

The significance of Prophecy: How Jeremiah endured a great mission

Jeremiah: The Weeping Prophet

(Jer 1:2) to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

(Jer 1:3) It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

Jeremiah had a confronting message

(Jer 3:12) Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, "Return, faithless Israel, declares the LORD. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, declares the LORD; I will not be angry forever. (Jer 3:13) Only acknowledge your guilt, that you rebelled against the LORD your God and scattered your favors among foreigners under every green tree, and that you have not obeyed my voice, declares the LORD.

How did the nation respond?

(Jer 36:23) As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot.

(Jer 36:27) Now after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: (Jer 36:28) "Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.

Jeremiah was often overcome with the burden of the mission

(Jer 4:19) My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh the walls of my heart! My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep silent, for I hear the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Jeremaiah beaten and left to die

(Jer 37:15) And the officials were enraged at Jeremiah, and they beat him and imprisoned him in the house of Jonathan the secretary, for it had been made a prison.

(Jer 38:6) So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Jeremiah, after being rescued from starvation:

(Jer 38:23) All your wives and your sons shall be led out to the Chaldeans, and you yourself shall not escape from their hand, but shall be seized by the king of Babylon, and this city shall be burned with fire."

Eventually it is the enemy who shows Jeremiah kindness

(Jer 39:12) "Take him, look after him well, and do him no harm, but deal with him as he tells you."



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(Jer 1:7) But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

(Jer 1:8) Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." (Jer 1:9) Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

(Jer 1:10) See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

(Jer 1:11) And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch."

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(Isa 45:9) "Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles'?

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- 5) God will do it.

(Joh 1:14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.