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Jeremiah

chapters

c. 650–570 BC

- 1 The Prophet's Call
- 2 Nature of Betrayal
- 7 Nature of Destruction
- 12 Nature of Compassion
- 18 Nature of the Potter's House
- 23 Nature of the Righteous Branch**

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 - 42 Nature of Tru
 - 52 Jerusalem D
- Lamentations*



**Nature of the
Righteous Branch**

23:5 “Days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a Righteous Branch, a King who will Reign Wisely and do what is Just



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



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome



**Sometimes we think we know
who we are ...**

And MANY of us DO KNOW

**However—IF *Judah* looked into
the Mirror of THEIR Soul**

They might be surprised

ALL of us are acquainted with GRIEF ...
ALL of us know something of LOSS

How about a FEAR of LOSS?

KNOWING that LOSS is Coming ...

LOSS is on the Horizon ...

LOSS is just around the CORNER ...



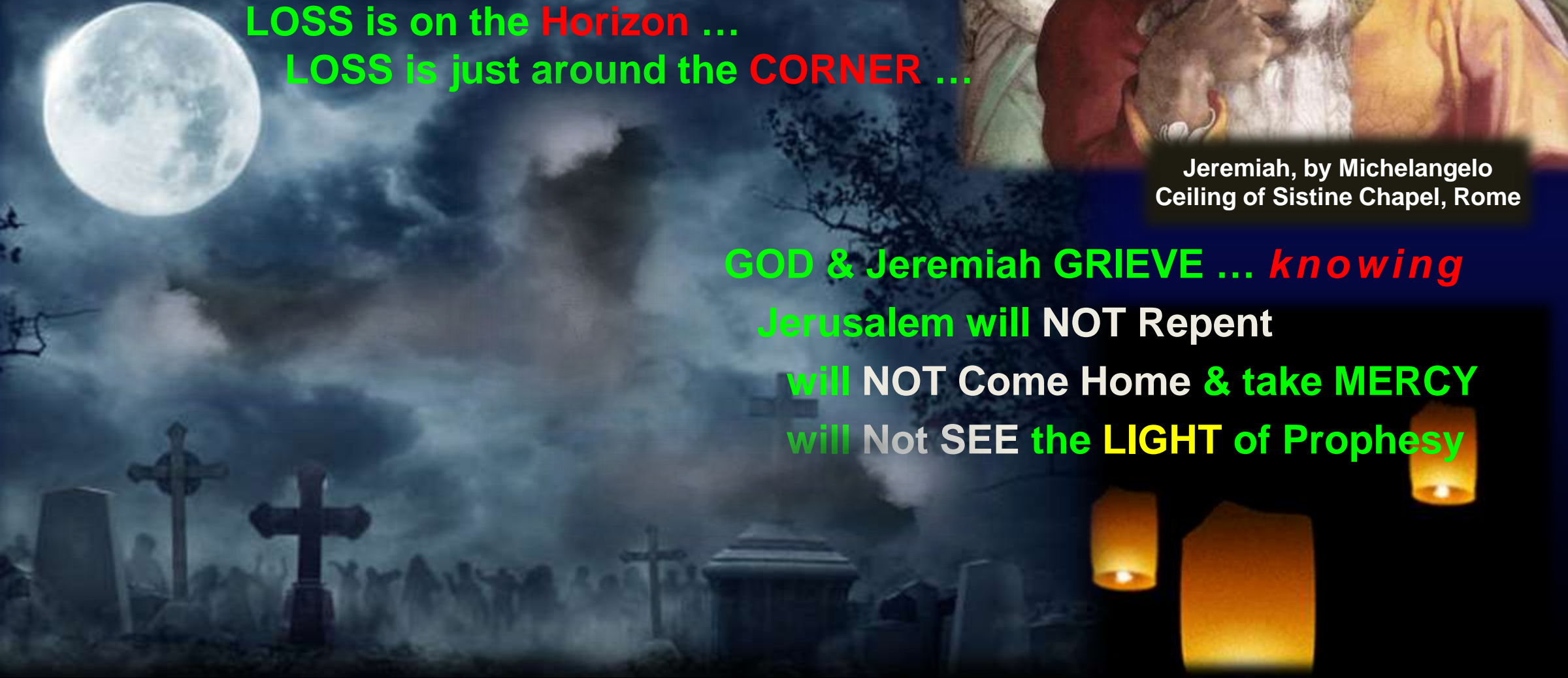
Jeremiah, by Michelangelo
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GOD & Jeremiah GRIEVE ... *knowing*

Jerusalem will NOT Repent

will NOT Come Home & take MERCY

will Not SEE the LIGHT of Prophecy



**GOD thru Jeremiah shares HEART of Gold
God's Heart of Gold**



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**God & Jeremiah LOONNG
for Jerusalem to Come HOME**

**Will Jerusalem EVER
see God's Heart?**

Perhaps *just* for Jeremiah

- ✓ **God gives a prophecy of HOPE**
- ✓ **A Distant Prophecy**
- ✓ **Prophecy off Jeremiah's Horizon**
 - **After Jerusalem Destroyed**
 - **After 70 yrs in Babylon**
 - **After Christ's 1st Coming in N.T.**

Yet God wants Judah NOW

23:3-8 Righteous Branch

Perhaps most precious promise in Jeremiah

Perhaps most precious promise in the O.T.

Perhaps most precious promise in the Bible

23:3 “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries ... will bring them back to their pasture....

5 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a

Righteous Branch

a King who will Reign Wisely & do what is Just and Right in the land.

PRECIOUS ... promise AFTER disaster

New Growth ~ Sprout ~ Shoot ~ Bud

Zech 6:12 – “Branch that Branch / or Grows”



WHEN will that happen?

- ✓ After 70-year Exile in Babylon
- ✓ When Christ Comes in A.D. 1
His Kingdom NOT of this World
- ✓ 1948 when Israel re-Established
- ✓ When Christ Comes Again
at End of the Age ... that **DAY**

23:3-8 Righteous Branch

There is a prayer & hope for David

Jeremiah repeats in 30:8-9

**30:8 “ ‘In that Day,’ declares Lord Almighty,
‘I will break the yoke OFF their necks
and will tear OFF their bonds....**

**30:9 Instead, they will serve the Lord their God
and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.**

**Ezekiel 34:23 - I will place over them one shepherd,
my servant David, and he will tend them;
he will tend them and be their shepherd.**

**Ezekiel 37:24 “My servant David will be king over them,
and they will all have one shepherd.**

They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees.

PRECIOUS promise AFTER Jerusalem Destroyed & AFTER Coming Exile



For GOD & Jeremiah ... and *thru* Jeremiah
There is a hope & prayer that Judah will SEE
That Judah will **MOURN** ... and beg
That Judah will **PLEA** ... and **RETURN**

Randy Travis sings a song ...
Longing of Lost Love ...

Suppose I called you up tonight
And told you that I love you
And suppose I said I want to come back home
And suppose I cried and said I think,
I finally learned my lesson
And I'm tired of spending all my time alone

Oh, if only Judah would come HOME



Jeremiah 23 easily divided into two

23:1-8 **Righteous Branch**

23:9-40 **Lying Prophets**

23:9 **Jeremiah's** heart broken, bones tremble

v 13 Samaria prophets prophesy by **BAAL**

v 14 Jerusalem **adultery**, like Sodom & Gomorrah

v 16 Prophets give **false** hope ... storm of wrath coming

v 21 I did **NOT** send these ... or speak to these

v 24 **Lord says**, "Do I not FILL Heaven and Earth?"

v 25 They prophesy **LIES** in my name

v 32 **Lord says**, "I am **against** those who prophesy false dreams,"

v 36 You **distort** the words of the living God, the Lord Almighty, our God

v 40 I will bring on you everlasting disgrace—

everlasting shame that will NOT be forgotten



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

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!

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

19-20 Josiah killed Valley of Megiddo BEFORE chap 21

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 ^^^

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



23:3-8 Righteous Branch

23:9-40 LYING Prophets

Chapters

24 Two Baskets of Figs, good & bad

GOOD Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim ... and ... skilled & artisans ... exiled to Babylon

25:7 they will return to me with all their heart.

BAD Zedekiah – object of ridicule & banished

25 70 Years of desolation ... Wine of My Wrath

25:34 Weep & Wail Shepherds ... time of their slaughter

26 Prophets & Priest want to **KILL** Jeremiah

27 Jeremiah's **YOKE** ... all under to Lord's servant Nebuchadnezzar

Do **NOT** listen to **Lying** Prophets

28 False Prophet Hananiah breaks Jeremiah's Yoke –

Jeremiah challenges Hananiah's **LIES** – he will die ... dies soon



23:3-8 Righteous Branch

Surrounding the Righteous Branch

Chapters 1 thru 22 ... and 23:9 thru 28

Jeremiah's Pain & Jerusalem's DOOM

Pain & DOOM with Bits of *Mercy* Offered

23:1 "WOE TO THE SHEPHERDS

**who are destroying & scattering the sheep
of my pasture!" declares the Lord.**

**2 Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel,
SAYS to the shepherds who tend my people:**

"Because you have scattered my flock

& driven them away & have not bestowed care on them,

I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,"

declares the Lord.

There are SHEPHERDS ... Wolves in Sheep Clothes



23:1 "WOE TO THE SHEPHERDS

Wolves in Sheep Clothes

September 18, 2006 – TIME Cover Story

Article by David Van Biema & Jeff Chu asks:

**DOES GOD WANT
YOU TO BE RICH?**

Yes, say some megachurches.
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Word of Faith, Health & Wealth, Name It & Claim It, Prosperity Theology

"Why not gain the whole world **PLUS** my soul?"



23:3-8 **Righteous Branch**

23:3 “I myself will gather the remnant of MY flock out of ALL the countries where I have driven them & will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful & increase.

Prophecy of Return ...
with aura of PERMANENCE

Prophecy of Return
with aura of Perennial FRUITFULNESS

Prophecy of Return
with aura of Pleasant PEACEFULNESS

Judah will not come back NOW ...
though God LONGS for them



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If I told you that I realize
You're all I ever wanted
And it's killing me to be so far away

Would you tell me that you love me too
And would we cry together?

Or would you simply laugh at me and say?
I told you so, oh, I told you sooooo

Longing for return ... very much like the
Prodigal Son

God LONGS for Judah to come HOME



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a King who will Reign Wisely and do what is Just and Right in the land.

God gives to Jeremiah and US Today ... **HOPE**

For Jeremiah—a Hope on the **DISTANT** Horizon

For Jeremiah—a **Hope of Love** anchored in Jeremiah’s **Faith**



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If only God could HEAR Judah *sing*

If I got down on my knees
and told you I was yours FOREVER?

Would you get down on yours too and
TAKE MY HAND?

Would we get that old-time feeling?

Would we laugh and talk for hours?

The way we did when our LOVE first began?

IF Jerusalem would only ...

IF Jerusalem ...

Oh, Jerusalem, *Jerusalem* ...



23:1-8 Righteous Branch

23:6 In HIS days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the NAME by which HE will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Savior.



This formidable verse uses

YHWH Tsidkenu = Lord Our “Righteousness”

Tsidkenu = “Righteousness” is used 118 times in the Old Testament
Leviticus & Deuteronomy for “Righteous” Balance of weights
Psalms & Deuteronomy for “Righteous” Judgement
Job to describe his “Righteous” Maker

WHEN? After 70-year Exile in Babylon?

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When Christ Comes Again at End of the Age? ... on That **DAY?**

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MAN by the FALL in Eden sustained an
infinite loss in the matter of righteousness.

He suffered the loss of a Righteous Nature....

His original character for uprightness was completely WRECKED.

Jesus Christ came to undo the mischief of the FALL....

His agony & bloody sweat have for ever

taken away the consequences....



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One sacrifice bears the penalty....

He, his own self, bore our sins in his own body on the tree.

Still it is NOT enough for a man to be pardoned....

Man must have a Righteousness, or God cannot accept him.

Man must have a Perfect Obedience, or else God cannot reward him.

Should God give heaven to a soul

that has NOT perfectly kept the law?....



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**Where, then, is the Righteousness with which
the pardoned man be completely covered?**

so that God can regard him as having KEPT THE LAW, and

Reward him for so doing?....

You must despair of ever being able to keep the law perfectly.

Each day you sin.... Old Adam still struggles for dominion within you.

The good you would do, you do not.....

We hold it to be a Great Cardinal Point in Divinity that

Nothing supplants the Merits of the Son



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23:7 “So then, the days are coming,”
declares the Lord,
“when people will no longer say,
‘As surely as the Lord LIVES, who
brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,’

8 but they will say,
‘As surely as the Lord LIVES, who brought the
descendants of Israel up out of the land
of the north and out of all the countries
where he had banished them.’

Then they will LIVE in their OWN Land.”

As surely ... as certainly ... as GOD LIVES ...

As Certainly as GOD Created the World ... set the oceans’ boundaries

As Certainly as GOD LIVES ... there will be a Blessed Homecoming



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and that you've been so lonely?**

And you've waited for the day that I return?

And we'd LIVE and LOVE forever?

And that I'm your ONE and ONLY?

Or would you say the table's finally turned?

Some DAY ... at a Great Banquet ...

Judah & the Elect of Every Nation ...

Every Knee will Bow ...

Every Tongue Confess ...

Jesus as Lord – Savior



**Our
SHEPHERD**