

## Jeremiah 1:1-19 **Jeremiah Called to be a Prophet**

### Jeremiah Introduced

1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,

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.

3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

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4 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then said I:

"Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth."

7 But the Lord said to me:

"Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

8 Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the Lord.

9 Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me:

"Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

10 See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

11 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?"

And I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree."

12 Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

13 And the word of the Lord came to me the second time, saying, "What do you see?"

And I said, "I see a boiling pot, and it is facing away from the north."

14 Then the Lord said to me:

"Out of the north calamity shall break forth On all the inhabitants of the land.

15 For behold, I am calling All the families of the kingdoms of the north," says the Lord;

"They shall come and each one set his throne At the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, Against all its walls all around, And against all the cities of Judah.

16 I will utter My judgments Against them concerning all their wickedness, Because they have forsaken Me, Burned incense to other gods, And worshiped the works of their own hands.

17 "Therefore prepare yourself and arise, And speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, Lest I dismay you before them.

18 For behold, I have made you this day A fortified city and an iron pillar, And bronze walls against the whole land — Against the kings of Judah, Against its princes, Against its priests, And against

the people of the land.

19 They will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you," says the Lord, "to deliver you."

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ Jeremiah is of the line of Priests from the city of Anathoth in the land of Benjamin.
- ✧ His ministry began in the thirteenth year of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah and continued until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive to Babylon the eleventh year of Zedekiah and beyond to being taken to Egypt by Johanan and his followers which was about 40 + years. [Jeremiah 1:1-3, 43:1-7]

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- ✧ Jeremiah was known by Yahweh before he was formed in the womb and he was set apart as a prophet to the nations before he was born.
- ✧ God knows everyone before they are born. Abortion is murder of a person in the eyes of God.
- ✧ Jeremiah objected because of his young age.
- ✧ Yahweh assured Jeremiah that his age is not an issue because he is to go wherever he is sent and Yahweh would put His words in the mouth of Jeremiah who would speak them faithfully.
- ✧ Jeremiah is set over the nations and over the kingdoms.
- ✧ Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree." Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

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[\[Jeremiah 1:11-16\]](#)

- ✧ The first message was the time has come for Yahweh to act to fulfill His promises of judgment.
- ✧ The second message was of impending invasion from the North because Judah had turned from Yahweh to idolatry.
- ✧ "Therefore prepare yourself and arise, And speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, Lest I dismay you before them.  
For behold, I have made you this day A fortified city and an iron pillar, And bronze walls against the whole land — Against the kings of Judah, Against its princes, Against its priests, And against the people of the land.  
They will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you," says the Lord, "to deliver you." [\[Jeremiah 1:17-19\]](#)
- ✧ The command is for Jeremiah to prepare himself, go and speak all that Yahweh commands.
- ✧ It came with a warning to be strong and not intimidated by the peoples refusal of the message, because if Jeremiah fears the people then Yahweh will dismay him in front of them.
- ✧ For assurance and encouragement, Yahweh said that He had strengthened Jeremiah like a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, to stand against the whole land of Judah including its kings, its princes, its Priests, and the people themselves.
- ✧ Yahweh informed Jeremiah that they will fight against you but they will not prevail Because Yahweh said "I am with you to deliver you."
- ✧ God's promise of protection is all a prophet needs for courage to do his assigned job.
- ✧ Righteousness is credited for believing what God says. [\[Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:3, Galatians 3:6, James 2:23\]](#)