

Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

chapters

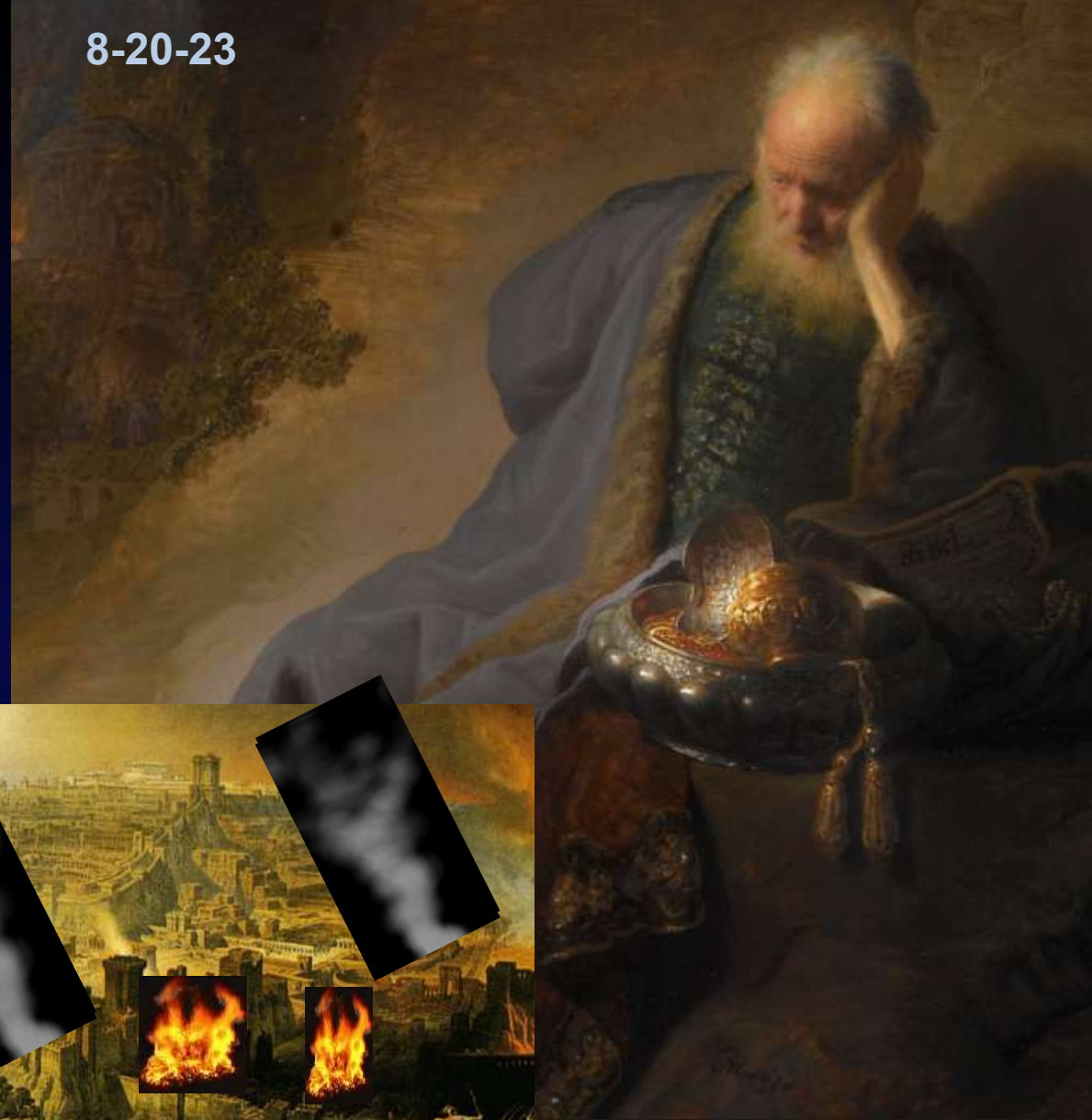
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52 Jerusalem Destroyed

Lamentations

52:13 He set FIRE to the Temple of the Lord,
Royal Palace & ALL houses of Jerusalem ...
Every important buildings he burned down

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

What a journey through Jeremiah ...

No other Prophet was called to

Give so much BAD NEWS

I can't say for sure, but I do not
think any other was *ordered*

Not to Marry

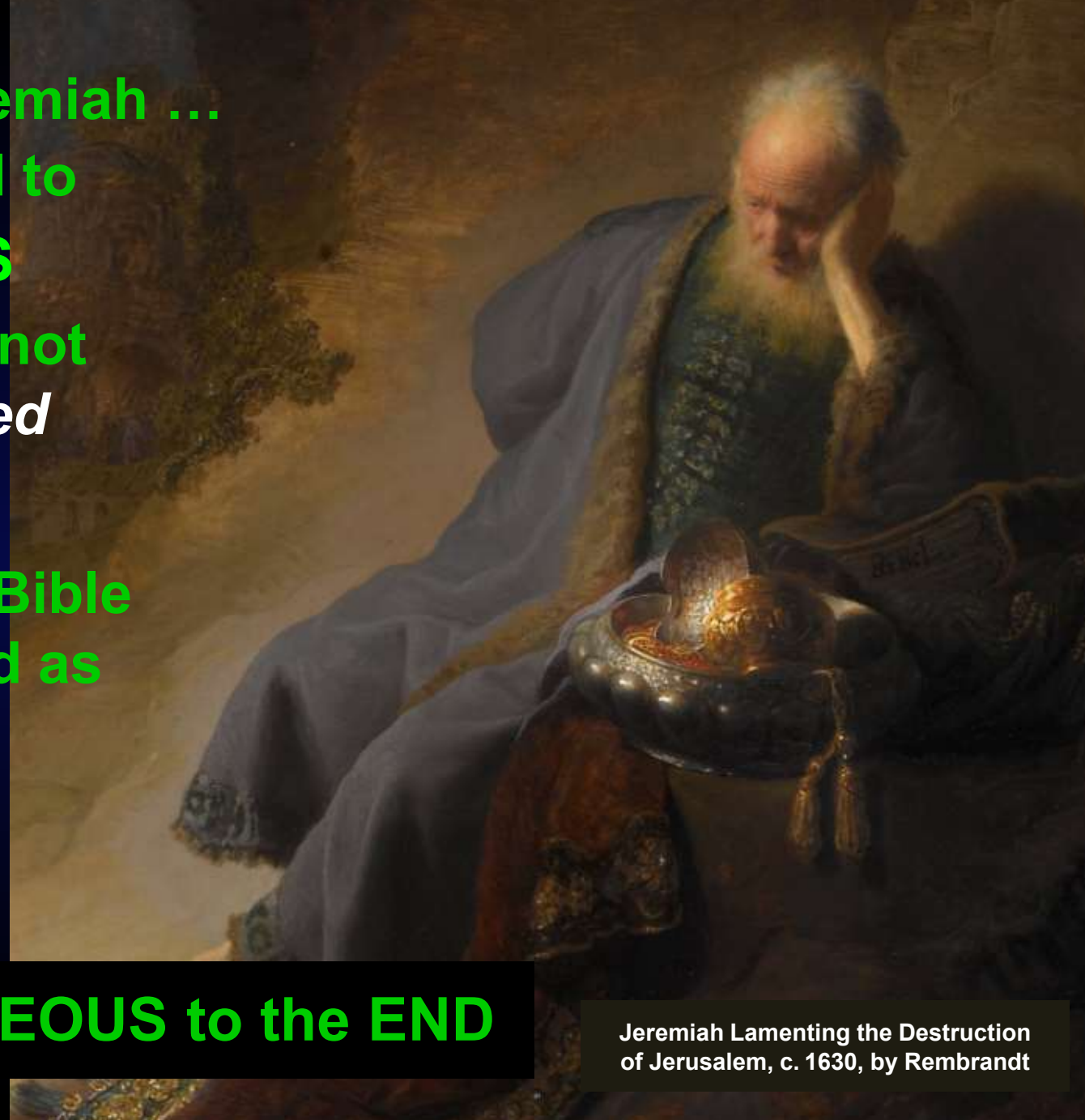
Moreover, from reading the Bible
don't think any prophet had as

Many Enemies

And Jeremiah remained

ALIVE

Often SAD ... but COURAGEOUS to the END



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Jer 42 Johanan & people go to Jeremiah
Where to go?—**STAY**—do NOT go to Egypt

43 Call Jeremiah a LIAR – off to Tahpanhes
Jeremiah's stones point to Babylon

44 Jeremiah—Judah to perish in Egypt

45 Jeremiah to Baruch—You will **ESCAPE**

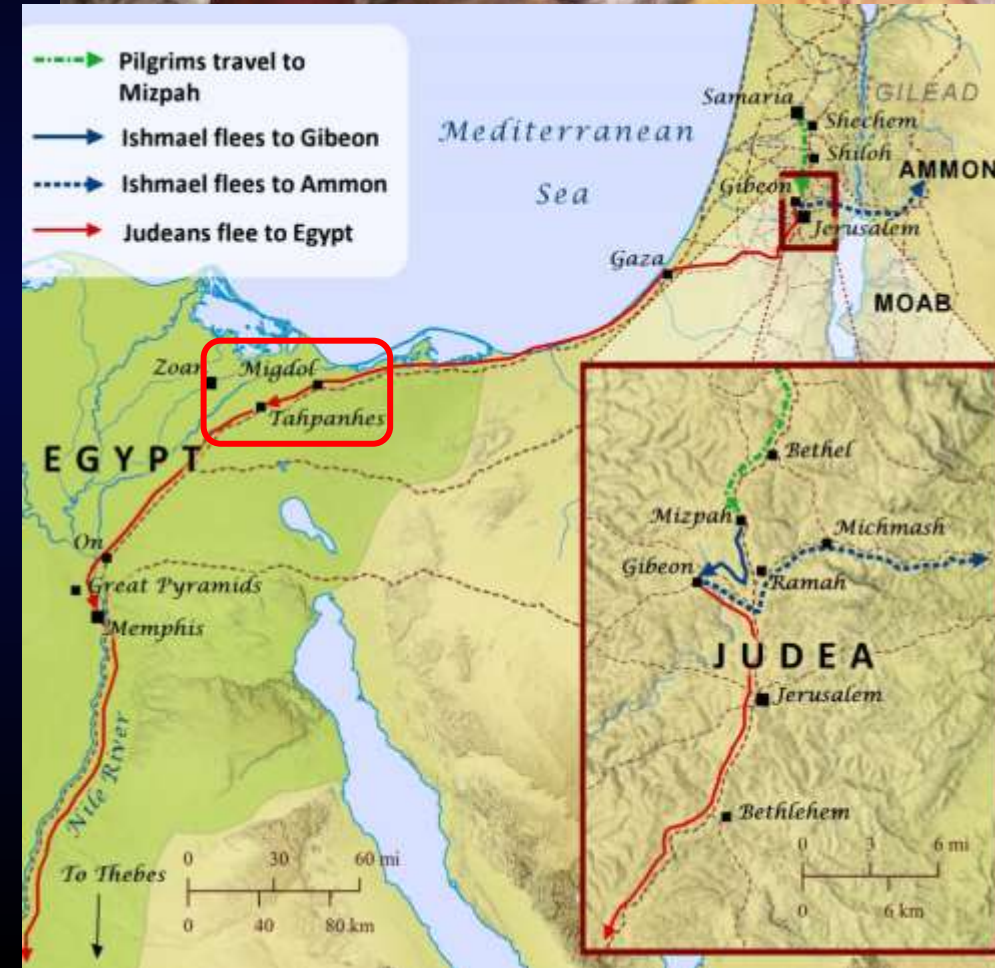
46 Jeremiah—God will **punish** Egypt
thru Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon

47 Jeremiah—**End** coming to Philistines

48 Jeremiah—**LONG End** coming to Moab

49 **End** of Ammon, Edom, Damascus,
Kedar, Hazor, Elam (yet *Elam will live*)

Chapters **50-51** Long on **End** of Babylon



Jer 50:46, “Babylon’s capture earth will tremble”

51:59 This is the message Jeremiah ...

gave to staff officer Seraiah son of Neriah ...
when he went to Babylon with Zedekiah
king of Judah in the 4th year of his reign.

Neb BEGAN 18-mth siege in 9th year of Zed

Seraiah—BROTHER to Baruch, Jeremiah’s scribe

51:60 Jeremiah’s scroll about ALL the disasters to Babylon

51:61 to Seraiah, “When you get to Babylon ... read all these words aloud.

62 Then say, ‘Lord, you have said ... will destroy ... be desolate forever.’

63 When you finish reading SCROLL tie a stone & throw it in the Euphrates.

64 Then say, ‘So will Babylon sink to rise no more.... her people will fall.’”

The Words of Jeremiah END here. [51:64c in MT, but in LXX @ 28:64]

WIERD—chap 50-51 to King Neb 6 years BEFORE Jerusalem destroyed chap 39

King Neb *STILL* orders the Protection of Jeremiah—**Best of the Best**



Jeremiah 52 *recounts* **Fall of Jerusalem**

Mirrors very closely 2 Kings 24:18 – 25:30

- ✓ **Chase & Capture of Zedekiah**
- ✓ **Burning & Looting of City in *Great Detail***

52:13 He set fire to the Temple of the Lord,
Royal Palace & ALL houses of Jerusalem
Every important buildings he burned down

2 Kings 24 lists *more* exiled than Jeremiah

52:31-34 All this time Jehoiachin is in
Babylon since 2nd deportation 597 B.C.

After King Neb dies 37 years later,
Jehoiachin eats at table with NEW
Babylonian King Awel-Marduk ...
honored w stipend until his death

END of Jeremiah



52:31-34 Judah's Jehoiachin honored w stipend for LIFE
END of Jeremiah

Daniel in Lions' Den by Rubens, c. 1615



FAVOR continues w Daniel from 1st D in 605 BC
AFTER Babylon, Darius NEARLY gives control of
ENTIRE kingdom into Daniel's hands
BUREAUCRATS connive a Lion's Den

Weeping Prophet – 13:17 *WEEPS* bitterly

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



Jeremiah ... has biggest **HEART**
I suspect he did NOT see
for First 10 Years

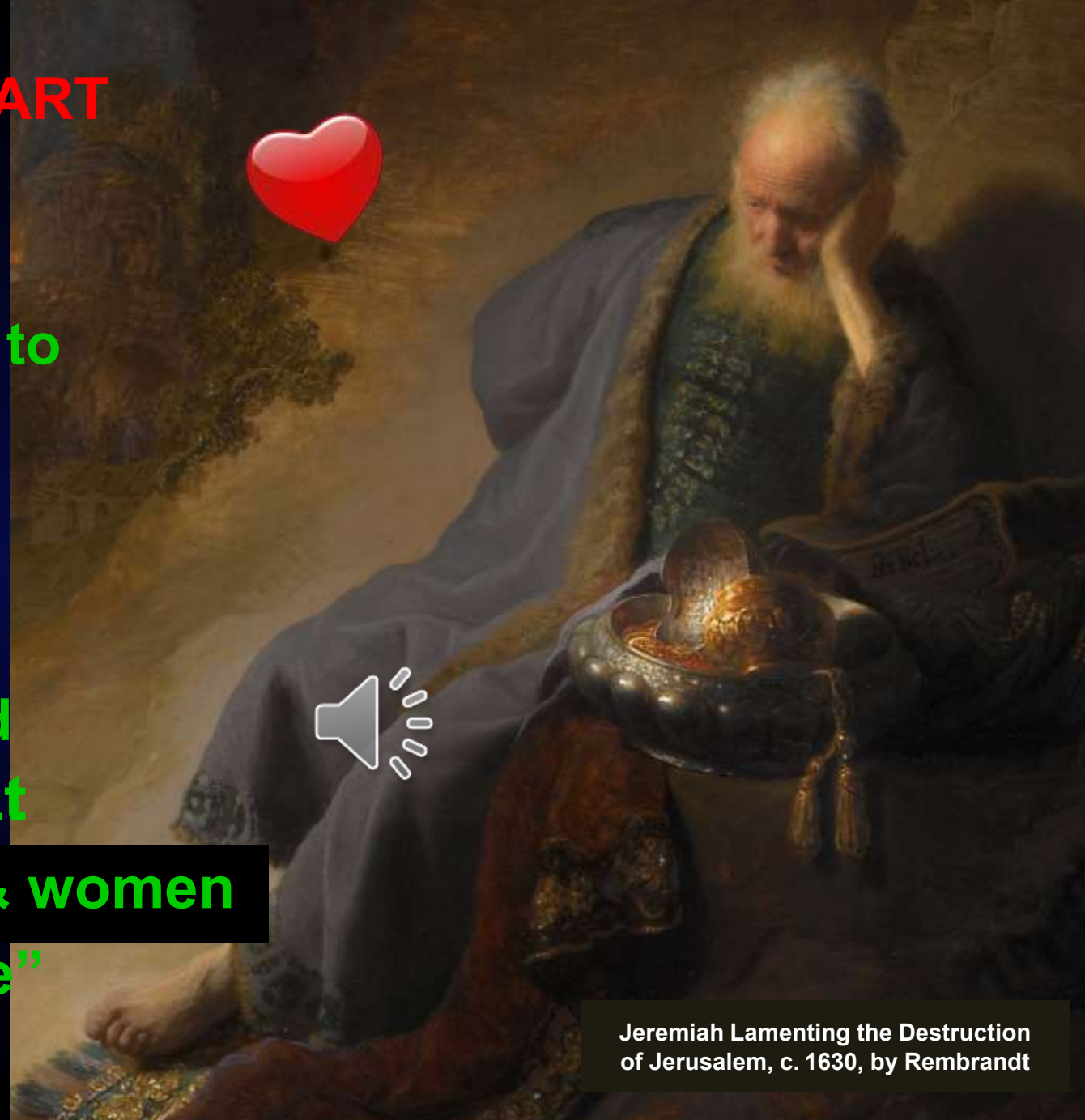
Why God did **NOT** want him to
have a family

For a FAMILY going through
ALL He went through ...

Likely, after 10 years,
Jeremiah might have said

Take This Job & Shove it
Family Tempers ALL men & women
Family RISES to "First Care"

Let's REVIEW ...



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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.

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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*

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

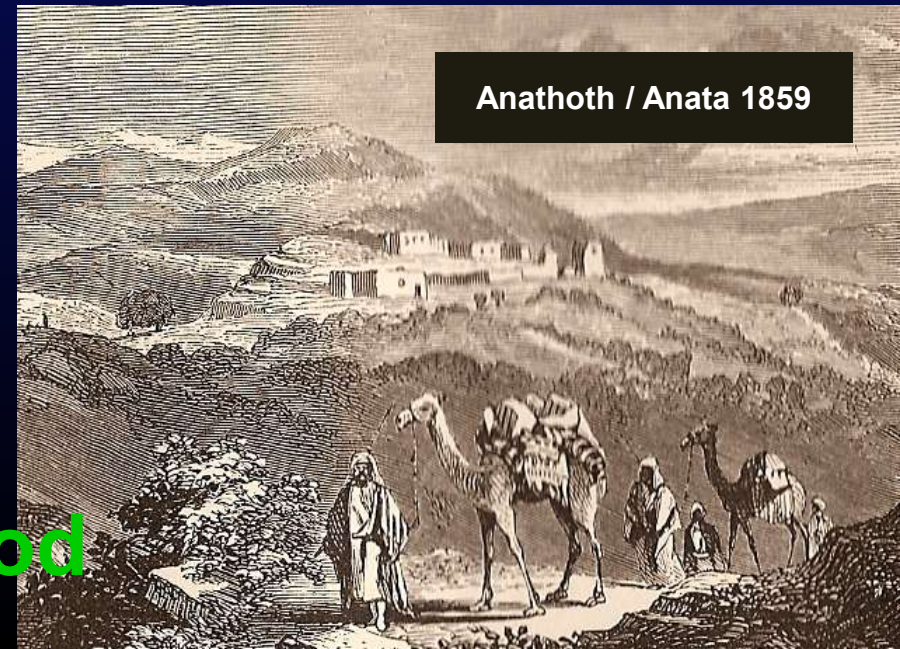
YOUNG ... says Jeremiah ... 20ish?

Sent on a Life-long Mission by God

Jeremiah



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



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 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

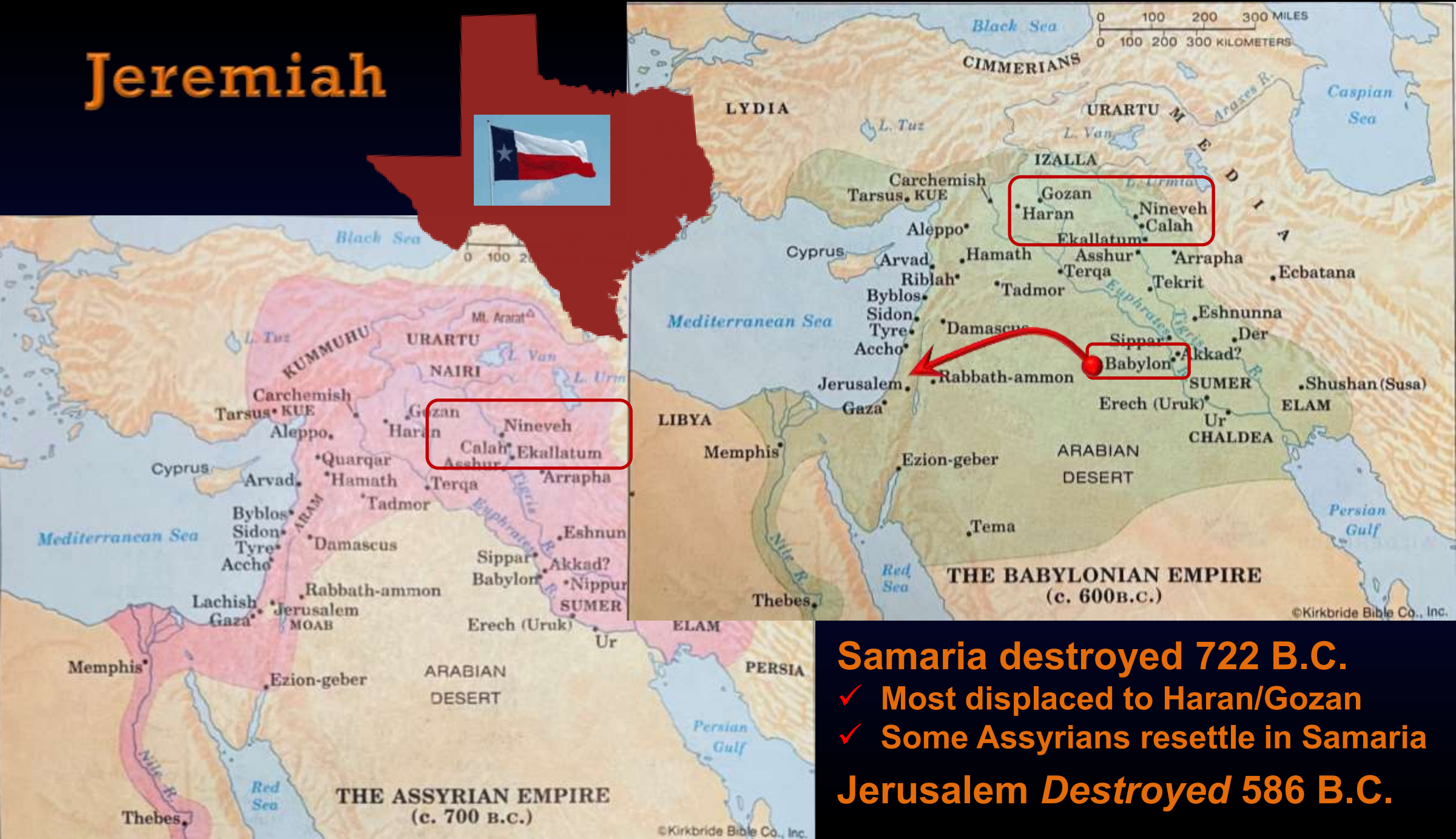
626 to 586 ... pays a heavy price

40 years ministry to *rebels* ...

then to Egypt

Jeremiah Timeline		
Samaria Destroyed	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
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 @ Charemesh	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
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

Jeremiah



Samaria destroyed 722 B.C.

✓ **Most displaced to Haran/Gozan**

✓ **Some Assyrians resettle in Samaria**

Jerusalem Destroyed 586 B.C.

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

תִּשְׁקֹץ Almond Tree תִּשְׁקֹץ 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



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

שׁוּקֵד Almond Tree שׁוּקֵד 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 Sunglass

Her students were sooo BRIGHT



Prof. Duane Garrett, PhD Baylor
O.T. Professor at Southern Baptist Theological

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



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

His Word WILL be *Fulfilled*

Jeremiah will Declare God's WORDS

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2:2 I remember the
Devotion of Your Youth
how as a Bride you Loved me . . .

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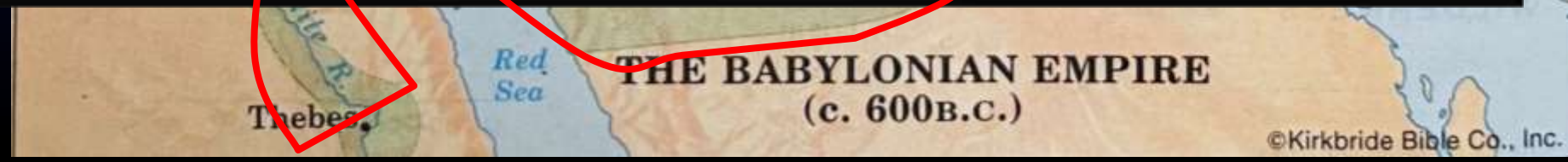


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Jeremiah



**Babylon will sweep away Egypt & Assyria
come from the North to take Jerusalem**



Nature of Betrayal

Ugly question arises in Jeremiah 2-6

How PAINFUL is *marital* betrayal?

How PAINFUL is a **Lost Love**?

How PAINFUL when your Love *leaves* you?

LEAVES you for a dirty rotten scoundrel?

Jeremiah 2-6 is TEDIOUS to read ... **LABORIOUS** to read

God INSPIRED – a **SINGLE** litany of Condemnations? **OR**

God INSPIRED – a **GROUP** of a DOZEN similar LAMENTS?



Yet **LOSS** to **BETRAYAL**
different animal altogether

If you **MISS** the **SEX & SEX Analogies** in
Jeremiah 2-6 you will **MISS** the **PAIN**

Jer 2:1-13 is “**Adultery in Idolatry**”

Jer 2:13 – 6:30 gets **EXPLICIT & NASTY!**

Dare we **READ** the Bible in Sunday School?

Our Jer 2:1-13 is clear enough ... but **SHORT**

If you **Loved** your young spouse for years ...

- ✓ **Saved** that spouse ... **Protected** them for **YEARS** ...
- ✓ **Loved** them with **ALL** your **HEART** ... **Gave & Gave & Gave**
THEN that spouse turned into the

Nastiest *Prostitute* in Vegas

THAT's the Ugly **PAIN** Jeremiah 2-6 says **GOD FEELS**

In *that light* ... may be **YOU TOO** would send an army from the North



When I looked up songs on **BETRAYAL**

- 1 Sam Smith's "Lay Me Down"
– 474 million views – 8 years
- 2 Justin Timberlake's "Cry Me a River"
– 477 million views – 13 years
- 3 Rihanna's "Take a Bow"
– 650 million views – 13 years
- 4 Bruno Mars' "When I Was Your Man"
– 1.2 billion views – 10 years
- 5 Sam Smith's "Too Good at Goodbyes"
– 1.4 billion views – 5 years
- 6 Passenger's "Let Her Go"
– 3.4 billion views – 10 years

6 songs had 7.6-plus BILLION views!



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome

Jere 2:20 “Long ago you broke off your yoke
... saying ‘I will not serve you!’

Indeed, on every high hill and
under every spreading tree
you *LAY DOWN* as a *PROSTITUTE*.

21 I had planted you like a choice vine
of sound & reliable stock.

How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, WILD vine?

Jer 4:30 Why dress yourself in scarlet ... gold ... makeup?

Your Lovers Despise you—they want to KILL YOU

Betrayal HURTS



Gazing at People
Some Hand in Hand

Just what I'm going through
They CAN'T UNDERSTAND



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Lamentations

7:2-3 Stand at the gate of the LORD's House ...

**LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says
Reform your ways and your actions,
and I will let you live in this place.**

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**What is the Nature of
Destruction**



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Castle Bravo on the Bikini Atoll ...
15 Megaton Thermonuclear Explosion
Largest ever tested by USA



Destruction

DIRECTED BY GARETH EDWARDS

Today ... the USA & a lot of the world

Host a lot of people with NO desire for FAITH in God
Largest NUKE tested Russia's *Tsar Bomba* 50 Megatons
NEWBREAK: *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* (6-14-23)

Russian Poseidon Torpedo

- ✓ Powered Compact Nuclear Reactor
- ✓ Almost 6 Feet in Diameter
- ✓ Possible speed 100+ MPH *underwater*
- ✓ Depth of 3,200+ Feet
- ✓ RANGE 6,200+ Miles
- ✓ Evade Acoustic Tracking
- ✓ Minimum Yield Several Megatons
- ✓ Reports suggest yield up to

100 Megatons

Not sure how Russia or U.S.
will be JUDGED



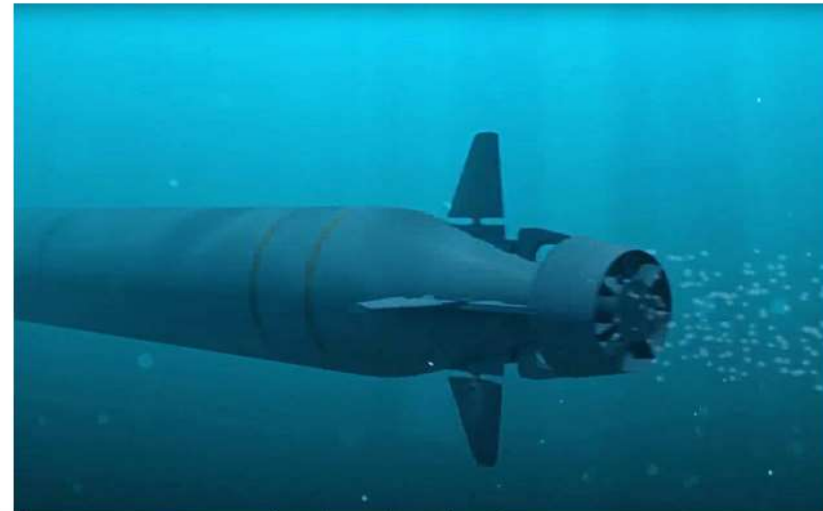
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Jeremiah 7-10 *the “Temple Message/s”*

Nature of Coming Destruction

chapters

7 Disloyal Jerusalem to PERISH

8 Dead Exposed to Stars ...

wives to other men ... fields to other owners

Harvest Past ... No Balm in Gilead ... No Healing

9 Oh, that my head were a spring ... eyes a fountain of tears
... I would WEEP day & night

What man is wise enough to understand this?

10 Like a scarecrow in a melon patch,
idols CANNOT speak

Chaps 7-10 **Destruction Coming**



Jeremiah 7:1 Word ... to Jeremiah ...

2 “Stand at the Gate of the LORD’s House and proclaim this message:

“Hear the word of the LORD,
ALL you people of Judah who come
thru these gates to Worship the LORD.

3 What the LORD Almighty, God of Israel, says:
Reform your ways and your actions,
and I will let you LIVE in this place.

**Worship concurrent w Betrayal to Baal
with evil deeds & sex galore (chaps 2-6)**

17:19 Lord said: “Stand at the Gate of the People,
thru which the kings of Judah go in & out,
also at **ALL the other Gates** of Jerusalem



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome



Jer 7:14 Therefore, what I did to
Shiloh, I will NOW do to the
House that bears my Name,
Temple you TRUST in
place I gave to you & your ancestors.

15 I will THRUST you from my presence,
JUST as I did all your fellow Israelites....

God will DESTROY Jerusalem

for LESS than some do today in the USA

From God's perspective, the Temple was

HIS HOUSE



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Lamentation

12:16 IF they learn well the ways of my people
and swear by my name, saying,
‘As surely as the Lord Lives’—
... then they will be established

**Nature of
Compassion**

12 thru 17

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**12:3 Yet you KNOW ME, Lord;
YOU SEE ME
& test my thoughts about you.**

**Drag them off like sheep to be BUTCHERED!
Set them apart for the day of SLAUGHTER!**

**4 How long will the land lie PARCHED &
the grass in every field be WITHERED?**

**Because those who live in it are WICKED,
the animals & birds have PERISHED.**

**Moreover, the people are saying,
“He will not see what happens to us.”**

Seems Jeremiah's aware of the 400-year-old SONG

Psalms 139:1 Oh, Lord you've searched me ...

139:21 Do I not HATE those who HATE thee

When someone attacks the one YOU LOVE ...



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Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome



**1972 John Fogerty wrote & sung
a somber ballad for CCR
Kinda ... captures a Piece of the Pathos
Portion of the Problem in
Jeremiah's Pounding Pity**

**First thing I remember
Was asking Papa, "Why?"
For there were many things I didn't know
And Daddy always smiled
Took me by the hand
Saying, "SOMEDAY you'll understand"**



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Lamentations



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

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**Nature of the
Potter's House**



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18:1 Word came to Jeremiah from the Lord:

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



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



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



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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



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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**

23:1 "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



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

**Would you tell me that you've missed me too
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**

Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

chapters

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- 23 Nature of the Righteous Branch

29 Nature of *Shalom*

29 thru 30

- 31 Nature of
- 35 Nature of a
- 36 Nature of C
- 42 Nature of T
- 52 Jerusalem
- Lamentations*



29:7 Seek the *Shalom* & prosperity of Babylon to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it *Shalom*, you too will *Shalom*."

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**Nature of
*Shalom***

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

29:4 Letter said:

This is what the Lord Almighty,
the God of Israel, says to all those

I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

5 “Build houses & settle down;
plant gardens & eat what they produce.

6 Marry & have sons & daughters; find wives for
your sons & give your daughters in marriage
so that they too may have sons & daughters.

Increase in number there; do not decrease.

7 Also, seek the *Shalom* & prosperity of the city
to which I have carried you into exile.

Pray to the Lord for it,

because if it *Shalom*, you too will *Shalom*.

End of Letter

At 1st Babylon treats Israel GOOD

Daniel IS in the Palace

Some Freedom of Speech

False Israel Prophets in Babylon

Reputation FOLLOWS them

70 yrs later, Cyrus Frees Them

POINT: at 1st Babylon treated
Israel BETTER than Zedekiah

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

As Babylon took care of Israelites ...

We, conquerors, took care of captives ...



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

Shalom ~ Peace ~ Harmony

Shalom – means *more* than PEACE

Shalom includes well-being – welfare – safety

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



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?



7-23-23

chapters Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

- 1 Prepares – The Prophet's Call
- 2 Judges – Nature of Betrayal
- 7 Personal – Nature of Destruction
- 12 Exclusion – Nature of Compassion
- 18 Shapes – Nature of the Potter's House
- 23 Rules – Nature of the Righteous Branch
- 29 Present – Nature of *Shalom*
- 31 Redeems – Nature of Everlasting Love**

31 thru 34

- 35 Worthy
- 36 Speaks
- 42 Trustworthy
- 50 Just

Lamentations



31:3 Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:
I have **LOVED** you with an **Everlasting LOVE**;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

**Nature of
Everlasting
LOVE**

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

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*

29-30 Nature of Shalom to Come **AMIDST** Judgment

Zedekiah = “Mattaniah” son of Josiah –

II Kings 24... Zedekiah rebels against Nebuchadnezzar

II Kings 25... Siege of Jerusalem

Jeremiah 31-34 Siege of Jerusalem **BEGINS**

Bad Day – No Escape



24-yr-old Don McLean wrote song in 1971
Like Jeremiah ... He reflected on INNOCENCE
Post WWII 1950s ... then ... sadly ...

There was a PLANE CRASH ...

Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and
“The Big Bopper” J.P. Richardson **DIED**

That was ... the

DAY the Music **DIED**

King Zedekiah was APPOINTED by
Great King Nebuchadnezzar
After TWO Deportations >> NO ONE Learned
Zedekiah's days are now *numbered* ...
Jerusalem's days are *numbered* ...

American Pie hit #1 in 1972 in USA, Australia, Canada, New Zealand
#2 in the United Kingdom



Jeremiah has been pleading for YEARS

But February made me shiver
With every PAPER I'd deliver

How many *papers* has Jeremiah delivered so far?

Bad news on the doorstep
I couldn't take one more step
I can't remember if I cried
When I read about his widowed bride
But something touched me *DEEP* inside
The Day the Music DIED

Siege of Jerusalem will go on & on
for over a brutal YEAR ...



626 B.C. Jeremiah *called* 13th
year King Josiah

587 B.C. Last Siege of
Jerusalem

By Jeremiah chap 31, he's
been at this for ABOUT

38 Years ...

MANY Messages chs 1-31



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- 36 Natu
- 42 Natu
- 52 Jeru
- Lament*

**35:8 We have obeyed everything
our forefather Jehonadab
son of Rekab commanded us.**



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

Jeremiah 35 ... Another Odd Insert

PRIOR to last Siege – **PRIOR** to Jer 31-34

35:1 Word of the Lord to Jeremiah

during the reign of Jehoiakim son of
Josiah king of Judah:

2 “Go to the Rekabite **FAMILY / HOUSE**

invite them to come to the side rooms of the
House of the Lord & give them wine to drink.”

FAMILY ... what a Precious Word ... Holy Word ... Honorable Word ...

REASON is that Jeremiah is going to use Rekabite **FAMILY** as an **EXAMPLE**

Example of a Faithful **FATHER**’s Influence for 100s of **YEARS**

Example of Following **FATHER**’s Father’s Father’s Father’s **DESIRE**

GGGrandFather’s Wishes of Devotion ... Orders for Abstinence

GGGrandFather’s Family’s Faith for the Future ... Family Faith



Standley Family Reunion – *only HALF*



Father Sergio & Susan Ramos' 54th Anniversary



No Place Like
HOME

Most of us have Precious
HOME Memories
Sweetly Pleasant

Family ... Toby's FAMILY ... loves to Fox Hunt
Saw this painting ... even looks like Toby



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Jeremiah 31-34 Siege of Jerusalem **BEGINS**

Music has Died in Jerusalem

YET Jeremiah 35 backs up about 10 years

No one knows **WHY** Jeremiah placed 35 here

Some say Jeremiah wrote *thematically*

Perhaps that ^ ... or just as it came to him

Jer 35 = Supreme Lesson on FATHER's Example



Chris Tomlin's *Forever Home* (2020) 577k views

Yeah, I love this little house
we got out on the edge of town

Shaw homestead right dar

It's hard to think that
we could beat the view
we got right now

We think we got it good
watching the sunset from the steps
It looks like HEAVEN
but we ain't seen nothing yet

Lot work over the *DECADES*

Kids then grand kids ...

Piece by Piece ...

Memory by Memory ...

MILLIONS of Memories



Jeremiah 35:1 Word of Lord to Jeremiah ...

2 “Go to the Rekabite FAMILY / HOUSE

**invite them to come to the side rooms of the
House of the Lord & give them wine to drink.”**

**3 So I went to get Jaazaniah son of Jeremiah,
... his brothers and ALL his sons**

—the whole House / Family of the Rekabites.



FAMILY ... what a Precious Word ... Holy Word ... Honorable Word ...

Other Jer 35, we only have TWO stories about Rekabite FAMILY

Jehonadab SON of Rekab in 2 Kgs 10 w Jehu 10th King of Northern Kingdom

Almost 200+ years before Jer 35

Many today use Ancestry.com ... pursue their ancestry as best possible

Some go back 200 years and more ... like Detective Work

I have only vague recollections of those before my grandparents

Rechabites descended from Hobab, or Jethro
Father-in-law to Moses ... called “**Kenites**”
Judges 4 pitched tent near the Great Oak Tree
in Zaanannim near Kedesh
Joshua 19:33 when Tribe of Naphtali settled
near the Great Oak Tree in Zaanannim



Seven Sisters Live Oak
Mandeville, Louisiana
President of Live Oak Society
with 8,000 member oaks in 14 states

Girth 40' – 57' High
155' Spread



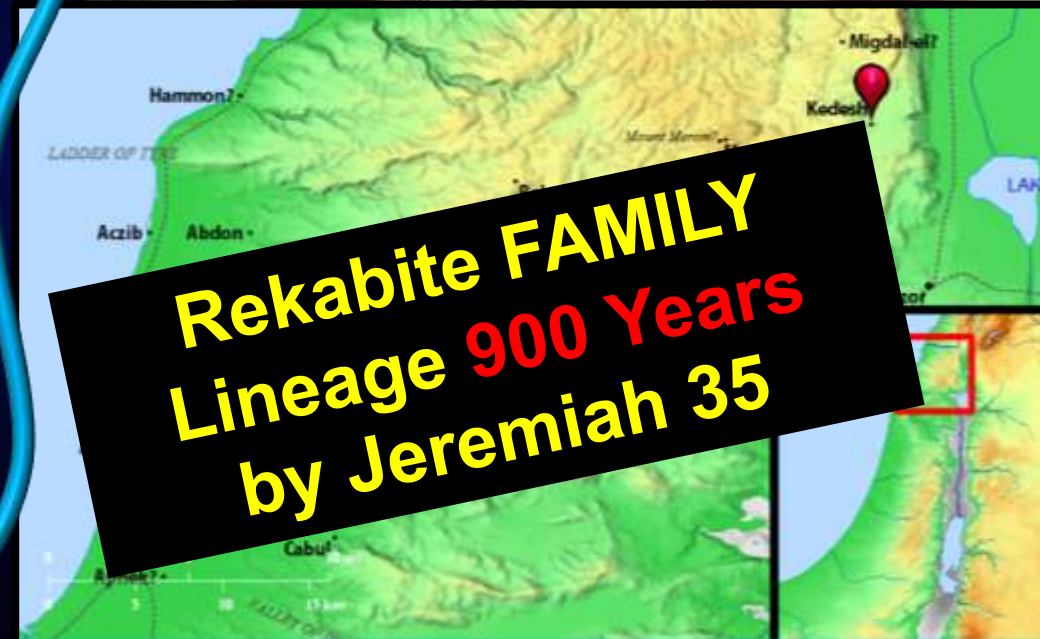
Joshua 19:33 when Tribe of Naphtali settled near the Great Oak Tree in Zaanannim

Moses out of Egypt	c.1500 B.C.
Moses Exodus	1446-1406 B.C.
Conquest Joshua	1406-1356 B.C.
Judges to Samuel	1350-1014 B.C.
Reign of King David	1010-970 B.C.
Reign of King Jehu	842-815 B.C.

Samaria Destroyed	722 B.C.
Jeremiah chapter 35	c. 597 B.C.
Jerusalem Destroyed	586 B.C.

From Rekab & Jehonadab back 700 years
King Jehu to Moses' Father-in-Law
THEN by Jeremiah 35 – FAMILY of Rekab
traces back 200+ years to King Jehu

That's a lineage of 900+ years WITH ...
Jehonadab 200+ years remembered in Jeremiah 35 > FAMILY of Rekab



Rekabite FAMILY
Lineage 900 Years
by Jeremiah 35

Jer 35 Critical part Rekab's Legacy ... seen also

- ✓ in Judges: Story of descendent Heber's wife **Jael**
- ✓ in Joshua: Story of Son **Jehonadab**

Judges 4 Deborah holds court near Bethel
Israel harassed by King Jabin of Caanan

Deborah sends for Barak in Kadesh of Naphtali ...
Orders Barak against Jabin's Commander Sisera

Barak will ONLY go if Deborah comes with him ... SHE DOES

Long story short ... ALL of Sisera's men are killed

Sisera escapes ... runs to Great Tree in Zaanannim at Kadesh

Judges 4:17 Sisera fled on foot to tent of Jael, wife of Heber
because ... alliance between Jabin... & Heber the Kenite

Sisera gets some water & milk ... asks Jael to watch ... takes NAP

Once asleep, Jael drives a tent peg into his temple, killing him

Judges 4:22 Just then Barak came by in pursuit of Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him. "Come," she said, "I will show you the man you're looking for."

Barak went in with her, and there Sisera lay with tent peg *through* his temple—DEAD.



Jer 35 Critical part Rekab's Legacy ...

- ✓ Story of descendent Heber's wife Jael
- ✓ Story of Son **Jehonadab** in Joshua

2 Kings 10 King Jehu goes on a **Killing Spree**

He **Kills** all of Ahab's Family ... & 70 sons

King Jehu ordered the **Killing**
of all Ahab's leaders

Heads in baskets to Jehu ... at city gates

King Jehu **Killed** ALL of Ahab's
people in Jezreel

King Jehu heads to Samaria ...
on the way Jehu meets and
Kills 42 of family of Ahaziah

2 Kgs 10 Jehu Meets **Jehonadab** son of Rekab
.... they shake hands ... go Samaria



Queen Jezebel Being Punished by
Jehu by Andrea Celesti (1637–1712)



Rekabites named after Father of Jehonadab

**Yet it is Jehonadab's ORDERS that are
in Jeremiah 35 NOT drink & NOT own House**

Jeremiah 35:4 brings FAMILY into Temple

**4 I brought them into the House of the Lord,
into the room of the sons of Hanan
son of Igdaliah the MAN OF GOD.**

**It was next to the room of the officials,
which was over that of Maaseiah
son of Shallum the doorkeeper.**

**5 Then I set bowls full of wine & some cups
before the Rekabites and said to them,**

“Drink some Wine.”

Jeremiah KNOWS ... he KNOWS



**KNOWS what they are
going to do ...**

For 200+ years ...

**They have obeyed
Jehonadab**

**EVERYONE knows the
Rekabite FAMILY**

Family ... Yours ... Mine ... Theirs ...

Hebrew *bêṯ* בֵּית 724x in OT = HOUSE
AND over 1,500x in 90+ forms as in

“Pharoh's HOUSE” – “Abraham's HOUSE”

227x *hab·ba·yit* owner of “the HOUSE”

“surrounded the HOUSE” – “at the door of”

How about YOUR HOUSE?

We've mentioned this MANY times over the years

BEST parts of HOUSE make a HOME - *invisible*

Love – **Loyalty** – **Longing** – **Living Hugs**

Not merely Christmas & Thanksgiving Dinners

But the Joy of CARING ... Thrill of GROWTH ... *more*



Jeremiah 35:10 We have lived in tents and have fully obeyed everything our forefather Jehonadab commanded us.

11 But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon invaded this land, we said, 'Come, we must go to Jerusalem to escape the Babylonian and Aramean armies.' So we have remained in Jerusalem."



FAMILY seeking Refuge in GOD's House

FAMILY seeking Safety in GOD's House

FAMILY seeking Protection in GOD's House

Did the Rekabites KNOW of Jeremiah's prophecies?

We ALL Should feel Safe in GOD's House

Miranda Lambert's *The House That Built Me* (2010) 96m views

If I could just come in, I swear I'll leave
Won't take nothin' but a MEMORY



From the House that **BUILT ME**

Momma cut out pictures of houses for years
From *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine

Plans were drawn & concrete poured
Nail by Nail and Board by Board
Daddy gave life to Momma's DREAM

10 years *before* Jerusalem is destroyed
25+ years *after* Jeremiah was called
Rekabites are the **EXAMPLE** of a
Father's Influence
For Centuries



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Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

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- 35 Nature of a Father's Example
- 36 Nature of God's WORD**
- 42 Nature of Truth
- 52 Jerusalem Destroyed
- Lamentations*

36:27-28 *After* the king **BURNED** the Scroll ...

Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah:

“Take *another* Scroll and write on it

ALL the Words that were on the First Scroll.

**Nature of
God's Word**

**The LAST
Mercy Scroll**

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

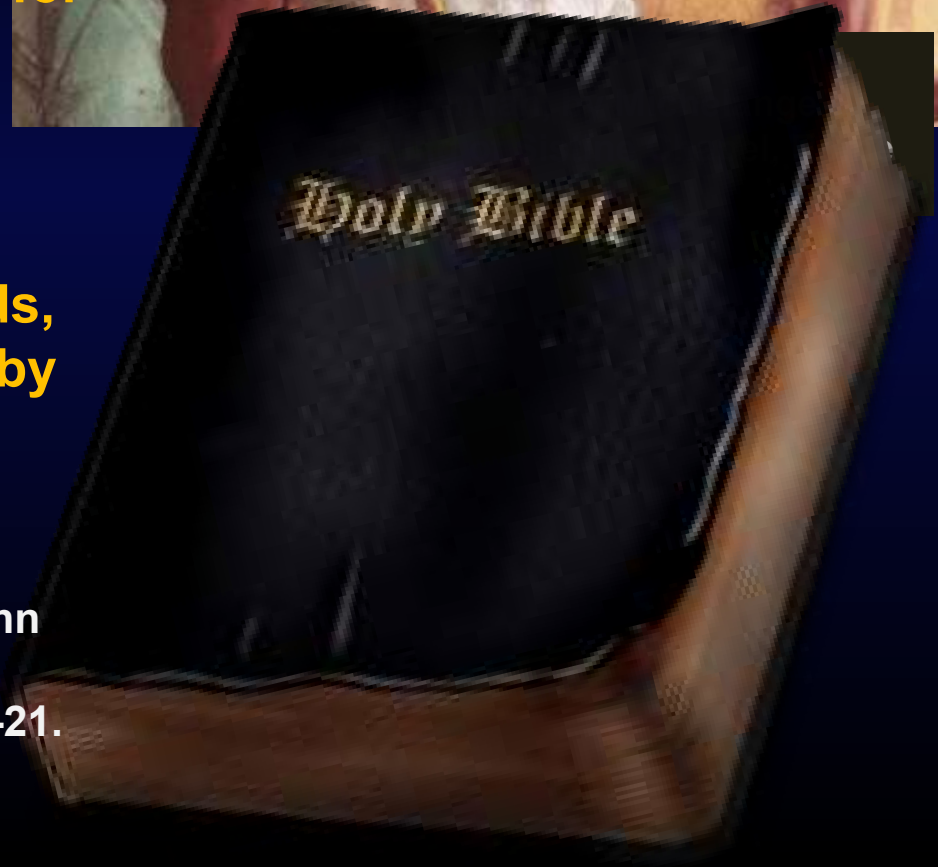
Baptists are People of The BOOK – **BIBLE**

Baptist Faith & Message (1963), Article I *

I. The Scriptures. The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

Scriptures: Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

* *Baptist Faith & Message* (1963 & 2000)



Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll

36:1 In the 4th year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this WORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

2 “Take a SCROLL & write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah & ALL other nations

FROM the time I began speaking to you in the [13th Year] reign of Josiah till NOW.

Jeremiah was **TOLD** to write this book

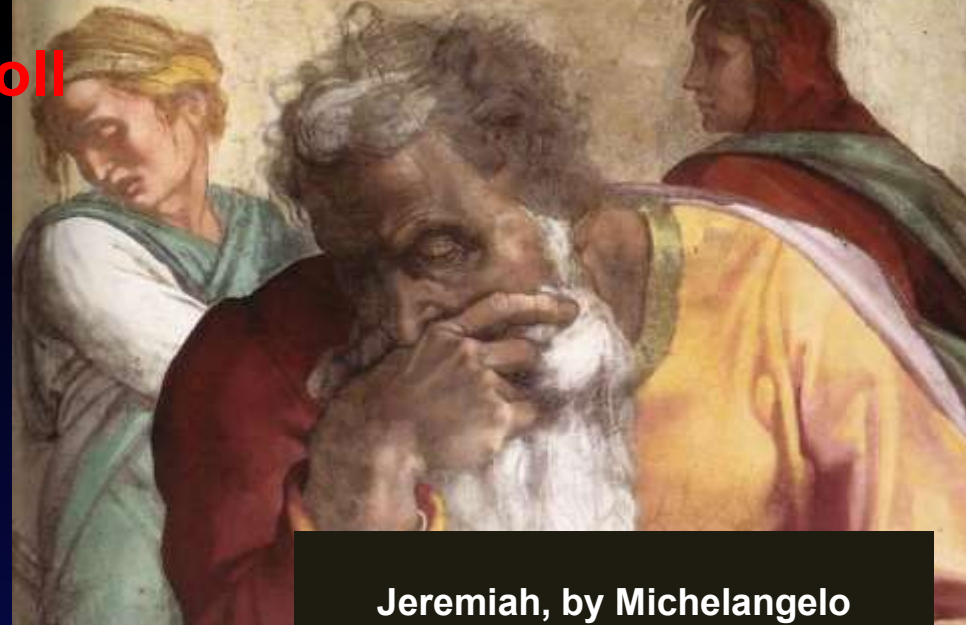
So, Jeremiah DID ...

OTHERWISE, he might NOT have

Often, we're called upon

to do or go thru adventures

we wish we did *not* have to



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome



Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll

36:3 **PERHAPS ... *PERHAPS***

when the people of Judah hear about
every disaster I plan to inflict on them,
they will ***TURN*** from their wicked ways;

THEN ... THEN ...

I will **FORGIVE** their wickedness & their sin.”

ONE last time ... God offers **MERCY** ...

MERCY in **WRITING** ... *get it?*

a **Mercy Scroll**

That's the **BIBLE**

THE Gospel too

Mercy thru the Cross

Long story short ... Jeremiah & Baruch are told to HIDE



Jeremiah 36 Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll

36:20-22 Read scroll to KING

There's a firepot in the Winter Room

23 Whenever Jehudi had read 3 or 4 columns...

King cut them off with a scribe's knife
threw them into the firepot, until the
ENTIRE scroll was burned in the fire

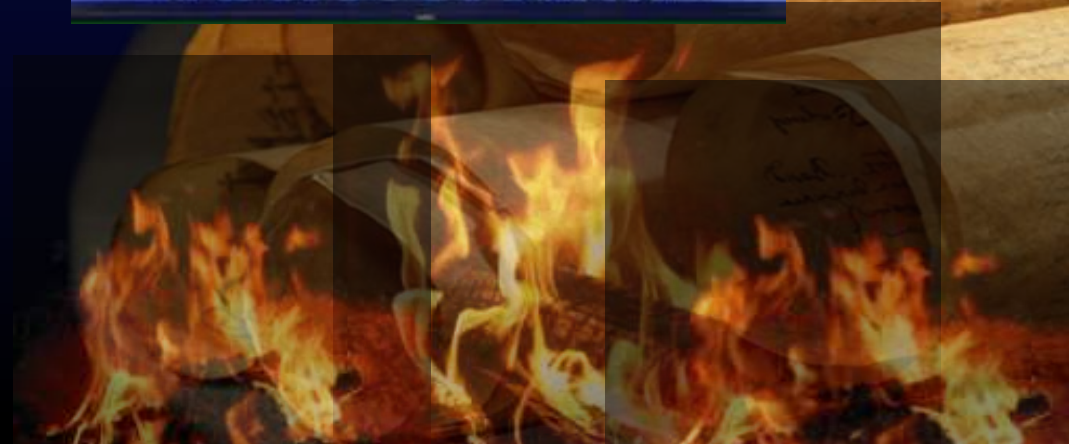
24 King & ALL ... showed NO FEAR,
nor did they tear their clothes.

25 Even though *several* ... urged the king
NOT to burn the scroll, King didn't listen.

NOR did they “tear their clothes” – words
that Jeremiah adds to THEIR shame

NOTICE too ... *several* KNEW King was

WRONG



I think I know how Jeremiah FEELS

Carpentars captured it ... in 1971

There's no doubt in MY MIND

Jeremiah FEELS God's resolution ...

King **BURNED** God's Word

Jeremiah bends a **KNEE** to **PRAY** ...

Funny, but it seems

that it's the ONLY thing to do

Run & FIND the one who **loves me** God

What I feel has come & gone before

No need to talk it **OUT**

We **KNOW** what it's **ALL ABOUT**

Jeremiah **KNOWS** ... very well ...

He **KNOWS** God will follow through on His **WORD**



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42 Nature of Trust

50 Just
Lamentations

42:17 Indeed, **ALL** who
are determined to go to
Egypt ... will **DIE** ...
NOT ONE will survive



Nature of
Trust

Jeremiah's
Strength

TRUST in
GOD

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

Jer 36 is the Detailed Drama of the Mercy Scroll
from the time of his call to chap 36 is 21 years

Jer 37-38 Zedekiah Made King – Jeremiah
Nebuchadnezzar commands from Riblah
roughly 200 miles from Jerusalem

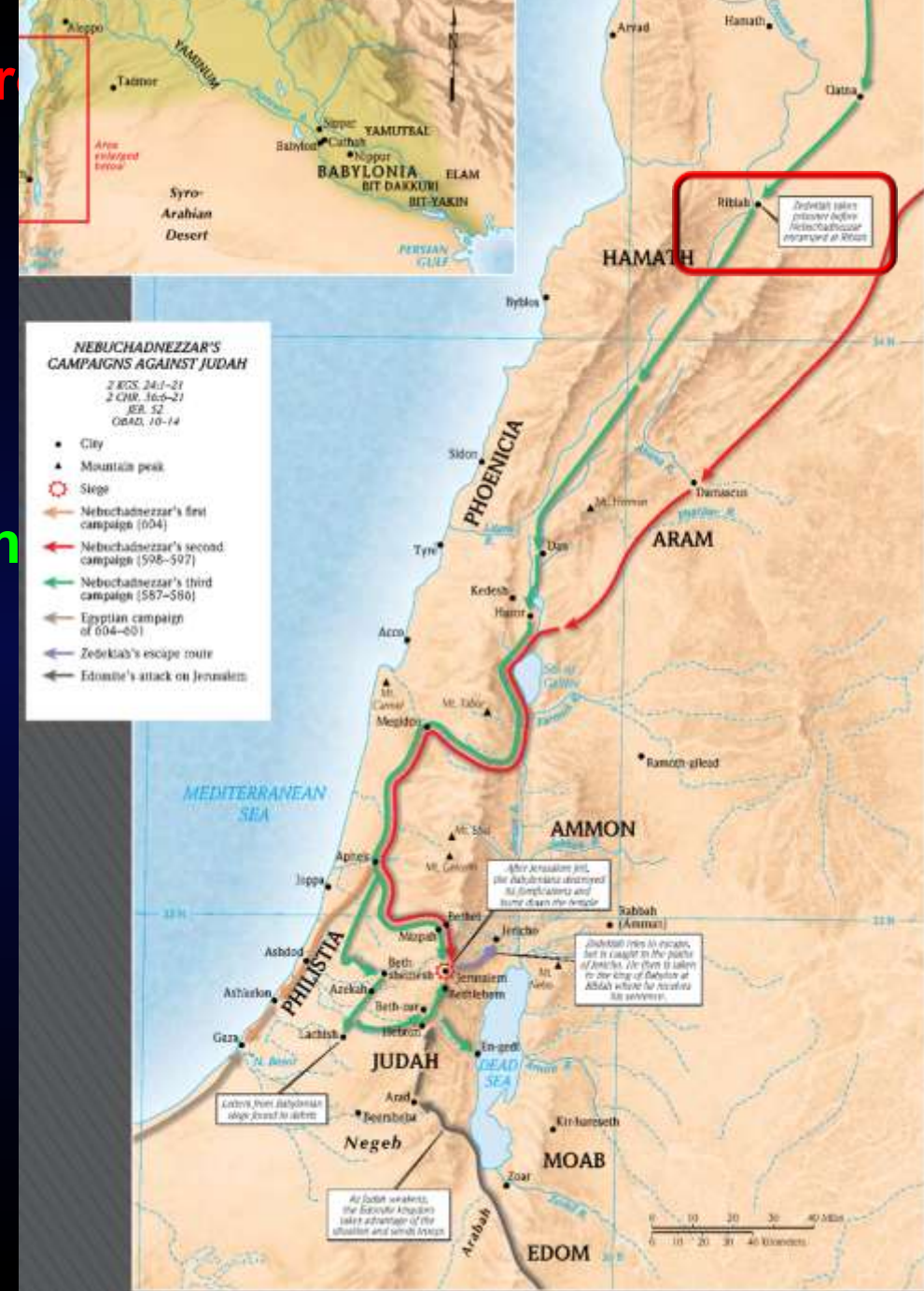
Jer 39 Jerusalem DESTROYED 586 B.C.
Zedekiah to Riblah, sons killed before him
Zed blinded, sent to in chains to Babylon

Capt Nebuzaradan gives poor left
behind fields & vineyards

39:11 Capt Nebuzaradan ordered to
protect Jeremiah:

39:12 “Take him, look after him, do not let
any harm come to him;
do for him whatever he says.”

Yet, something goes WRONG between 39 & 40



Jer 40 Jeremiah is freed from Riblah
 between 39 & 40, SOME one didn't get memo
 Jeremiah is FREED from **CHAINS**

**Com. Nebuzaradan offers to take care of him
in Babylon – gives Jeremiah FREEDOM**

40:4 but if you do **NOT** want to,
then don't come. **LOOK**, the whole country
lies before you; **GO** wherever you please.

Jeremiah goes Mizpah, where King Neb had appointed Gedaliah ruler of Judah

Jer 40:7-16 Johanan w army officers tell Gedaliah of planned assassination

Ammonite King Baalis sent Ishamel to KILL

**Johanan wants to KILL Ishmael,
but Gedaliah *refuses* to believe**

See how GOOD Babylon is to those who OBEY

DO NOT MISS THIS!!!!

Great King Neb himself ORDERS care for Jeremiah

Commander who had destroyed Jerusalem offers to personally care for Jeremiah in Babylon

Like Elon Musk promising to adopt you – security for LIFE



Jer 41 Ishmael comes for lunch,
KILLS Gedaliah & all officials

Ishmael meets 80 humble men from Samaria,
KILLS all but 10, Ishmael makes slaves of
rest in Mizpah ... takes off for Ammon

Johanan pursues Ishmael to
Great Pool at Gibeon,
Rescues Captives

Johanan & ALL start for Egypt

41:17 stopped at Geruth Kimham
near Bethlehem on way to Egypt
fearing Babylonians
who had appointed Gedaliah



Gedaliah murdered by Ishmael at the behest
of Baalis, King of Ammon, by Jan Luyken,
1704, at Rijksmuseum

Jer 42 Johanan & people go to Jeremiah
Where to go?—**STAY**—do NOT go to Egypt

ALL Jeremiah has said from 626 B.C. from
the time of his CALL in 13th yr of Josiah
to 586 B.C. Destruction of Jerusalem

= 40 YEARS



He has despaired of LIVING ... DEPRESSED

He has **WEEPED** ... WEPT DEEPLY ... BITTERLY ... cause it HURT

Only those have **LOVE MUCH** ... Weep Deeply



THEN he has been **BEATEN** ... CHAINED ...

TOSSED into a Muddy Cistern to **DIE** ...

STILL He Loves GOD ... STILL telling the **TRUTH** ...

ALL in ALL

Jeremiah's **CANNOT** be **BOUGHT**—He's an *Untouchable*

Jer 42:1 All the army officers,
including Johanan ... **ALL** the people
least to the greatest approached

2 Jeremiah the prophet and said to him,
“**PLEASE** hear our petition & **PRAY** to the
LORD your God for this entire remnant.

For as you now see, though we were
ONCE many, now only a **FEW** are left.

WHAT is Jeremiah to pray FOR THEM?

3 **PRAY** that the LORD your God will
tell us **WHERE** we should go & **WHAT** to do

Pretty Clear - Reasonable - Seem SERIOUS

THEY WILL NOT STAY

THEY REJECT GOD & Die in Egypt



Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)
by Matt Boswell & Matt Papa (2018)

And oh, my soul, put your hope in God
My help, my rock, I will praise Him
Sing, oh, sing through the raging storm
You're still my God, my salvation

**FEEL
Jeremiah's
HEART**



**Don't Go
to EGYPT**

**Don't TRUST
your FEARS**

**TRUST the
LORD**



Jeremiah c. 650–570 BC

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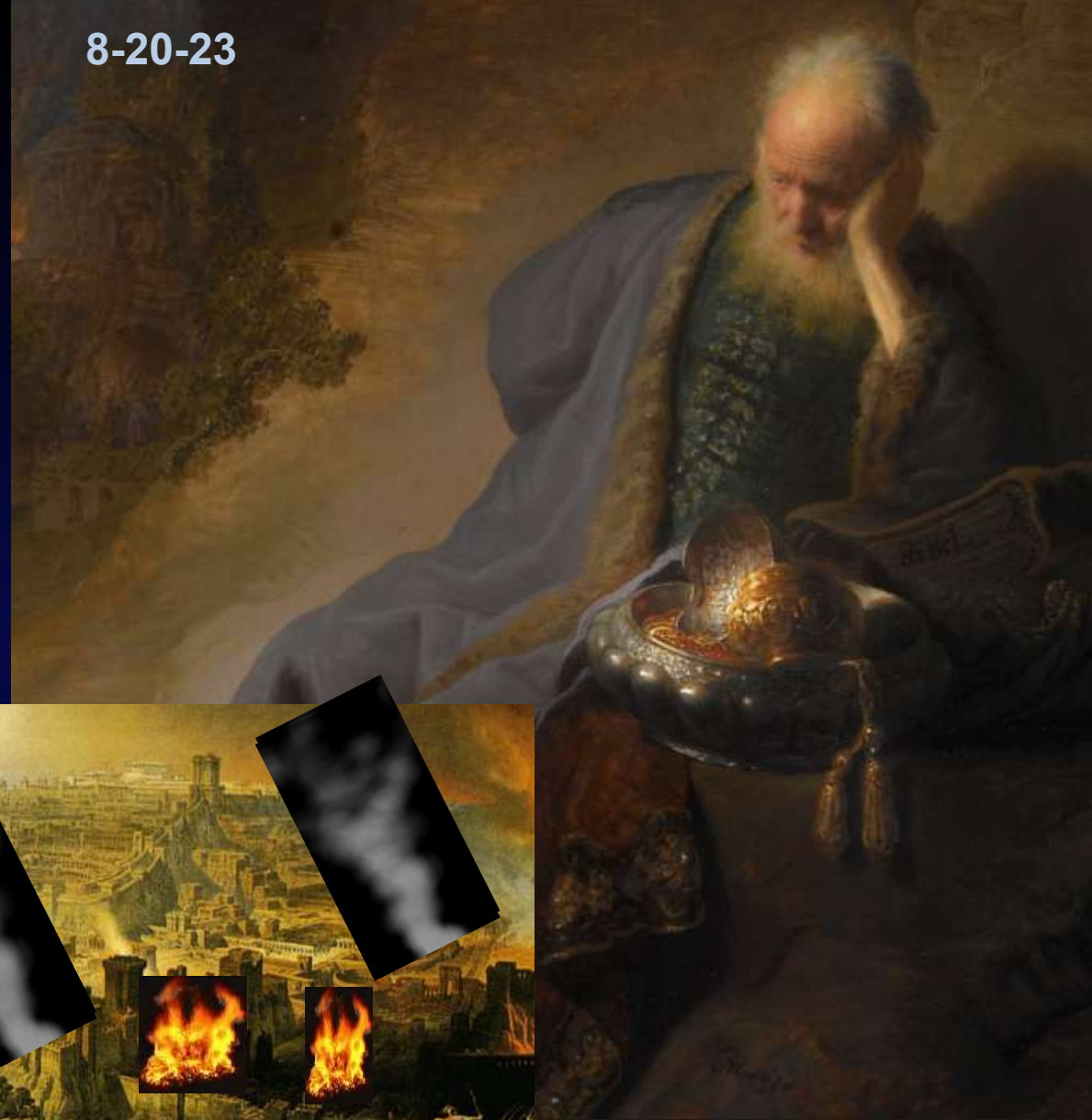
- 1 The Prophet's Call
- 2 Nature of Betrayal
- 7 Nature of Destruction
- 12 Nature of Compassion
- 18 Nature of the Potter's House
- 23 Nature of the Righteous Branch
- 29 Nature of *Shalom*
- 31 Nature of Everlasting Love
- 35 Nature of a Father's Example
- 36 Nature of God's Word
- 42 Nature of Trust

52 Jerusalem Destroyed

Lamentations

52:13 He set FIRE to the Temple of the Lord,
Royal Palace & ALL houses of Jerusalem ...
Every important buildings he burned down

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

Jer 42 Johanan & people go to Jeremiah
Where to go?—**STAY**—do NOT go to Egypt

43 Call Jeremiah a LIAR – off to Tahpanhes
Jeremiah's stones point to Babylon

44 Jeremiah—Judah to perish in Egypt

45 Jeremiah to Baruch—You will **ESCAPE**

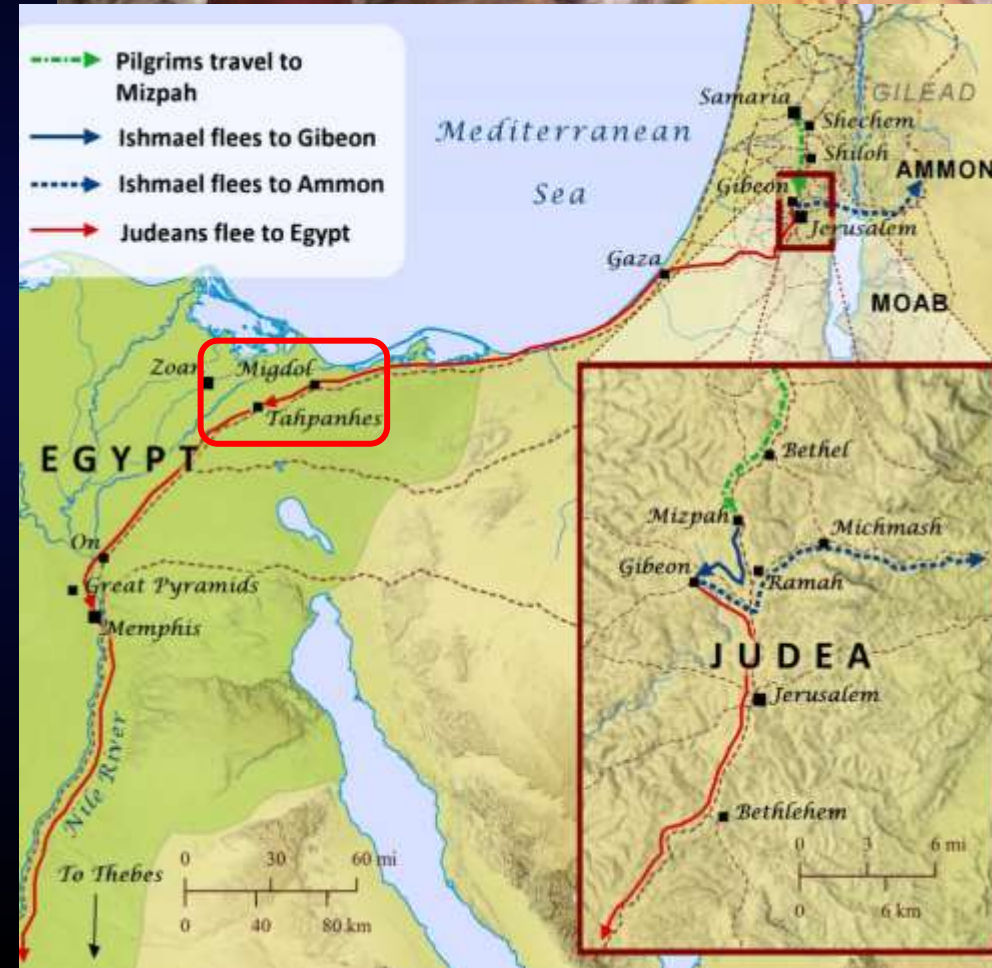
46 Jeremiah—God will **punish** Egypt
thru Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon

47 Jeremiah—**End** coming to Philistines

48 Jeremiah—**LONG End** coming to Moab

49 **End** of Ammon, Edom, Damascus,
Kedar, Hazor, Elam (yet *Elam will live*)

Chapters **50-51** Long on **End** of Babylon



Jeremiah 52 *recounts* **Fall of Jerusalem**

Mirrors very closely 2 Kings 24:18 – 25:30

- ✓ **Chase & Capture of Zedekiah**
- ✓ **Burning & Looting of City in *Great Detail***

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52:31-34 All this time Jehoiachin is in
Babylon since 2nd deportation 597 B.C.

After King Neb dies 37 years later,
Jehoiachin eats at table with **NEW**
Babylonian King Awel-Marduk ...
honored w stipend until his death

END of Jeremiah



52:31-34 Judah's Jehoiachin honored w stipend for LIFE
END of Jeremiah

Daniel in Lions' Den by Rubens, c. 1615



FAVOR continues w Daniel from 1st D in 605 BC
AFTER Babylon, Darius NEARLY gives control of
ENTIRE kingdom into Daniel's hands
BUREAUCRATS connive a Lion's Den
Jeremiah is working thru most of Danei

Jeremiah has biggest **HEART**

Jeremiah's name means:

Yahweh Hurls / Founds

Jeremiah called to live a life

NONE of us would **CHOOSE**—like Job

So much **MISSING** ... how many
messages between 52 chapters

Very Few **GOOD** Friends

Yet Respected by Leaders

Thoroughly HONEST Man

Lives for **GOD** thru the **END** of

Jerusalem



How we need
HONEST
Men & Women
TODAY

