

7-1-23

Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

chapters

- 1 The Prophet's Call
- 2 Nature of Betrayal
- 7 Nature of Destruction
- 12 Nature of Compassion

18 Shapes – Nature of the Potte

18 thru 21

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- 36 Nature of Go
- 42 Nature of Tru
- 52 Jerusalem Destroyed

Lamentations

18:6 God said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?"



**Nature of the
Potter's House**



Happy 4th



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

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Know what you NEVER do?
Tell a Redneck he
*Cannot FLY his flag
on his TRUCK*



God Bless the USA

Happy Independence Day



Join Virginia & Me ~ Tuesday July 4

Leave FBC 0900 ~ Breakfast in Bmt @ Cracker Barrel

Movie 12:00 ~ Luxury Lounge XD ~ 6 *Extra* Tickets Reserved

The logo for the movie "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" is displayed in a stylized, 3D font. The words "INDIANA" and "JONES" are in a large, bold, sans-serif font, while "and the" is in a smaller font, and "DIAL OF DESTINY" is in a medium-sized, bold, sans-serif font. The entire logo is rendered in a golden-brown color with a metallic sheen and a slight shadow effect, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The background of the logo is a dark, textured surface.

**INDIANA
JONES**
and the
DIAL OF DESTINY

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2 “Go down to the potter’s house,
there I will give you my message.”

3 So I went down to the potter’s house, and
I saw him working at the wheel.

4 But the pot he was shaping from the clay
was marred in his hands;
so the potter formed it into **ANOTHER POT**,
shaping it as seemed best to him.

Hardly a clearer picture of God & Israel ... God & us

Potter owns the House ... Molds the Clay

Potter decides if the Jar is for Heavy or Light Loads

Potter decides if the Jar is Strong or Delicate

Potter decides WHEN the Jar is *FINISHED*

Potter decides ... _____?_____ ...



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome



Think with me on Jeremiah's diary ...
scattered Entries over 40 years
Some Days **LONG** ... some days **SHORT**

Only Jeremiah does **NOT** include **DATES**

- ✓ Reflects back on different times
- ✓ Writes some 65-plus messages of DOOM in 52 chapters
- ✓ Reflects on 20-plus Lamenting Cries of PAIN

36:4 Jeremiah dictates to Baruch who writes

- ✓ **21 & 22 = We have Zedekiah 21, Jehoiakim 22**
- ✓ **32 Babylon siege of Jerusalem under Zedekiah**
- ✓ **37-39 Jerusalem's FALL**
- ✓ **45 Jehoiakim again ... odd odd place**
- ✓ **46-49 Jeremiah's messages to nations**
- ✓ **50-51 Jeremiah's message to Babylon**

52 Jerusalem DESTROYED – Zedekiah to Ribla, Sons Killed
Zedekiah eyes gouged out, dies in prison in Babylon



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Jeremiah 18 divided into FOUR sections

18:1-4 Jeremiah to Potter's House

18:5-10 God the Potter to Israel's Clay

18:11-17 God's Plan of Destruction

18:5-10 Jeremiah Laments Plots to KILL Him

Chapters Chaps 18-22 God's Judgement in Compassion

19 - Buy Clay Jar from Potter – Go Valley of Ben Hinnom
Breaks Jar ... Destruction Coming ... City a Horror

20 - Jeremiah Beaten, Destruction of Priest, Laments BIRTH

Jeremiah, "I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me

20:14 Cursed be the day I was born! May the day my
mother bore me not be blessed!

20:15 Cursed be the man who brought my father the news

21 - Zedekiah Sends Priest who Beat Jeremiah to Jeremiah

"Inquire of Babylon" – Jeremiah Foretells Destruction

22 – Do Right & No Wrong to Orphan or Widow – Spare You

Jeremiah Foretells Destruction - Jehoiakim Broken Pot

^ ^ ^ Notice out-of-place chronology ^ ^ ^

19-20 Josiah killed Valley of Megiddo BEFORE chap 21

Jeremiah Timeline		
Samaria Destroyed 721/22		
Good King Josiah 640 reforms initiated		
Jeremiah Called in 13th yr Josiah	626	Perhaps 20 yrs old
Nabopolassar RAISES Babylon	625	reigns 625-605
Babylon takes Nineveh/Assyria	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
Babylon X Egypt's Neco @ Charchemish	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. 29:25		
Jeremiah persecuted ch 38		Jer. 36-38
Babylon Neb DESTROYS JERUSALEM	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

NIV Study Bible has a suggested chronology chapters

1:1 – 7:15

26

7:16 – 20:18

25

46 – 51

36:1-6

45

36:9-32

35

21 – 24

27 – 31

34:1-7

37:1-10

34:8-12

37:11 – 38:13

39:15-18

32 – 33

38:14 – 39:14

52:1-30

40 – 44

52:31-34



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Jeremiah to the Potter’s House ...

Think with me now ... FEEL with me now ...

Jeremiah is one Lonely Weeping Prophet ...

To & Fro in Northeast Judah ... not traveling far

Jeremiah Works Alone ... Self-Driven ...

Yet, we have an indication of his *DRIVE* ...



AFTER his **BEATING** in 20:1-6
and BEFORE he laments his birth 20:14-15

Jer 20:9 But if I say, “I will not mention
His word or speak anymore in his name,
His word is in my heart like a **FIRE**,
a **FIRE** shut up in my bones.

I am **weary** of holding it in;

indeed, ***I cannot***

20:10 I hear many whispering,

“Terror on every side! Denounce him! *Let’s denounce Jeremiah!*”

All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying,

“Perhaps he will be deceived; then **WE** will prevail”

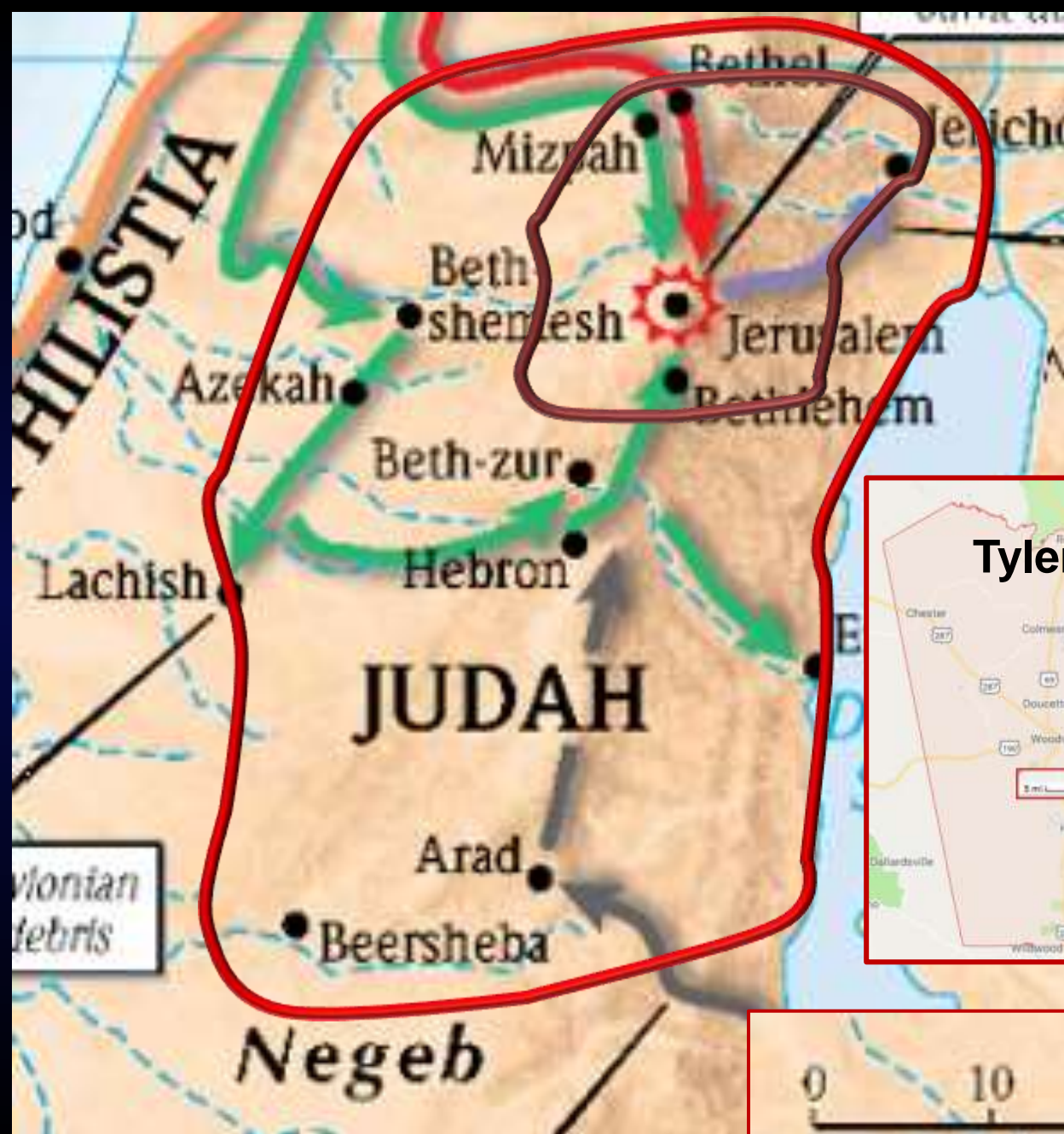
What do NOT know is WHERE Jeremiah gives MOST of the Bad News

- ✓ 7:1 – Stand at the Gate of the Lord’s House
- ✓ 17:19 – Stand at the Gate the Kings use ... then **ALL** the other Gates

While not far, we presume MOST Messages are in the NE area of Judah



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A few other times ...
Yet there are MANY
messages over 40 Years
Many Messages of DOOM
Many Laments of HEART
Almost certainly within
the NE Quarter of Judah

Every year the Library of Congress chooses
25 recordings for special preservation as
Important parts of American culture & history
LOC chose a **song** by Jimmy Webb ...
and **sung** by Glen Campbell ...

story goes ...

Jimmy Webb was driving thru Oklahoma
No houses, no trees ... just GRASS
Telephone Poles ... straight line to the horizon

In distance on a ladder, he saw a man
Back then, Lineman worked for the COUNTY
As Webb got closer, Lineman talking on phone
Webb thought about Lineman's **HEART & LOVES**
Webb imaged the Lineman in Wichita, Kansas



Glen Campbell's *Lineman for the County*

- LONELY man working HARD to CONNECT
- LONELY man working HARD to FIX Broken Lines
- LONELY man working to Keep LOVE ALIVE

That's Jeremiah ... all over Northeast Judah

That's Jeremiah ... TRYING to Fix 1,000 Broken Lines

KNOW the song is NOT just about "LINEMAN"

KNOW Jeremiah is NOT just a "PROPHET"

Both TRYING to Connect Broken LINES

Lineman not merely a fixer of Phone Lines Broken

Prophet not merely a fixer of People Law Breaking

Lineman & Prophet want to connect LOVE

I am a Lineman for the County

And I drive the Main Road

Searchin' in the Sun for another OVERLOAD

Oh my ...Judah a FULL of Overloaded Broken Lines



18:5 Then the word of the Lord came to me.

6 He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel,
as this potter does?” declares the Lord.

“Like clay in the hand of the potter,
so are you in my hand, Israel.

7 If at any time I announce that a nation
or kingdom is to be uprooted,
torn down and destroyed,

8 And if that nation I warned repents ... I will relent....

9 And if ... I announce a nation ... to be built up ...

10 and if it does evil ... I will reconsider the good I intended.

Living God in Time ...

Working with People’s Free Will

YET how much MERCY have seen so FAR?

How many OFFERS for them to ESCAPE Destruction?



Amidst repeated charges & the worst judgments
Amidst TOTAL Death & Destruction ...
How many times has God's MERCY shown?



Jer 3:12-14 “Return, faithless Israel,’ declares
the Lord, ‘I will frown on you no longer’ ...
“Return, for I am your husband.”

Jer 3:22 “Return, faithless people;
I will cure you of backsliding.”

Jer 6:16 “Stand at the crossroads and look; ASK for the Ancient Paths
ASK where the good way is ... and you will find REST for your SOULS

Jer 7:2-3 “Stand at the Gate of the Lord’s House ... Hear the Word ...
Reform your ways ... I will LET you LIVE in this place.

Jer 11:4-5 ‘Obey me ... and you will be my people, and I will be your God.
Then I will ... give them a land FLOWING with milk and honey’

Jer 12:16 IF they ... swear by my name, “As surely as the Lord lives” ...
then they will be established

Mercy ... to those who Seek God

How many times has God offered **MERCY** so far?

Jer 13:16 Give glory to the Lord your God
before he brings the darkness,
before your feet stumble on the darkening hills.

Jer 17:7-8 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord ...
They will be like a **TREE** planted by the **WATER**”

Jer 17:27 **IF** you do not ... keep the Sabbath day holy ...
I will kindle an unquenchable fire in the Gates of Jerusalem

Jer 18:6-8 “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” ...
if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent”

Jer 21:12 “Administer justice every morning; rescue ... one robbed,
OR my wrath will break out and burn like fire

Jer 22:3-4 Do what is just ... Rescue ... robbed. Don't shed innocent blood....
IF you ... carry out these commands, then kings ... on David's throne
will come through the gates of this palace, riding in chariots

YHWH is a God of MERCY ... yet He will NOT be MOCKED



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as this potter does?"

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Working with People's Free Will

My book, *Heart of the Living God* dealt with Free Will

Love, Free Will, Foreknowledge, and Heaven

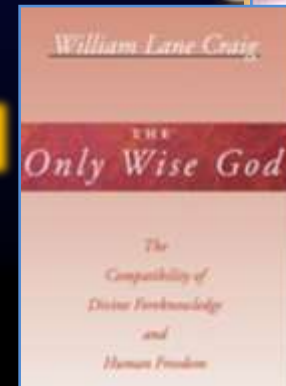
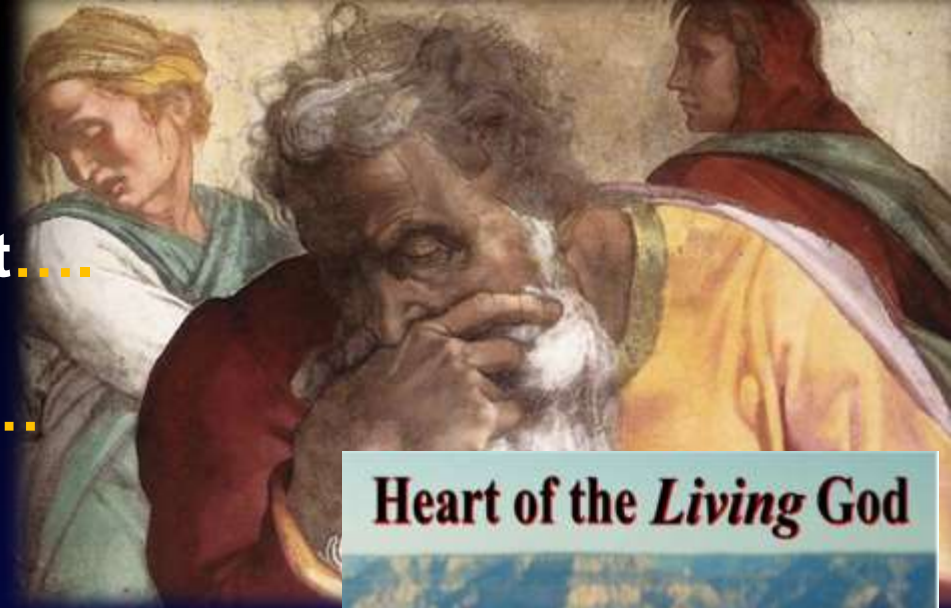
A Theology on the Treasure of Love (2004, 728 pp.)

Grand Canyon of complication – God Knows vs Free Will

Contrast Clark Pinnock's *Most Moved Mover* (2001) with

William Lane Craig's *The Only Wise God: The Compatibility
of Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom* (2000)

Question is: What does the Bible Say?



18:10 IF it does evil ... I will reconsider the good ...

Living **LOVING** God in Time ...

Working with People's Free Will

Heart of the Living God Genuine Real-time Love

Craig/Pinnock Dilemma – Future Settled or Free Will

✓ Pinnock: Open Theist – God knows NOT ALL

✓ Craig: God has Exhaustive Foreknowledge

IF God KNOWS Future as SETTLED – *it IS Settled*

God knows how ALL our actions END – Closed Book

Grand Canyon of God's Honest LIVING LOVE

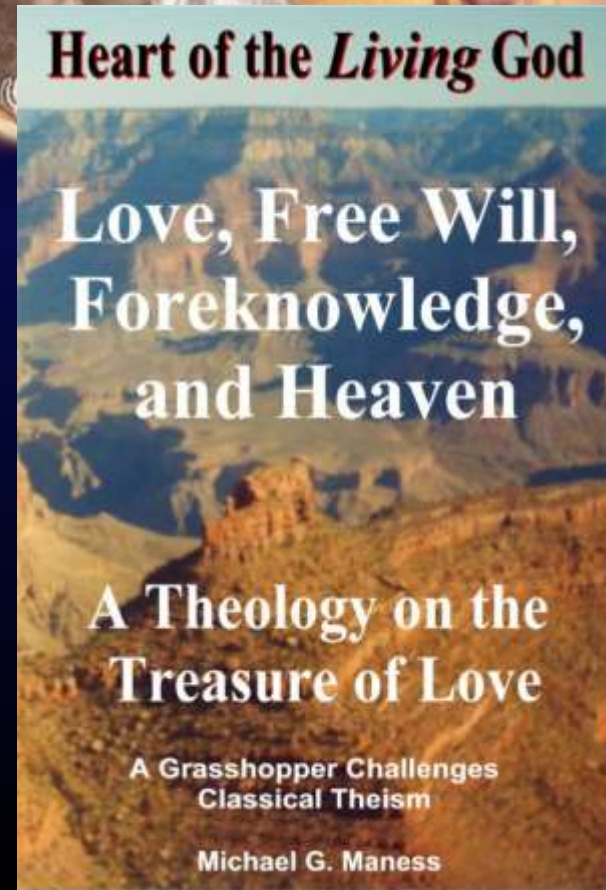
Father Time is NOT greater than Father God ...

NO LOST Person's or Victim's **FUTURE** is so SETTLED

That God cannot intervene in the FUTURE to SAVE

God knows ALL the future while walking with us in a

Dynamic Foreknowledge in a FUTURE not 100% Settled



18:8 And if that nation I warned repents ...
I will relent....

10 IF it does evil ...

Living God in Time ...

Working with People's Free Will

What is CRITICAL is that IF all the Future is
SETTLED ... NO Free Will worth the name

For any kind of Genuine LOVE ... there must be *some* Free Will

All the Bible & esp. the New Testament gives hints at

Confess ... Love ... Faith ... Hope ... of One's Free Will

Indeed, to be made in the Image of God ...

is to be able to *somewhat* freely choose ...

As with Jeremiah's **MANY** points to God's **MERCY**

✓ We **MUST** be able to Honestly **LOVE** in **REAL-Time**

✓ Not merely with each other, but with **God** on the concourse of **TIME**



18:11 “Now therefore say to the people of Judah & those living in Jerusalem,

‘This is what the Lord says:

Look! I am preparing a **DISASTER** for you & devising a plan against you.

So **TURN** from your evil ways, each one of you, and

REFORM your ways & actions.’

12 But they will reply, ‘It’s no use.

We will continue with our own plans;

We will all follow the

stubbornness of our evil hearts.’ ”

Very clearly ... They have **REAL CHOICE**

And with God they have **BROKEN** their **LINE** ...

Still Jeremiah & God are trying to **FIX** the **Connection**



18:13 Therefore this is what the Lord says:
“Inquire among the nations:
Who has ever heard anything like this?
A most horrible thing has been done by
Virgin Israel

14 Does the **SNOW** of Lebanon
ever vanish from its rocky slopes?
Do its cool waters from distant sources
ever stop flowing?

IF the clay is stubborn ... it shall be **re-FORMED**
Israel Meant to be a beautiful & delicate vessel for **ALL**
Israel will be broken & re-FORMED by God's hand
ALL the while—God holds out His
Mighty Merciful HAND



Glen Campbell, Lineman for the County
Lineman & Prophet want to connect **LOVE**

So close ... yet so far away ...

Searchin' in the **Sun** for another **OVERLOAD**
I hear you singing in the wire
I can hear you through the whine
And the Wichita Lineman
Is still on the **LINE**

These broken **LINE**S ... **NEED** to be **FIXED**
So ... therefore ... accordingly ...

Lineman, Jeremiah, & **GOD** will **NOT** give up



18:15 Yet my people have forgotten me;
they burn incense to worthless idols,
which made them stumble in their ways,
in the Ancient Paths....

16 Their land will be an object of HORROR
and of lasting scorn;
All who pass by will be appalled
and will shake their heads.

17 Like a wind from the east,
I will scatter them before their enemies;
I will show them my back and not my face
in the Day of their Disaster.”

There is a **FREEDOM** given ...

NOT forced compliance ... but will **PUNISH** Idolatry

If **CALLED** by His Name ... He has a duty to them ... **TO US**



Sadly, Israel goes AFTER the Lineman!

18:18 They said, “Come, let’s make plans
against Jeremiah for the teaching....

**So come, let’s attack him with our tongues
and pay no attention to anything he says.”**

19 Listen to me, Lord;
hear what my accusers are saying!

20 Should good be repaid with evil?
Yet they have **DUG A PIT FOR ME.**

**Remember that I stood before you
and spoke in their behalf
to TURN YOUR WRATH AWAY from them.**

God CAN change His Mighty Mind ..

Jeremiah works in the Rain & Snow ...

to fix the Broken Line



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Lineman & Prophet want to connect LOVE

So weary of the ROAD ...
So weary of the RAIN & Confusion ...

I know I need a small VACATION
But it don't look like rain
And if it snows
that stretch down SOUTH
Won't ever stand the STRAIN

Working in the Rain & Snow ...

For 40 YEARS ... sure doesn't seem like
Jeremiah ever gets a vacation



18:21 So give their children over to famine
Let their wives be made childless & widows;
Let their men be put to death....

22 Let a CRY be heard from their houses when
You suddenly bring invaders against them,
For they have DUG A PIT to capture me
and have hidden SNARES for my feet.



AGAIN Jeremiah **LAMENTS** ... begs justice for his idolatrous oppressors

A **PIT** they have **DUG** ... likely a metaphor for **TRAP**

Judah does **NOT** like to hear the **TRUTH** ...

TRUTH is ... Destruction is coming

TRUTH is ... IF they repent, come back to **GOD**

TRUTH is ... **GOD** is **MERCIFUL** ... wants them **HOME**



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Lineman & Prophet want to connect **LOVE**

Lineman & Prophet ... alone on a Pole
Trying to Connect Broken Lines of **LOVE**

That stretch down **SOUTH**
Won't ever stand the **STRAIN**

And I **NEED** you more than want you
And I want you for **ALL TIME**

And the Wichita Lineman
Is still on the **LINE**

And Jeremiah will not shirk ... not quit
NOT Abandon his Duty ... **NOT EVEN**
NOT EVEN while wishing he had never been born



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Chapter

19 - Buy Clay Jar from Potter –
Breaks Jar in Valley of Ben Hinnom
20 - Jeremiah Beaten by Priest, Tells of Priest's END,
Jeremiah Laments BIRTH
21 - Zedekiah Sends the Priest who Beat Jeremiah to Jeremiah
to inquire of Babylon
22 – God will Spare you ... IF No Wrong to Orphan or Widow

Last Verse

18:23 But you, Lord, know ALL their plots to KILL me.
Do not forgive ... or blot out their sins from your sight.
Let them be overthrown before you;
deal with them in the time of your anger.

Jeremiah reveals his fear & *again* LAMENTS
Hoping God's justice will overcome ... their plots to KILL



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Lineman & Prophet want to connect **LOVE**

Lineman & Prophet ... alone on the **JOB**

Prophet ... who's heart cannot withhold **FIRE**

Prophet ... who's heart **MUST** Work

MUST try to fix ... **WARN** ... **CONNECT** ...

And I **NEED** you more than want you

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Jeremiah warned Judah in 600 B.C. ... us today

God Love US ... Loves us **ALL** the **TIME** ...

truly ... God is **STILL** on the **LINE**

