

7-16-23

Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

chapters

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

29 Nature of *Shalom*

29 thru 30

- 31 Nature of E
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- Lamentations*



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

29-30 After 1st & 2nd Deportations

Daniel in the 1st ... Ezekiel in 2nd ...

BEST are taken to Babylon ...

Deportations = *EXPENSIVE* – See Texas

To date – Texas shipped 17,500 to NYC,
Chicago, Philly, & Kamala's HOME

Babylon whipped Assyria—*RISES FAST*

Babylon Lasts <100 yrs as World Power

Term “*Babylon*” = Decadent Indulgence

Hanging Gardens of Babylon one of
Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

Daniel shows his SUCCESS in Palace
for a time ... as decades pass

70 Years ... MANY NEVER KNEW JERUSALEM

Jehoiachin	609	
Babylon - Nebuchadnezzar	605	reigns 605-562
Babylon & Egypt's Nees @ Charshemish	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
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

One reason for Babylon's Success

- ✓ Israel's Deportation
 - ✓ Israel's Growth under God
- THEIR descendants will be who
Rebuild Jerusalem

BAD Figs of Zedekiah PERISH

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End of Letter

At 1st Babylon treats Israel GOOD

Daniel IS in the Palace

Some Freedom of Speech

False Israel Prophets in Babylon

Reputation FALLOWS them

70 yrs later, Cyrus Frees Them

POINT: at 1st Babylon treated
Israel BETTER than Zedekiah

29:7 a most interesting verse ...

v7 Seek the Shalom & prosperity of the city

Shalom ... Captives in the City of Captors

Babylon ... taking care of Good Figs ...

Judah told to Settle & Help

Babylon PROSPER / *Shalom*

Great example of the Conqueror Care-taker
just after World War II

Germany was divided between Russia
Britain, France, and USA

Though in Russian territory, ALL demanded
a part of Berlin ... a presence in Berlin

Russia didn't like it ... began land blockades



Thus began the Great Berlin Airlift ...

Began on June 24, 1948 – USSR blockaded
Rail, Road, & Water access to Allied Berlin

Somehow, road / water easements were
NOT part of the divisional treaty ...

HOWEVER, nothing prevented AIR Access

USA, Britain, France began the great
AIRLIFTS in history—“**Operation Vittles**”

2.5 Million in Berlin were starving from
Allied bombing & destroyed infrastructure

C-54 Cargo Planes flew daily – @ height one
every 45 seconds Tempelhof Airport

Easter Sunday 1949 HIT a **daily RECORD**

1,398 Flights w 12,940 TONS of Food & Coal

May 12, 1949, USSR gave up & lifted blockade



When the AIRLIFT “Operation Vittles” ended
USA, France, Britain had made 277,569 flights
And delivered 2,325,510 TONS of
Food ... Coal ... Fuel ...



70 USAF & Royal AF personnel died ...
Many civilians aiding also died ...
Much was learned ... and the whole operation
Contributed to the *science* of Air Traffic Control



WITHIN Airlift **“Operation Vittles”** another ...

One day a Lt. Gail Halvorsen happened by
a few ragged youngsters at the airport fence

His heart bled ... shared **TWO STICKS OF GUM**

He expected kids to **FIGHT** over them ...

What he witnessed changed his life & others

Two kids broke
the gum into
small pieces so
ALL could share ...
& taste & savor

Conquerors
Feeding
Conquered



As Lt. Gail Halvorsen flew, he began to drop
A Few TINY Parachutes with Candy ...

Soon ... other soldiers & airmen were
donating their rationed candy

Halvorsen became famous for his DROPS
Told the children to LOOK up ... see his
plane when he WIGGLED Wings in flight

He became known as Uncle Wiggly Wings
Candy Bomber ... Chocolate Pilot

*This is a true story of chocolate,
bubble gum, and hope.*



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World War II was over,
and Berlin was in ruins. US Air Force
pilot Gail Halvorsen wanted to bring some happiness
to the children of the city—but what could one
man in one plane do?

A Junior Library
Guild Selection

and O. Tunnell is a professor of
children's literature and the author
of *Sailing May*, *The Children of Topaz*,
The Long Moon, and other books.
He lives in Ogden, Utah. Visit him

Halvorsen—after a few BOMBINGS of Candy News made the papers in Paris ...

He was called in ... boss commander SURPRISE

Halvorsen thought it was END of his career

But Commander was just the LAST to know

Encouraged Halvorsen to CONTINUE ...

Halvorsen cloth ran short ... silk scarce

Kids in West Berlin RETURNED parachutes

Soon those in USA were sending candy ...

Life Savers sent 1,000s ...

Another 900 lbs twine, 1,000 yds of linen for parachutes

Halvorsen known as Uncle Wiggly Wings

Candy Bomber ... Chocolate Pilot

Old Chicopee, MA
Fire Station



In order that our share of the cargo be distributed at peak freshness, we plan to ship you 1,000 rolls of Life Savers during the next week and follow this up with successive shipment of the same quantity at your request.

Just notify us by card as often as you have cargo space and we will send our product forward within a week of your request. Again, we wish you and "Little Vittles" continued success and assure you of our continued cooperation.

Yours very truly,

LIFE SAVERS Corp.,

John J. Bonner
Advertising Department.



Letters flooded in ... directions to their HOMES
Some children wanted to share with relatives
in East Berlin under Russian oppression

Berlin Airlift, aka “Operation Vittles”

Halvorsen’s became “Operation LITTLE Vittles”

YEAR earlier, many children had parents
Allies BOMBED Berlin to pieces ... KILLING
Now ORPHANS look to same Allies for
Manna from Heaven

Long after, Halvorsen would return in 1969

Met a few of grown children & their children

Did a token Candy Bomb Run for over Germany

2008 Halvorsen returned 60th Anniversary of Airlift

At 87, he said, “All this for two sticks of gum”

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For those in Great Babylon ...
Good Figs ... how many knew 70 years?
How many knew they would DIE there?
Most of their children too ... ? ? ?
Babylon GROWS Supreme ...
What STORIES & Lives Were LIVED ... ???
Oh, Daniel & his two friends ...
a Lions Den & Fiery Furnace
No Operation “Little Vittles”
Yet over 70 yrs ... 2 Generations
Children grew, married, bore children
10,000s Stories—Prayers & Kindnesses
Jerusalem – Noah ~ Abraham ~ Jacob
✓ Noah ~ Moses ~ Conquest of Joshua
✓ Samson ~ Deborah ~ King David



18-19 Jeremiah and the Potter's House

20 - Jeremiah Beaten by Priest – Laments BIRTH

19-20 Egypt kills Josiah Valley of Megiddo BEFORE ch 21

21 - Zedekiah Sends Priest who **Beat Down** Jeremiah
to Jeremiah to “Inquire of Babylon” > “Destruction”

22 Jeremiah Foretells Destruction - Jehoiakim Broken Pot

23 Righteous Branch & LYING Prophets

24 Two Baskets of Figs, good & bad

GOOD Figs Jehoiachin & best to Babylon – will RETURN

BAD Figs Zedekiah – object of ridicule & banished

25 70 Years of Desolation – Shepherds slaughtered

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

27 Jeremiah's YOKE ... Lord's servant Nebuchadnezzar

28 False Prophet Hananiah breaks Jeremiah's Yoke –
Jeremiah challenges Hananiah's LIES – he will die

Zedekiah = “Mattaniah” son of Josiah – changed by Neb

II Kings 24 ... then rebelled against Neb



29:1 This is the text of the letter
that Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem
to the surviving elders among the exiles
and to the priests, the prophets &
ALL the other people Nebuchadnezzar had
carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.



2 After King Jehoiachin, queen mother,
court officials, leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, killed workers
artisans had gone into exile from Jerusalem.

3 Jeremiah entrusted the letter to Elasah ... & Gemariah ... whom
Zedekiah king of Judah sent to King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon.

Jeremiah's short letter is sent with—likely—Zedekiah's Tribute & Report
Secular 6th century B.C. letters like this have MUCH more intro ...
Leads experts to think – as we've surmised – original likely longer ...

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Some will HEAR Jeremiah
Some will KEEP the FAITH
Some will HELP Babylon
Some will pass on their
heritage to grandchildren
Two will Parent Ezra
Two will Parent Nehemiah

Shalom ~ Peace ~ Harmony

Shalom – means more than PEACE

Today's Israel –family & business names

Shalom includes well-being – welfare – safety

PEACE – as used in 21th century America ...

***simply* - an ENDING of hostility ...**

- a quiet place by a CREEK

- an absence of threat with birds singing

SHALOM – has a sense of “completeness” “wholeness” “perfection”

Jewish Torah (Law) Shalom is Law's ESSENCE ...

**Proverbs 3:17 Wisdom's ways are pleasant ... SHALOM
her paths are peace.**

**Talmud: "The entire Torah is for the SHALOM
sake of the ways of shalom"**

שָׁלוֹם



Shalom 237x in OT ... as 110x shalom ... 23 other conjugations

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Ecc. 3:8 “Time for war & a time for Shalom”

1 Sam 17:18 “Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit.

See how your brothers ARE – Shalom - and bring back assurance”

1 Sam 30:21 David came to the 200 men too exhausted to follow ... left behind at the Besor Valley. They came out to meet David...

David asked them HOW THEY WERE – Shalom

Isaiah 2, many Isaiah oracles, and Micah 4

Shalom of Israel *extends* to other nations ...

Some rabbinical teaching makes Shalom more important than Truth – *LIE to keep PEACE*

שָׁלוֹם



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**Cleon L. Rogers, 1970 on Abrahamic Covenant
Community of Souls ... Common Purpose – No Strife**

**“This harmony is often described by *Shalom* ...
stresses the wholeness ... unity of the two.
Along with this unity ... the obligation to help ... in time of trouble.”**

Isaiah 9:6-7 a classic passage you know very well ...

**For unto us a child is born ... government will be on his shoulders.
And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.
Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace/Shalom**.**

**7 Of the greatness of his government & *Shalom*
there will be **NO END**. He will reign on
David's Throne and over His Kingdom.**

Not merely the 1st Christmas ... but New Jerusalem

שלום



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שלום
Shalom

29:8-9 Do not believe LYING prophets
10 This is what the Lord says:
“WHEN 70 YEARS ARE COMPLETED
for Babylon, I will come to you & fulfill
my good promise to bring you back....
c. 597 ... c. 605 **25:11** 70 years



- 11** For I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the Lord, “plans to **SHALOM** you
and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- 12** Then you will call on me and
come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
- 13** You will seek me & find me when you seek me with all your heart.
- 14** I will be found by you,” declares the Lord,
“and will bring you back from captivity.
I will gather you from all the nations....”



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29:15 You may say, “The Lord has raised up prophets for us **IN** Babylon,”

29:16 but this is what the Lord says ... in exile—

29:17 yes, this is what the Lord Almighty says:
“I will send the sword, famine & plague ...

29:18-19 sword, famine & plague ... make them abhorrent to ALL ...
object of horror, of scorn ... ALL all the nations...

29:20-32 Jeremiah foretells doom to lying prophets & adulterers ...

Jer 30:1-24 Jeremiah on captivity's END with tribulation & David their King

Jer 30:23 See, storm of the Lord will burst out in wrath ... on wicked.

30:24 Fierce anger of the Lord will not turn back until
he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart.
In days to come you will understand this.



29:7 Seek the Shalom & prosperity of the city

Shalom ... Captives in City of Captors

Shalom ... Conquerors to the Conquered

Shalom ... Winners to Losers ... & vice versa

Babylon ... taking care of Good Figs ...

Judah ... told to Settle & Help Babylon PROSPER > Shalom

For a time ... we read in Daniel ... about three young men PROSPERING

For a time ... we ALSO read how Nebuchadnezzar turns *against* Israelites

In Revelation ... Babylon is the Essence of Utter Nasty Corruption



For 70 years ... Babylon is the

Conquering Caretaker of Judah's Good Figs

Our USA Prosperity? Where are WE headed?

to Babylon or Shalom?

