We must be AFRAID ... too ... must be SILENT ...

We cannot AFFORD insurance increases for *too much*

Most **ARE**  
Silent

**VANDALISM**

We do NOT want to lose our Family & Friends ... *or BBQ*





Major Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton  
1914 Looking for MEN to JOIN HIM  
on the *Endurance*, a ship headed  
to explore the Antarctic  
He ADVERTISED:

SMALL WAGES, BITTER COLD, LONG  
MONTHS OF COMPLETE DARKNESS,  
CONSTANT DANGER, SAFE RETURN  
DOUBTFUL, HONOUR AND  
RECOGNITION IN CASE OF SUCCESS.

ERNEST SHACKLETON

4 BURLINGTON ST. SHACKLETON

# MEN WANTED FOR HAZARDOUS JOURNEY



WAGES, BITTER COLD, LONG  
MONTHS OF COMPLETE DARKNESS,  
CONSTANT DANGER, SAFE RETURN  
DOUBTFUL, HONOUR AND  
RECOGNITION IN CASE OF SUCCESS.

4 BURLINGTON ST.

**1:18** Today I have made you a **FORTIFIED CITY**,  
an **Iron Pillar & a Bronze Wall**  
to stand against the *whole* land  
—against the **Kings of Judah**, its **Officials**,  
its **Priests & the People of the land**.

**19** They will **FIGHT** against you  
but will **NOT** overcome you

*[ Not Detour You ... Not Cause You to **TURN** Away ]*

**for I AM WITH YOU** and will **Rescue You**,”  
declares the **LORD**.

Jeremiah is told **UPFRONT** ... his job for the **NEXT 40 YEARS**  
One heck of **START**      What will **YOU** do for **God** this week?

