

Jeremiah 20:1-18 **Jeremiah faces Pashhur – Cursed day of Birth**

The Word of God to Pashhur

1 Now Pashhur the son of Immer, the priest who was also chief governor in the house of the Lord, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

2 Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the Lord.

3 And it happened on the next day that Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "The Lord has not called your name Pashhur, but Magor-Missabib.

4 For thus says the Lord: 'Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see it. I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon and slay them with the sword.

5 Moreover I will deliver all the wealth of this city, all its produce, and all its precious things; all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give into the hand of their enemies, who will plunder them, seize them, and carry them to Babylon.

6 And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house, shall go into captivity. You shall go to Babylon, and there you shall die, and be buried there, you and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied lies."

Jeremiah's Struggle over his appointed Ministry

7 O Lord, You induced me, and I was persuaded; You are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I am in derision daily; Everyone mocks me.

8 For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of the Lord was made to me A reproach and a derision daily.

9 Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name. "But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.

10 For I heard many mocking: "Fear on every side!" "Report," they say, "and we will report it!" All my acquaintances watched for my stumbling, saying, "Perhaps he can be induced; Then we will prevail against him, And we will take our revenge on him."

11 But the Lord is with me as a mighty, awesome One. Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail. They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper. Their everlasting confusion will never be forgotten.

12 But, O Lord of hosts, You who test the righteous, And see the mind and heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them; For I have pleaded my cause before You.

13 Sing to the Lord! Praise the Lord! For He has delivered the life of the poor From the hand of evildoers.

14 Cursed be the day in which I was born! Let the day not be blessed in which my mother bore me!

15 Let the man be cursed Who brought news to my father, saying, "A male child has been born to

you!" Making him very glad.

16 And let that man be like the cities Which the Lord overthrew, and did not relent; Let him hear the cry in the morning And the shouting at noon,

17 Because he did not kill me from the womb, That my mother might have been my grave, And her womb always enlarged with me.

18 Why did I come forth from the womb to see labor and sorrow, That my days should be consumed with shame?

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Facts Revealed:

The Word of God to Pashhur

✧ Now Pashhur the son of Immer, the priest who was also chief governor in Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the Beit Yahweh (house of the Lord).

And it happened on the next day that Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "Yahweh (The Lord) has not called your name Pashhur (prosperity everywhere), but Magor-Missabib (terror on every side).

For thus says Yahweh (the Lord): 'Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see it. I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon and slay them with the sword.

Moreover I will deliver all the wealth of this city, all its produce, and all its precious things; all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give into the hand of their enemies, who will plunder them, seize them, and carry them to Babylon.

And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house, shall go into captivity. You shall go to Babylon, and there you shall die, and be buried there, you and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied lies." [Jeremiah 20:1-6]

✧ Pashhur was the Priest and governor of the Beit Yahweh (the House of the Lord, the Temple) in Jerusalem.

✧ Jeremiah has been warning against coming destruction.

✧ The Priests have been predicting peace and prosperity. [Jeremiah 6:14, 8:11, 14:13]

✧ Pashhur struck Jeremiah and put him in stocks over night and released him the next day.

✧ Jeremiah said to him, Yahweh has not called your name Pashhur (prosperity everywhere) but Magor-Missabib (terror on every side).

✧ Then Jeremiah predicted that the Babylonians would destroy Jerusalem and Judah and carry everything away as plunder. They will kill the people with a great slaughter and Pashhur and his friends to whom he has prophesied lies predicting peace will be carried to Babylon where they will die.

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For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of Yahweh (the Lord) was made to me A reproach and a derision daily. [Jeremiah 20:7-8]

✧ Jeremiah has been faithful to bring the Word of Yahweh as he was moved by the Spirit of God. [2 Peter 1:21]

- ✧ Jeremiah felt in continual derision and reproach because everyone was mocking him.
- ✧ Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name. "But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not. [\[Jeremiah 20:9\]](#)
 - ✧ It is so easy, when our ministry faces outright rejection from those we are attempting to warn and to save, to seek to back off from delivering the message.
 - ✧ However the move of the Spirit in Jeremiah could not be resisted because the fire and pressure inside could not be quenched.
- ✧ For I heard many mocking: "Fear on every side!" "Report," they say, "and we will report it!" All my acquaintances watched for my stumbling, saying, "Perhaps he can be induced; Then we will prevail against him, And we will take our revenge on him." [\[Jeremiah 20:10\]](#)
 - ✧ By mockery the people were attempting to catch Jeremiah making a slip as did the people of the time of Christ to Jesus. [\[Mark 12:13, Luke 11:53-54\]](#)
- ✧ But Yahweh (the Lord) is with me as a mighty, awesome One. Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail. They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper. Their everlasting confusion will never be forgotten. [\[Jeremiah 20:11\]](#)
 - ✧ With the help of Yahweh, the persecutors cannot prevail, but will themselves find shame of face as they are required to answer to God Most High.
- ✧ But, Yahweh Tsebaovta (O Lord of hosts), You who test the righteous, And see the mind and heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them; For I have pleaded my cause before You. [\[Jeremiah 20:12\]](#)
 - ✧ Jeremiah knows that Yahweh reads the mind and heart of people, so he asked to see the vengeance of God on his adversaries in his time.
- ✧ Sing to Yahweh (the Lord)! Praise Yahweh (the Lord)! For He has delivered the life of the poor From the hand of evildoers. [\[Jeremiah 20:13\]](#)
 - ✧ Jeremiah sings praise to Yahweh for delivering his life from the hand of his oppressors.
- ✧ Cursed be the day in which I was born! Let the day not be blessed in which my mother bore me! Let the man be cursed Who brought news to my father, saying, "A male child has been born to you!" Making him very glad.
And let that man be like the cities Which Yahweh (the Lord) overthrew, and did not relent; Let him hear the cry in the morning And the shouting at noon, because he did not kill me from the womb, That my mother might have been my grave, And her womb always enlarged with me. Why did I come forth from the womb to see labor and sorrow, That my days should be consumed with shame? [\[Jeremiah 20:14-18\]](#)
 - ✧ Like Job whom Yahweh called perfect, [\[Job 1:1, 8, 2:3, 3:1-26\]](#) Jeremiah cursed the day of his birth because of the anxiety of his soul under persecution of his tormentors.