

A painting of a prophet with a long white beard, wearing a brown robe, sitting at a desk and writing on a scroll with a quill. The scene is dimly lit, with a small bowl of ink and a book visible on the desk. The background is dark and atmospheric.

Listening to the Prophets

A Study of Old Testament Major Prophets

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LISTENING TO THE PROPHETS

THEME:

- The prophet's words are as relevant today as they were 2600 years ago.
- “The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.” Psalm 103:8 [NLT]

Lesson Four

The Book of Jeremiah

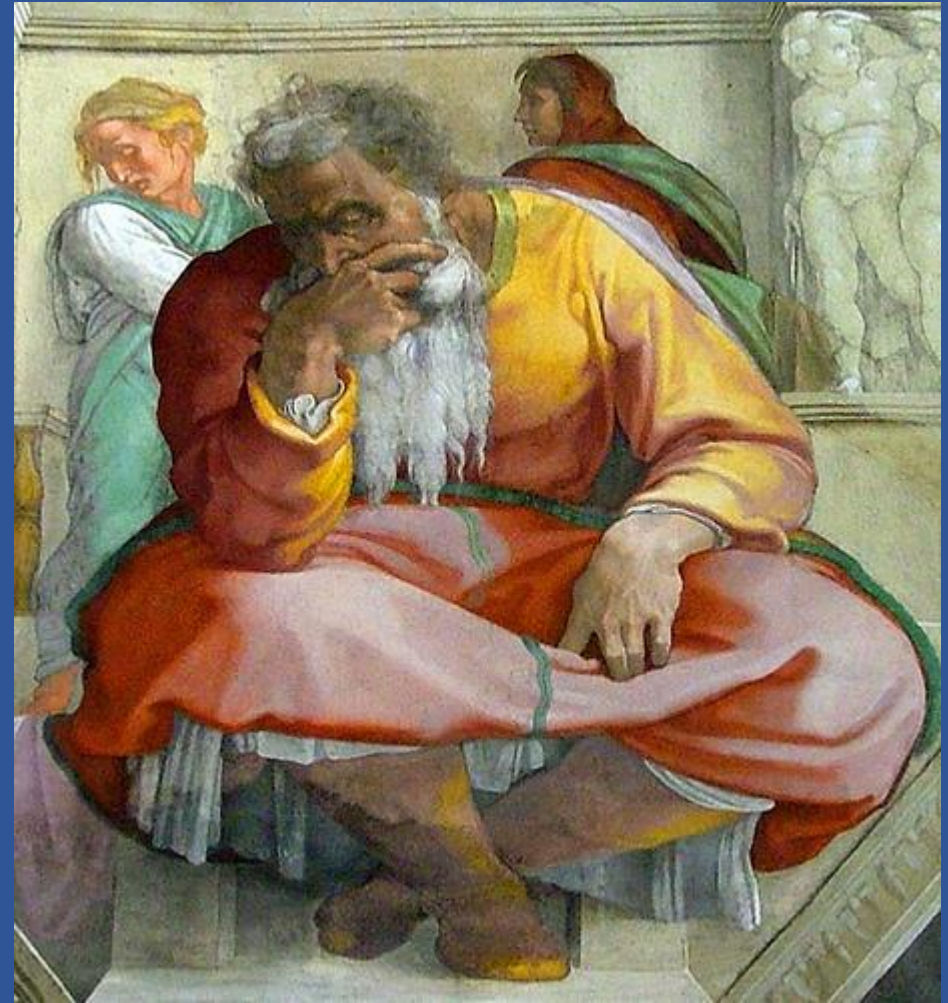
Introduction

- Jeremiah prophesied from 627-585 B.C. This period took place before, during, and after the fall of Judah (the Southern Kingdom).^{12.}



- Many refer to Jeremiah as the:

- “Weeping prophet” for his compassion and concern for Judah (9:1; 13:17; 14:17). [^{*}]
- “Prophet of loneliness” since God commanded him not to marry (16:2). [^{*}]
- “Reluctant prophet” since he felt unqualified to serve the Lord as a prophet (1:6-8). [^{*}]



- Jeremiah proclaimed God's judgment upon Judah for 40 years. During this time, Jeremiah endured opposition, beatings, and imprisonments.
- Jeremiah began his ministry around the age of 20 under King Josiah.¹³



<https://www.gilberthouse.org/2017/11/gilbert-house-fellowship-176-jeremiah-3-7/>

- During Josiah's reign, the book of the Law was rediscovered and read before all the people of Judah (2 Kings 22:8).¹⁴ [★]



- After Josiah's death, Jeremiah endured countless persecutions until Judah fell in 586 B.C.
- Jeremiah predicted the fall of Judah and witnessed its destruction.
- Jeremiah was eventually taken to Egypt in which he prophesied a few more years before his death.¹⁵



- Jeremiah's faithfulness to God should be an example for all believers to "fight the good fight" (2 Tim. 4:7) [✱]



Jeremiah's Call and Commission: 1:1-19

- Jeremiah prophesied during the reign of the last 5 kings of Judah: Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah.¹⁶
- Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, took captives from Judah in 605 B.C. during the reign of King Jehoiakim.



<http://psbible.blogspot.com/2009/11/prophet-jeremiah.html>

- Jehoiachin became king and then taken to Babylon as prisoner in 597 B.C.



- Nebuchadnezzar proclaimed Jehoiachin's uncle, Zedekiah, as king.
- In 586 B.C., King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed all of Judah and sent the Israelites into Babylonian captivity.
- Despite Jeremiah's warnings, the Israelites refused to repent of their sins.



- At first, Jeremiah was very reluctant to serve as a prophet. However, God encouraged and empowered him (1:4-10).

[*]



<https://biblediscoverytv.com/spotlight/2020/the-weeping-prophet/>

- God assured Jeremiah:
 - His words would come to pass (1:12) [✱]
 - Babylon would conquer Judah (1: 13-16) [✱]
 - Of His protection (1:17-19). [✱]



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Prophecies Concerning Judah: Chapters 2-10

- God spoke through Jeremiah and asked why Judah had chosen to turn from God (2:5-6). [✘]
- God told the Israelites that punishment would come upon them (2:9). [✘]



<https://blog.victory.radio/2019/06/19/when-mercy-cant-triumph-over-judgment/>

- God gave the people two reasons for punishment:
 - The Jews turned away from God
 - They had turned to idolatry (2:13; 22-23).
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Jeremiah's Warning to Judah

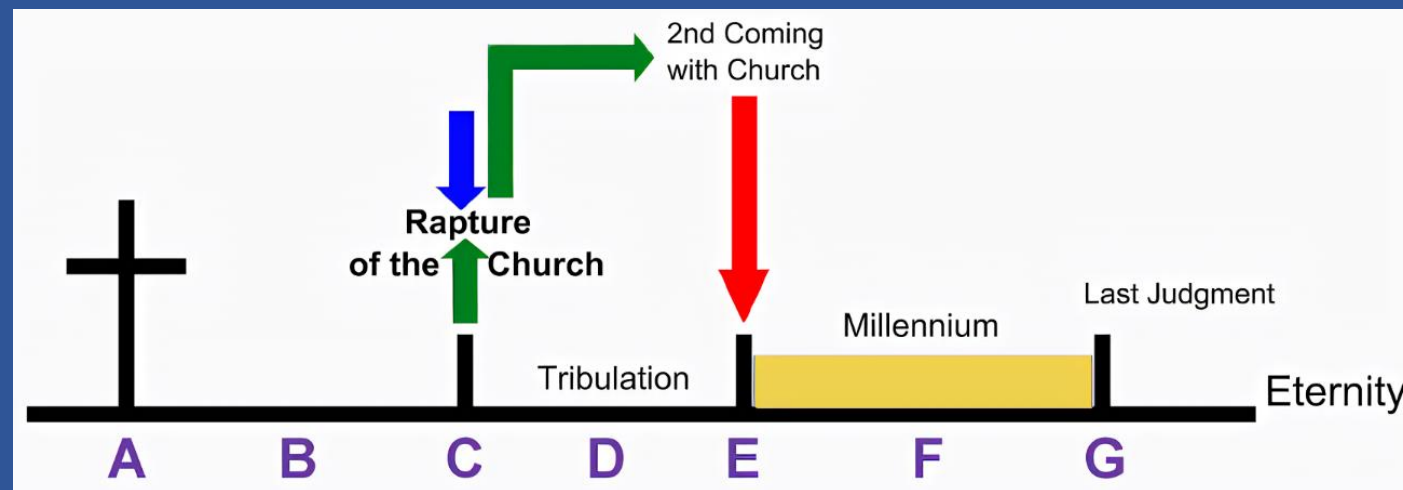
- Jeremiah repeatedly warned Judah against turning away from God and turning to idolatry.
- God rebuked Judah for not heeding the punishment that fell upon the northern kingdom of Israel (3:6-11). [✱]



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- Jeremiah prophesied concerning the coming Messiah and the Millennial Reign (3:15-18). []

- During the millennial period, Jeremiah stated that Christ will replace the Ark of the Covenant.



<http://tombostudios.com/blogs/blog201304.html>

- Jerusalem did not have one righteous person. (5:1) [^{*}]
- Jeremiah prophesied concerning the destruction of Babylon (6:22-23). [^{*}]
- Judah's feelings of invincibility made them think that God would never destroy their land (7:3-4). [^{*}]



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- Jesus quotes Jeremiah 7:11 in Mark 11:17 and in Luke 19:46. [*]
- Judah had degraded itself to the point of offering child sacrifices (7:30-31). [*]



- God asked whether there was balm in Gilead (8:22).
[*]

- Resin came from Gilead and was used for medicinal purposes.
- Gilead was a little more than a day's journey away.
- Jeremiah used Gilead metaphorically to describe Judah's condition.



- Due to the close proximity between Gilead and Judah, the Jews could easily obtain the healing ointment. This analogy signified God's nearness to heal Judah's spiritual condition.

- Judah refused to repent.



God Promises Judah a Future and a Hope

- God reminded the people of His promises and judgments (11:1-5; 10-11). [★]
- Jeremiah prophesied Judah's destruction (11:14-17). [★]



- God did not allow Jeremiah to:
 - Marry since God was about to destroy the people (16:1-4) [✱]
 - Mourn (vs. 5) [✱]
 - Rejoice and feast (vs. 8-9). [✱]



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- Jeremiah prophesied about the Second coming of Christ and Judah's doom (16:14-16). [★]
- Jeremiah 20:1-4 records his own punishment in the stocks for proclaiming God's word. [★]
- Jeremiah could not stop preaching God's word (20:7-9). [★]
- Jeremiah 20: 11-13 tells of God's faithfulness toward those persecuted for His name. [★]



<https://reasonsforjesus.com/the-second-coming-of-jesus-metaphor-or-literal/>

- Jeremiah proclaimed judgment upon those who remained in Judah after King Nebuchadnezzar's attack (21:1-9). [[*](#)]
- God's judgment would testify to the surrounding nations the reason for Israel's destruction (22:8-9). [[*](#)]
- Jeremiah 22:24-25; 30 predicted the end of Jehoiachin's royal line. [[*](#)]



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- Discussions arise how Christ came from the line of David if Jehoiachin's lineage ended.
 - Up to this time the Kings of Judah had come from David's son Solomon.
 - Christ's lineage came through Nathan, David's other son.
- Mary, the mother of Jesus, was from the lineage of Nathan while Joseph was from the lineage of Solomon.

LAST KINGS OF JUDAH

- Manasseh: 696-642 B.C.; died
- Amon: 642-640 B.C.; murdered
- Josiah: 640-609 B.C.; died in battle
- Jehoahaz: 609 B.C. (3 months); Egypt
- Jehoiakim: 609-596 B.C.; Babylon
- Jehoiachin: 598 (3 months); Babylon
- Zedekiah: 597-586; Babylon

The Coming Messiah

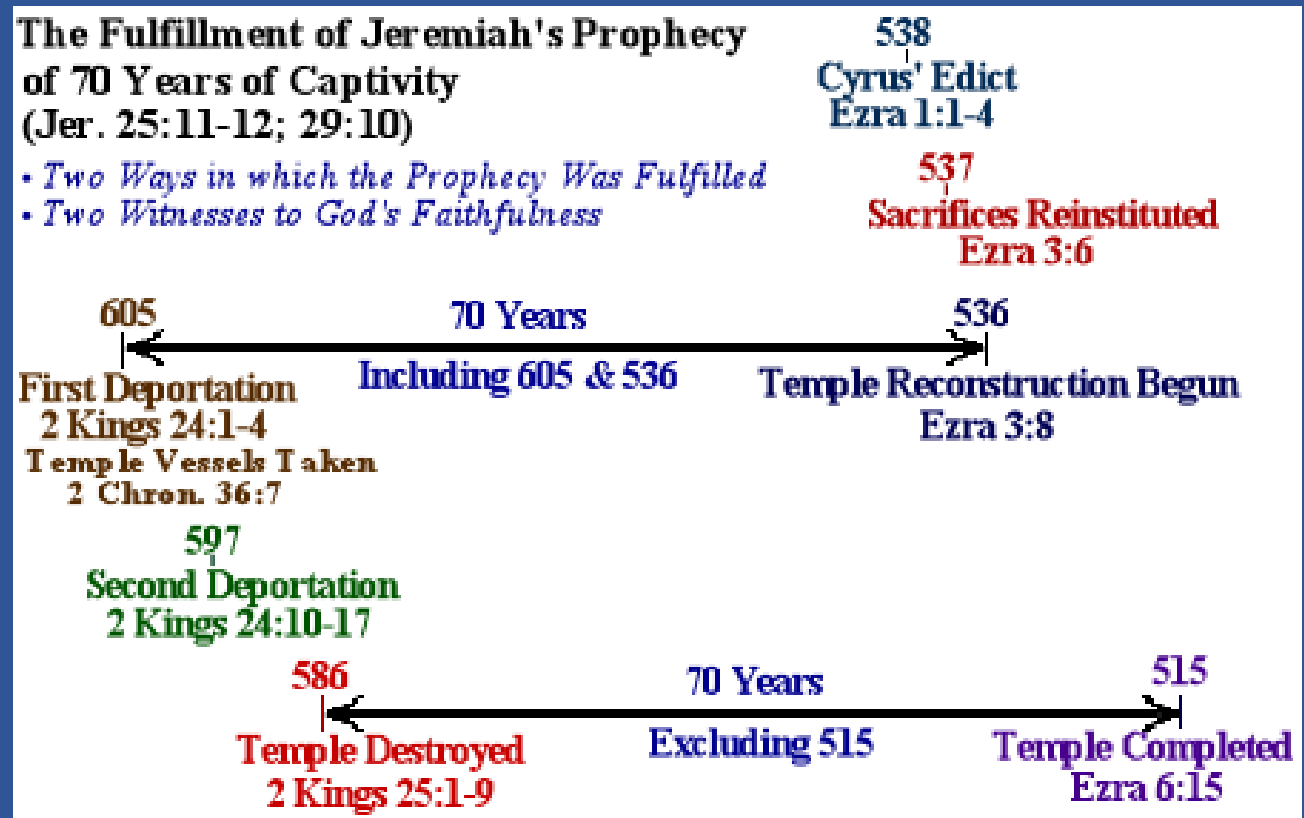
- Jeremiah 23:3-4 explains the Millennial Period, the Messiah's reign, and the regathering from Babylonian captivity. [✱]
- Jeremiah 23: 33-36 cautioned against self-righteousness. [✱]
- Jeremiah 24-25 gave an accurate account of Judah's captivity and a prophetic announcement of its duration. (Jeremiah 25:11) [✱]



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- Jeremiah sent a letter to the captives in Babylon after the Second Babylonian captivity during Jehoiachin's reign (Jeremiah 29).

- This letter stated the captivity would last **70 years**. (Jeremiah 29:10-11)



- Daniel must have read this letter (Daniel 9:1-2).
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- Jeremiah 29:11 contains a well know verse about God's sovereign plan for our lives. [*]
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- Jeremiah 29:12-14 gives a glimpse into the millennial period and the Babylonian captivity (skipping stone theory).
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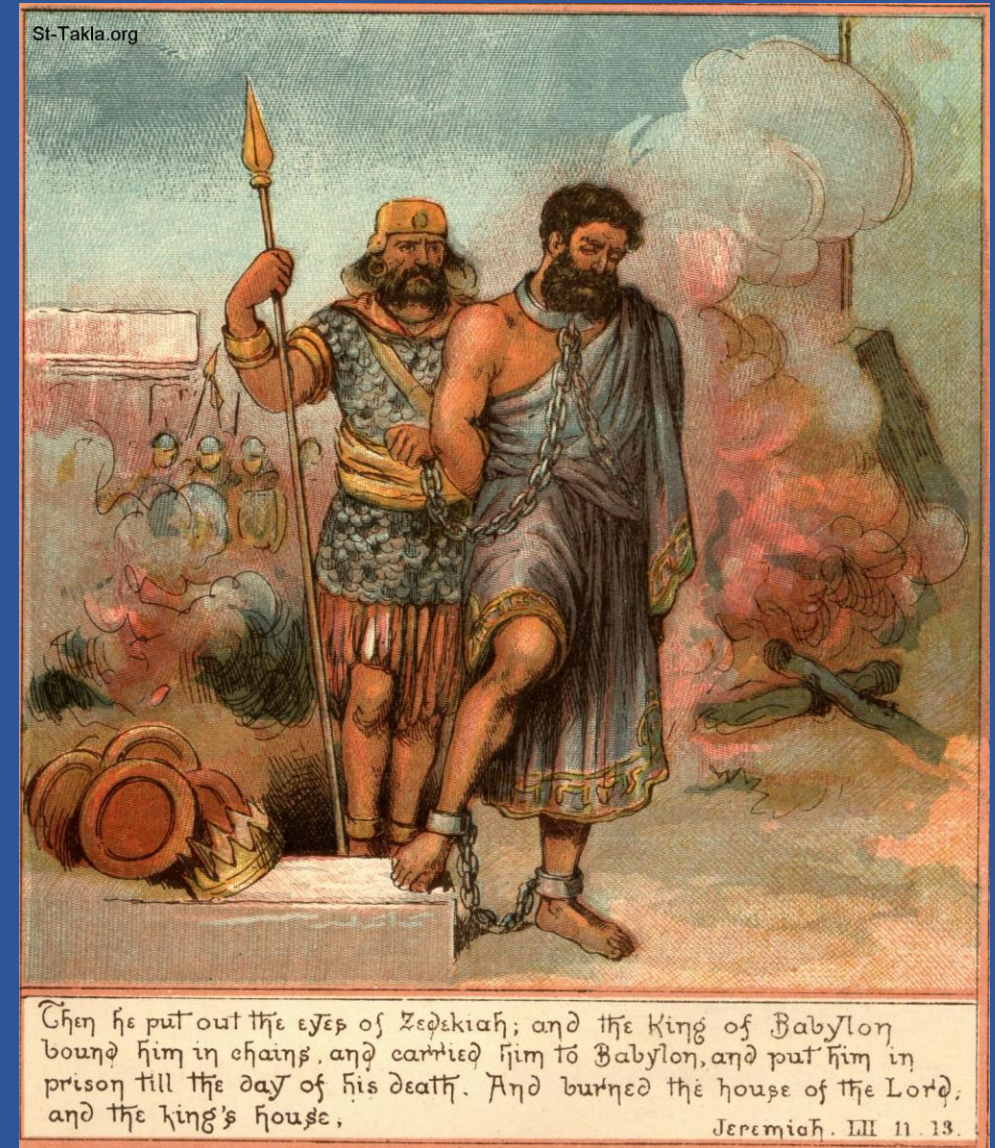
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Hope and Prosperity

- Jeremiah chapter 30 gave hope to those in Babylon and declared prosperity to those during the Millennial period.
- Jeremiah 31:15 portrays a parallel reference to those assembled at Ramah awaiting deportation and the eventual weeping over Herod's slaughter of infants (Matt. 2:18). [☆]



- Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises blessings to those who witness the Lord's return. [✱]
- Jeremiah 32:1-3 document Jeremiah's incarceration. [✱]
- Jeremiah 32:17; 27 give comfort and confidence to all believers. [✱]
- Jeremiah 33 portrays the Millennial Kingdom.



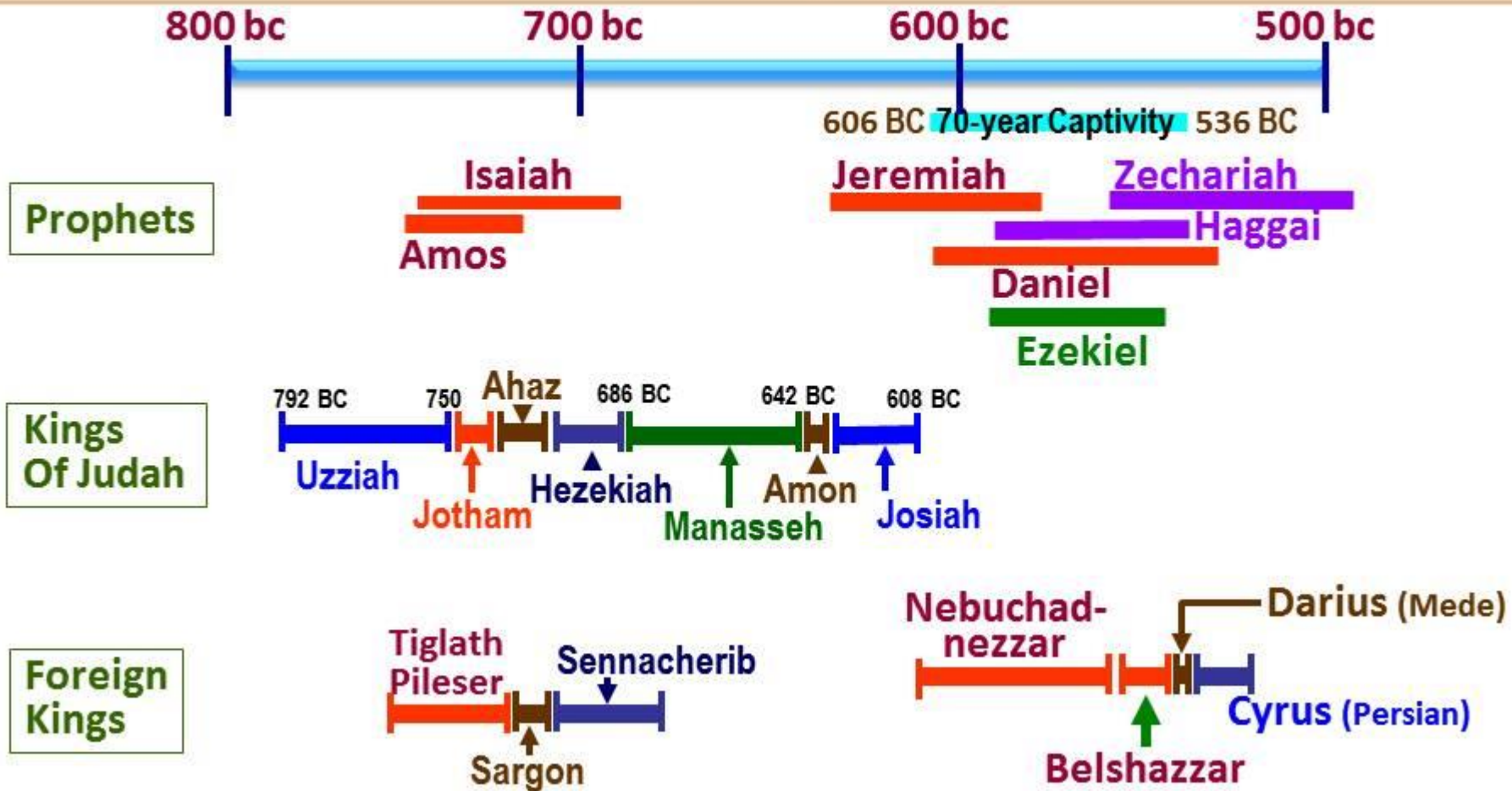
Events before the fall of Jerusalem

Chapters 34-51

- Jeremiah 35: 2; 5-6 talk about a faithful group of Hebrews, the Rechabites.
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- God honored their faithfulness for following His laws.
- Jeremiah was put into a cistern (38:6). [*]
- Jerusalem fell in 586 B.C. (chapter 39).

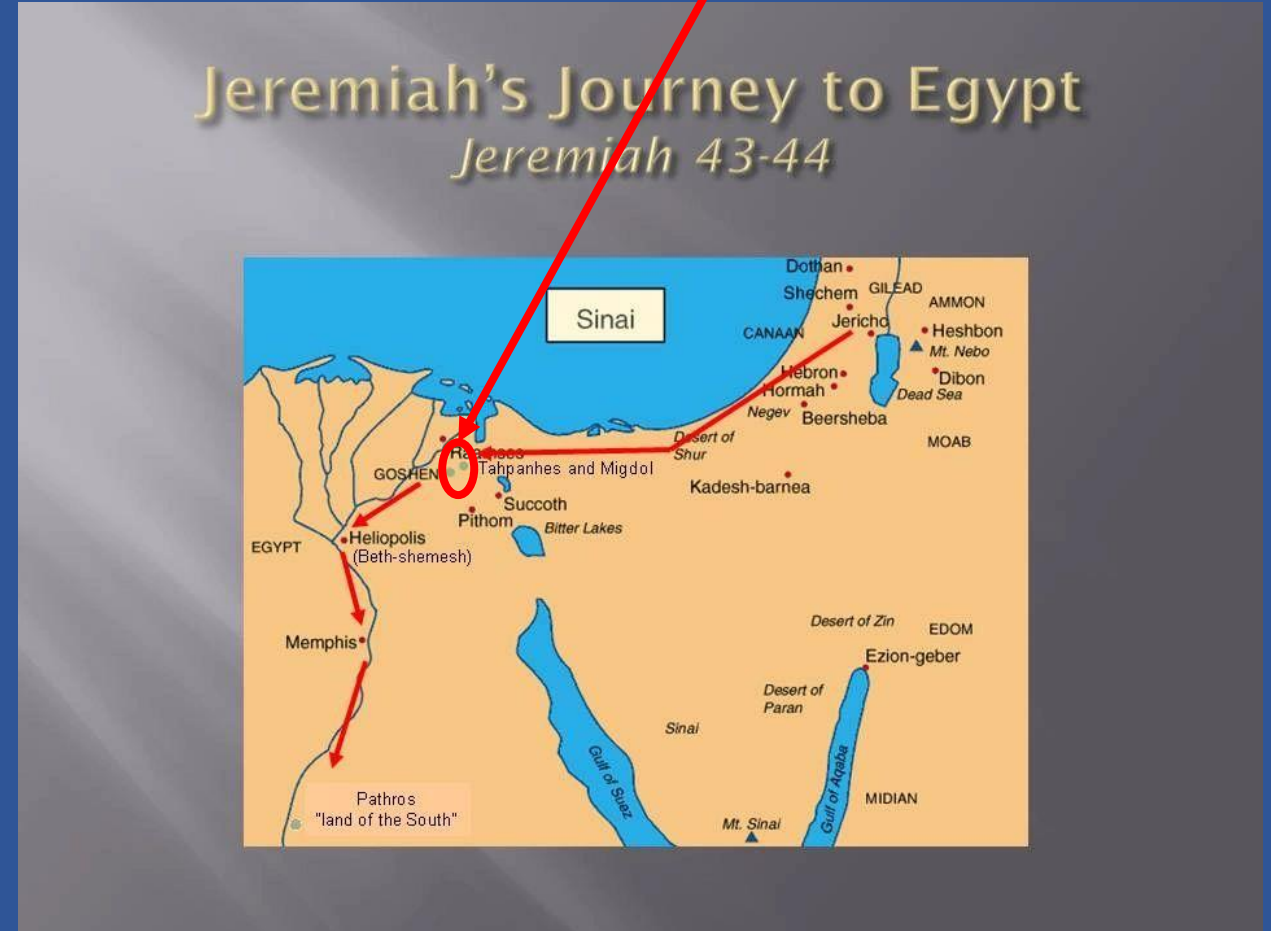


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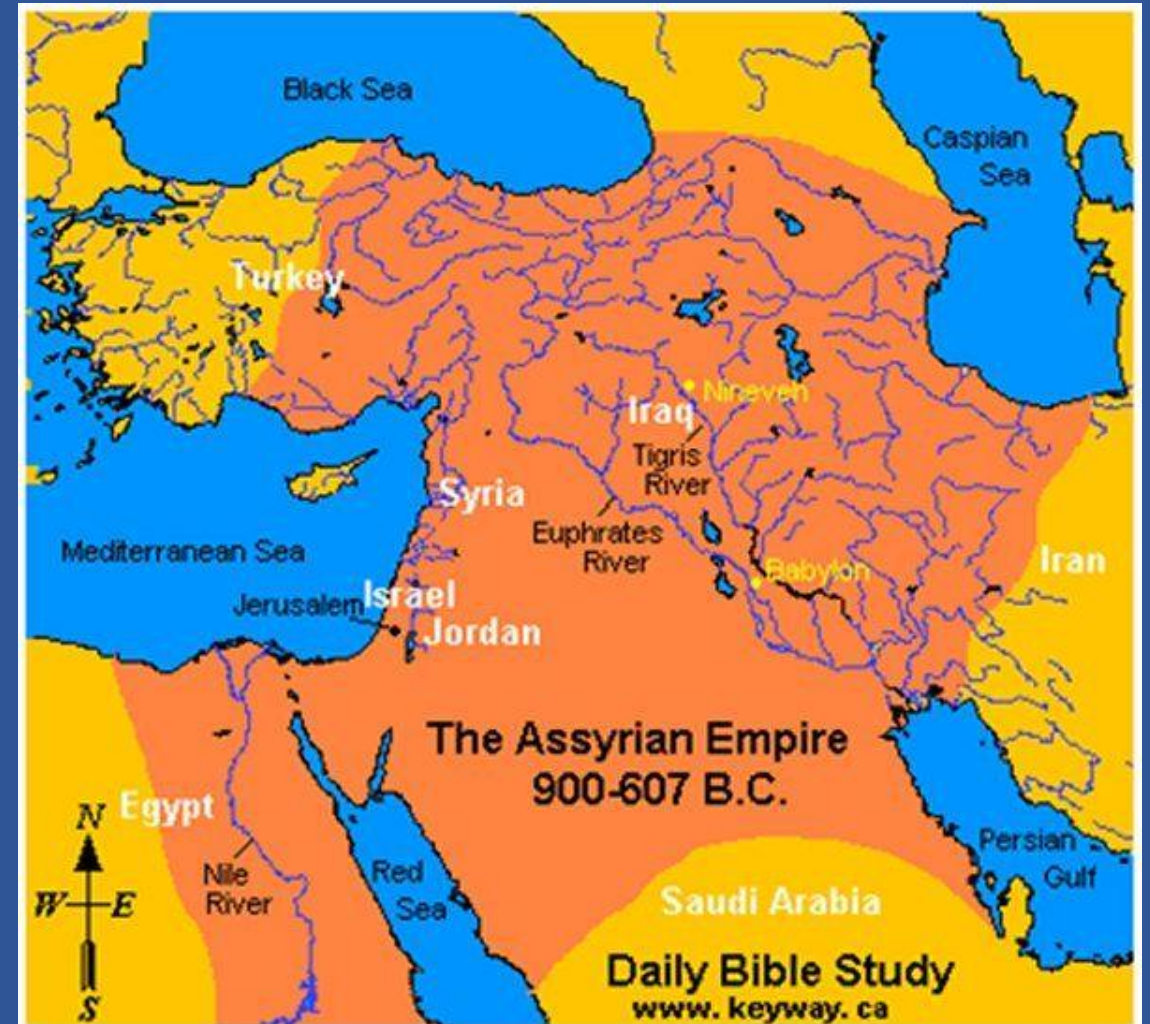


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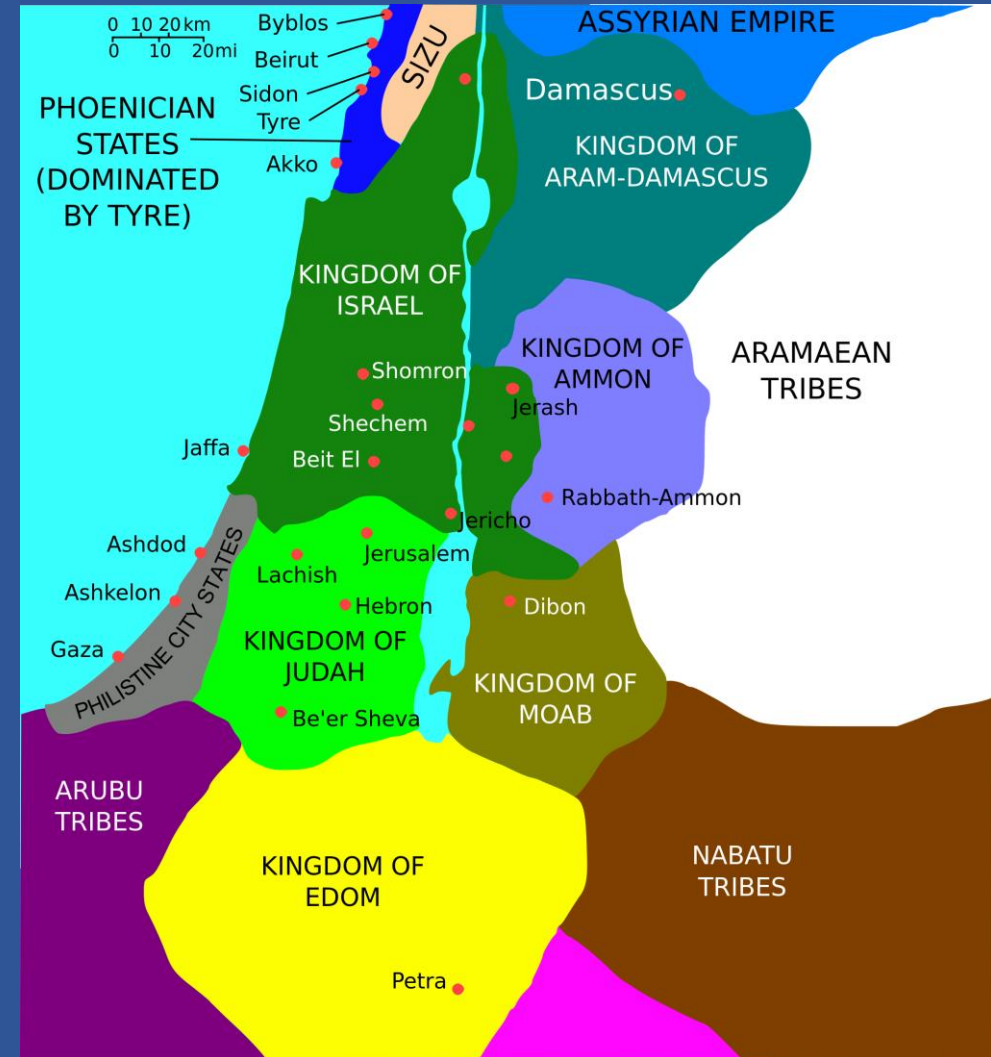
- Jeremiah chose to stay in Jerusalem and minister to those who remained (chapter 40).
- Jeremiah warned the remnant not to escape into Egypt (42:9-12; 13-16). [✱]
- The people disobeyed, they took Jeremiah, and fled into Egypt. (43: 4-7). [✱]



- Jeremiah 43: 9-13 foretold the remnants' fate while in Egypt. [*]
- The people refused to listen to Jeremiah (44:11-16). [*]
- Jeremiah prophesied of Egypt's destruction by King Nebuchadnezzar.



- Chapters 47-51 warned of God's judgment upon the surrounding nations.
- Jeremiah 51:7-8 gives reference to the destruction of Babylon. [★]
- This passage could parallel the destruction of Babylon at the end times (Rev. 14:8; 17:1-6). [★]



Jerusalem's fate: Jeremiah 52

- This chapter chronicles Zedekiah's downfall (52:10-11). []
- Jeremiah 52:28-34 explains the exile into Babylon and Jehoiachin's favor with King Evil-merodach. []



Summary and Application

- Even though Jeremiah gave repeated warnings concerning Judah's rebellion and destruction, the people refused to listen.
- The Jews did not believe God would send them into captivity since they were His chosen people.
- Many believe today they can earn salvation through good works. They say God would not send a "good" person to hell.

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- Salvation can only come by faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31- And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house).
- God expects every believer to follow His laws and to abide by His Word. God's laws are not meant for punishment or hardship but for life, health, and peace (John 14:27).
- God is merciful and slow to anger.

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Jeremiah 9:1

1 Oh, that my head were waters

And my eyes a fountain of tears,

That I might weep day and night

For those slain of the daughter of my people! Over----

Jeremiah 13:17

17 But if you do not listen to it,
My soul will weep in secret for such pride;
And my eyes will shed
And stream down tears,
Because the flock of the Lord has been taken captive.
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Jeremiah 14:17

17 "You will say this word to them,

'Let my eyes stream down tears night and day,

And let them not cease;

For the virgin daughter of my people has been crushed with
a mighty blow,

With a sorely infected wound. [✖]

Jeremiah 16:2

2 “You shall not take a wife for yourself nor have sons or daughters in this place.” [✱]

Jeremiah 1:6-8

6 Then I said, “Oh, Lord God!

Behold, I do not know how to speak,

Because I am a youth.” *[the Lord answers]* “7 But the LORD

said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all

that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou

shalt speak. 8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee

to deliver thee, saith the LORD.” [*]

2 Kings 22:8

8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan (sha-fun) the scribe, “I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, who read it. [✱]

2 Timothy 4:7

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith... []

Jeremiah 1:1-10

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

And before you were born I consecrated you; []

I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

6 Then I said, “Oh, Lord God!

Behold, I do not know how to speak,

Because I am a youth.”

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8 “Do not be afraid of them,

For I am with you to save you,” declares the Lord.

9 Then the Lord stretched out 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 appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms,

To root out and to tear down,

To destroy and to overthrow,

To build and to plant.” [*]

Jeremiah 1:12

12 Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it.” [✱]

Jeremiah 1:13-16

13 And the word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north.” 14 Then the Lord said to me, “Out of the north the evil will be unleashed on all the inhabitants of the land. 15 For, behold, I am calling all the families of the kingdoms of the north,” declares the Lord; “and they will come and place, each one of them, his

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throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls around, and against all the cities of Judah.

16 And I will pronounce My judgments against them concerning all their wickedness, since they have abandoned Me and have offered sacrifices to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands. [*]

Jeremiah 1:17-19

17 Now, belt your garment around your waist and arise, and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before them, or I will make you dismayed before them. 18 Now behold, I have made you today like a fortified city and like a pillar of iron and walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its leaders, to its priests, and to the people of the land. 19 And they will fight against you but they will not overcome you, for I am with you to save you,” declares the Lord. [✱]

Jeremiah 2:5-6

5 thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? 6 Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? [^{*}]

Jeremiah 2:9

9 “Therefore I will still contend with you,” declares the Lord,

“And I will contend with your sons’ sons.” [✱]

Jeremiah 2:13; 22-23

13“For My people have committed two evils:

They have abandoned Me,

The fountain of living waters,

To carve out for themselves cisterns,

Broken cisterns

That do not hold water...

22 “Although you wash yourself with lye

And use much soap,

The stain of your guilt is before Me,” declares the Lord God.

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23 “How can you say, ‘I am not defiled,
I have not gone after the Baals’?

Look at your way in the valley!

Know what you have done!

You are a swift young camel running about senselessly on
her ways... [✱]

Jeremiah 3:6-11

6 Then the Lord said to me in the days of King Josiah,
“Have you seen what faithless Israel did? She went up on every high hill and under every leafy tree, and she prostituted herself there. 7 Yet I thought, ‘After she has done all these things she will return to Me’; but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

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8 And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a certificate of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and prostituted herself also. 9 And because of the thoughtlessness of her prostitution, she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. 10 Yet in spite of all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me with all her heart, but rather in deception," declares the Lord. Over---

11 And the Lord said to me, “Faithless Israel has proved herself to be more righteous than treacherous Judah. 12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north and say, ‘Return, faithless Israel,’ declares the Lord; ‘I will not look at you in anger. For I am gracious,’ declares the Lord; ‘I will not be angry forever. [✱]

Jeremiah 3:13-18

15 “Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you knowledge and understanding. 16 And it shall be in those days when you become numerous and are fruitful in the land,” declares the Lord, “they will no longer say, ‘The ark of the covenant of the Lord.’ And it will not come to mind, nor will they remember it, nor miss it, nor will it be made again. Over---

17 At that time they will call Jerusalem 'The Throne of the Lord,' and all the nations will assemble at it, at Jerusalem, for the name of the Lord; and they will no longer follow the stubbornness of their evil heart. 18 In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers as an inheritance. [✱]

Jeremiah 5:1

1 “Roam about through the streets of Jerusalem,
And look and take notice.
And seek in her public squares,
If you can find a person,
If there is one who does justice, who seeks honesty,
Then I will forgive her. [✱]

Jeremiah 6:22-23

22 This is what the Lord says:

“Behold, there is a people coming from the north land,
And a great nation will be stirred up from the remote parts of
the earth.

23 “They seize bow and spear;
They are cruel and have no mercy;
Their voice roars like the sea,
And they ride on horses,
Lined up as a man for the battle
Against you, daughter of Zion!” [✱]

Jeremiah 7:3-4

3 This is what the Lord of armies, the God of Israel says:
“Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you live
in this place. 4 Do not trust in deceptive words, saying,
‘This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the
temple of the Lord.’ [✱]

Jeremiah 7:11

11 Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I Myself have seen it,” declares the Lord.

Mark 11:17

17 And He began to teach and say to them, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” Over

Luke 19:46

46 saying to them, “It is written: ‘And My house will be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

[*]

Jeremiah 7:30-31

30 For the sons of Judah have done that which is evil in My sight,” declares the Lord. “They have put their detestable things in the house which is called by My name, to defile it. 31 They have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of Ben-hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, and it did not come into My mind. [✱]

Jeremiah 8:22

22 Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has not the health of the daughter of my people
been restored? [✱]

Jeremiah 11:1-5

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 2
“Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of
Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3 and say to
them, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says:
“Cursed is the one who does not obey the words of this
covenant 4 which I commanded your forefathers on the day
that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron
furnace, saying, [Over---]

‘Listen to My voice, and do according to all that I command you; so you shall be My people, and I will be your God,’ 5 in order to confirm the oath which I swore to your forefathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day.” ’ ” Then I replied, “Amen, Lord...”

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10 They have turned back to the wrongdoings of their ancestors who refused to hear My words, and they have followed other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers.” 11 Therefore this is what the Lord says: “Behold, I am bringing disaster on them which they will not be able to escape; though they will cry out to Me, I will not listen to them. [✱]

Jeremiah 11:14-17

14 “So as for you, do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not listen when they call to Me because of their disaster.

15 “What right has My beloved in My house
When she has carried out many evil schemes?

Can the sacrificial flesh take away from you your disaster,
So that you can rejoice?” [Over---]

16 The Lord named you

“A green olive tree, beautiful in fruit and form”;

With the noise of a great tumult

He has set fire to it,

And its branches are worthless.

17 The Lord of armies, who planted you, has pronounced evil against you because of the evil of the house of Israel and the house of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me by offering sacrifices to Baal. [✱]

Jeremiah 16:1-4

1 The word of the Lord also came to me, saying, 2 “You shall not take a wife for yourself nor have sons or daughters in this place.” 3 For this is what the Lord says concerning the sons and daughters born in this place, and concerning their mothers who give birth to them, and their fathers who father them in this land: 4 “They will die of deadly diseases, they will not be mourned or buried; they will be like dung on the surface of the ground. And they will perish by sword and famine, and their dead bodies will become food for the birds of the sky and for the animals of the earth.” [★]

Jeremiah 16:5

5 For this is what the Lord says: “Do not enter a house of mourning, or go to mourn or to console them; for I have withdrawn My peace from this people,” declares the Lord, “and My favor and compassion. [✱]

Jeremiah 16:8-9

8 Moreover, you shall not go into a house of feasting to sit with them to eat and drink.” 9 For this is what the Lord of armies, the God of Israel says: “Behold, I am going to eliminate from this place, before your eyes and in your time, the voice of rejoicing and the voice of joy, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride. [✱]

Jeremiah 16:14-16

14 “Therefore behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when it will no longer be said, ‘As the Lord lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ 15 but, ‘As the Lord lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had banished them.’ For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.

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16 “Behold, I am going to send for many fishermen,” declares the Lord, “and they will fish for them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them from every mountain and every hill and from the clefts of the rocks. [✱]

Jeremiah 20:1-4

1 When Pashhur [*pash-her*] the priest, the son of Immer [*im-er*], who was chief overseer in the house of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things, 2 Pashhur had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put him in the stocks that were at the upper Benjamin Gate, which was by the house of the Lord. 3 Then on the next day, when Pashhur released Jeremiah from the stocks, Jeremiah said to him, “Pashhur is not the name the Lord has called you, but rather Magor-missabib [*Ma-gor-ma-sa-bib*]. [Over---]

[*“terror on every side”*] 4 For this is what the Lord says:
‘Behold, I am going to make you a horror to yourself and to
all your friends; and while your eyes look on, they will fall
by the sword of their enemies. So I will hand all Judah over
to the king of Babylon, and he will take them away as
exiles to Babylon and will kill them with the sword. [^{*}]

Jeremiah 20:7-9

7 Lord, You persuaded me and I let myself be persuaded;

You have overcome me and prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;

Everyone mocks me.

8 For each time I speak, I cry aloud;

I proclaim violence and destruction,

Because for me the word of the Lord has resulted
In taunting and derision all day long.

9 But if I say, “I will not remember Him
Nor speak anymore in His name,”

Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire
Shut up in my bones;

And I am tired of holding it in,

And I cannot endure it. [✱]

Jeremiah 20:11-13

11 But the Lord is with me like a powerful champion;

Therefore my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

They will be put to great shame because they have failed,

An everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.

12 Yet, Lord of armies, who tests the righteous,

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Who sees the mind and the heart;
Let me see Your vengeance on them,
For to You I have disclosed my cause.

13 Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord!

For He has saved the soul of the needy one
From the hand of evildoers. [✱]

Jeremiah 21:1-9

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur [*pash-her*] the son of Malchijah [*mal-ki-ja*] and Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah [*ma-ha-si-ya*], saying, 2 “Please inquire of the Lord in our behalf, because Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is making war against us; perhaps the Lord will deal with us in accordance with all His wonderful acts, so that the enemy will withdraw from us.” Over---

3 But Jeremiah said to them, “You shall say to Zedekiah as follows: 4 ‘This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: “Behold, I am going to turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you are making war against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who are besieging you outside the wall; and I will gather them into the middle of this city

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8“You shall also say to this people, ‘This is what the Lord says: “Behold, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death. 9Anyone who stays in this city will die by the sword, by famine, or by plague; but anyone who leaves and goes over to the Chaldeans who are besieging you will live, and he will have his own life as plunder.

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5 And I Myself will make war against you with an outstretched hand and a mighty arm, and in anger, wrath, and great indignation. 6 I will also strike the inhabitants of this city, both the people and the animals; they will die of a great plague. 7 Then afterward," declares the Lord, "I will hand Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants, and the people, that is, those who survive in this city from the plague,

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the sword, and the famine, over to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to their enemies, and to those who seek their lives; and he will strike and kill them with the edge of the sword. He will not spare them nor have pity nor compassion.” ’ [✱]

Jeremiah 22:8-9

8 “Many nations will pass by this city; and they will say to one another, ‘Why has the Lord done this to this great city?’ 9 Then they will answer, ‘Because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord their God and bowed down to other gods and served them.’ ” [✱]

Jeremiah 22:24-25; 30

24 “As I live,” declares the Lord, “even if Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were a signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull you off; 25 and I will hand you over to those who are seeking your life, yes, to those of whom you are frightened, that is, to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the Chaldeans.

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30 This is what the Lord says:

‘Write this man down as childless,

A man who will not prosper in his days;

For no man among his descendants will prosper

Sitting on the throne of David

Or ruling again in Judah.’ ” [✱]

Jeremiah 23:5-6

5 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch;
And He will reign as king and act wisely
And do justice and righteousness in the land.

6 “In His days Judah will be saved,
And Israel will live securely;
And this is His name by which He will be called,
‘The Lord Our Righteousness.’ [✱]

Jeremiah 23:36

36 For you will no longer remember the pronouncement of the Lord, because every person's own word will become the pronouncement, and you have perverted the words of the living God, the Lord of armies, our God.

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Daniel 9:1-2

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans— 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. [*]

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. [✱]

Jeremiah 29:12-14

12 Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will let Myself be found by you,' declares the Lord, 'and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you,' declares the Lord, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.' [✱]

Jeremiah 31:15

5 This is what the Lord says:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,

Lamenting and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;

She refuses to be comforted for her children,

Because they are no more.” [∗] [Over---

Jeremiah 31:15

15 This is what the Lord says:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,

Lamenting and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;

She refuses to be comforted for her children,

Because they are no more.”

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Matthew 2:18

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah,
Weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children;
And she refused to be comforted,
Because they were no more.” [✱]

Jeremiah 31:27

27 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of mankind and the seed of animals. [∗]

Jeremiah 31:1

1 “At that time,” declares the Lord, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.” [✱]

Jeremiah 32:17; 27

17 ‘Oh, Lord God! Behold, You Yourself have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You...27

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?” [✱]

Jeremiah 35:2; 5-6

2 “Go to the house of the Rechabites and speak to them, and bring them into the house of the Lord, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink...” 5 Then I set before the men of the house of the Rechabites pitchers full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, “Drink wine!” 6 But they said, “We will not drink wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, ‘You shall not drink wine, you or your sons, forever. [☆]

Jeremiah 38:6

6 So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchijah the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. Now in the cistern there was no water but only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. [[*](#)]

Jeremiah 42:9-12

9 and said to them, “This is what the Lord says, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your plea before Him: 10 ‘If you will indeed stay in this land, then I will build you up and not tear you down, and I will plant you and not uproot you; for I will relent of the disaster that I have inflicted on you. 11 Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, whom you are now fearing; do not be afraid of him,’ declares the Lord, ‘for I am with you to save you and rescue you from his hand. 12 I will also show you compassion, so that he will have compassion on you and restore you to your own soil. [✱]

Jeremiah 43:4-7

4 So Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of the Lord to stay in the land of Judah. 5 Instead, Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces took the entire remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations to which they had been scattered, in order to reside in the land of Judah— [Over---]

Jeremiah 43:4-7

6 the men, the women, the children, the king's daughters, and every person whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam and grandson of Shaphan, together with Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah— 7 and they entered the land of Egypt (for they did not obey the voice of the Lord) and went in as far as Tahpanhes. [✱]

Jeremiah 43:9-13

9 “Take some large stones in your hands and hide them in the mortar in the brick terrace which is at the entrance of Pharaoh’s palace in Tahpanhes, in the sight of some of the Jews; 10 and say to them, ‘This is what the Lord of armies, the God of Israel says: “Behold, I am going to send men and get My servant Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and I am going to set his throne over these stones that I have hidden; and he will spread his canopy over them. [Over---]

11 He will also come and strike the land of Egypt; those who are meant for death will be given over to death, and those for captivity to captivity, and those for the sword to the sword. 12 And I shall set fire to the temples of the gods of Egypt, and he will burn them and take them captive. So he will wrap himself with the land of Egypt as a shepherd wraps himself with his garment, and he will depart from there safely. [Over---]

13 He will also smash to pieces the obelisks of Heliopolis,
which is in the land of Egypt; and the temples of the gods
of Egypt he will burn with fire.” ’ ” [✱]

Jeremiah 44:11-16

11 “Therefore this is what the Lord of armies, the God of Israel says: ‘Behold, I am going to set My face against you for a disaster, even to eliminate all Judah. 12 And I will take away the remnant of Judah who have set their minds on entering the land of Egypt to reside there, and they will all meet their end in the land of Egypt; they will fall by the sword or meet their end by famine. From the small to the great, they will die by the sword and famine; and they will

become a curse, an object of horror, an imprecation, and a disgrace.

13 And I will punish those who live in the land of Egypt, just as I have punished Jerusalem, with the sword, with famine, and with plague. 14 So there will be no survivor or refugee for the remnant of Judah who have entered the land of Egypt to reside there and then to return to the land of Judah, to which they are longing to return to live; for none will return except a few refugees.’ ” [Over---

15 Then all the men who were aware that their wives were burning sacrifices to other gods, along with all the women who were standing by, as a large assembly, including all the people who were living in Pathros in the land of Egypt, responded to Jeremiah, saying, 16 “As for the message that you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord, we are not going to listen to you! [✱]

Jeremiah 51:7-8

7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the Lord,
Intoxicating all the earth.

The nations have drunk of her wine;

Therefore the nations are going insane.

8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been broken;

Wail over her!

Bring balm for her pain;

Perhaps she may be healed. [✱]

Revelation 14:8

8 And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

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Revelation 17:1-6

1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of sexual immorality, and those who live on the earth became drunk with the wine of her sexual immorality.”

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3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness;
and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of
blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten
horns. 4 The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet,
and adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls,
holding in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and
of the unclean things of her sexual immorality,

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5 and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery:
“BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF
PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE
EARTH.” 6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of
the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus.
When I saw her, I wondered greatly. [✱]

Jeremiah 52:10-11

10 And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and he also slaughtered all the commanders of Judah in Riblah. 11 Then he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him with bronze shackles and brought him to Babylon and put him in prison until the day of his death. [✱]

Jeremiah 52:28-24

28 These are the people whom Nebuchadnezzar took into exile: in the seventh year 3,023 Jews; 29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar 832 persons from Jerusalem; 30 in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took into exile 745 Jewish people; there were 4,600 people in all.

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31 Now it came about in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, showed favor to Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison. 32 Then he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the thrones of the kings who were with him in Babylon.

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33 So Jehoiachin changed his prison clothes, and had his meals in the king's presence regularly all the days of his life.

34 And as his allowance, a regular allowance was given to him by the king of Babylon, a portion for each day, all the days of his life until the day of his death. [*]

Jeremiah 23:3-4

3 “Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply.

4 I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord. [✱]

Jeremiah 23:33-36

33 “Now when this people or the prophet or a priest asks you, saying, ‘What is the pronouncement of the Lord?’ then you shall say to them, ‘What pronouncement?’ The Lord declares, ‘I will abandon you.’ 34 Then as for the prophet or the priest or the people who say, ‘The pronouncement of the Lord,’ I will bring punishment upon that person and his household.

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35 This is what each one of you will say to his neighbor and to his brother: 'What has the Lord answered?' or, 'What has the Lord spoken?' 36 For you will no longer remember the pronouncement of the Lord, because every person's own word will become the pronouncement, and you have perverted the words of the living God, the Lord of armies, our God. [✱]

Jeremiah 29:10-11

10 “For this is what the Lord says: ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. [👉]

Jeremiah 31:1

1 “At that time,” declares the Lord, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.”^[*]

Jeremiah 32:1-3

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2 Now at that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, [30 months] and Jeremiah the prophet was imprisoned in the courtyard of the guard, which was at the house of the king of Judah,

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3 because Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him,
saying, “Why do you prophesy, saying, ‘This is what the
Lord says: “Behold, I am going to hand this city over to
the king of Babylon, and he will take it... []”

Jeremiah 32:17; 27

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- 12 I will also show you compassion, so that he will have compassion on you and restore you to your own soil. 13 But if you are going to say, “We will not stay in this land,” so as not to listen to the voice of the Lord your God, 14 saying, “No, but we will go to the land of Egypt, where we will not see war, or hear the sound of a trumpet, or hunger for bread, and we will stay there”;
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15 then in that case listen to the word of the Lord, you remnant of Judah. This is what the Lord of armies, the God of Israel says: “If you really set your minds to enter Egypt and go in to reside there, 16 then the sword, of which you are afraid, will overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are anxious, will follow closely after you there in Egypt, and you will die there. [✱]

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bodyguard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam [a-hi-
kum] and grandson of Shaphan [sha-fan], together with
Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah— 7
and they entered the land of Egypt (for they did not obey
the voice of the Lord) and went in as far as Tahpanhes [ta-
fan-es]. [*]

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

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33 but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. [✱]

Psalm 139: 13-16

3 For You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. 14 I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You When I was made in secret, And skillfully formed in the depths of the earth; 16 Your eyes have seen my formless substance; And in Your book were written All the days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them. [✧]

Jeremiah 25:11

11 This entire land will be a place of ruins and an object of horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years. [*]

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When all I see is the battle, You see my victory

When all I see is the mountain

You see a mountain moved

And as I walk through the shadow

Your love surrounds me There's nothing to fear now for I am
safe with You

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CHORUS

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees

With my hands lifted high

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

And every fear I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

Over---

And if You are for me, who can be against me?

For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You

When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty

When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb

Over---

CHORUS

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees

With my hands lifted high

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

And every fear I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

Over---

Almighty fortress, You go before us

Nothing can stand against the power of our God

You shine in the shadow, You win every battle

Nothing can stand against the power of our God

[Over---]

Almighty fortress, You go before us

Nothing can stand against the power of our God

You shine in the shadow, You win every battle

Nothing can stand against the power of our God

Over---

CHORUS

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees

With my hands lifted high

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

And every fear I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night

O God, the battle belongs to You

O God, the battle belongs to You

[End]

