

# Jeremiah Chapters 20-21

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## I. JEREMIAH'S PERSECUTION (20:1-6)

- A. When Pashur heard of Jeremiah's preaching, he put him in stocks, 1-2
- B. The next day Pashur took Jeremiah out of his stocks, 3a
- C. Jeremiah pronounces a cursed name upon Pashur, 3b
- D. This name, Magomissabib, means "fear round about."
- E. Pashur and all those listening to the false prophets will be taken captive to Babylon, 4-5
- F. Pashur and his house will die there in Babylon, 6

## II. JEREMIAH'S PASSION (20:7-13)

- A. Jeremiah feels that God has deceived him because of the words of his original call (See Jeremiah 1:10), 7-8.
- B. Jeremiah tries to quit prophesying, but he cannot, because God is his help, 9-13

## III. JEREMIAH'S PLEA (20:14-18)

- A. Jeremiah, after realizing that God is his help, looks at himself as nothing and pleads for his death before birth—as though that would be possible, 14
- B. Cursed is the man who brought the good tidings of his birth, 15
- C. He pleads that his mother's womb might be his grave, 17
- D. This is because his life has been a shame and of no value physically, 18

## IV. JEREMIAH'S PROPHECY (21:1-6)

- A. Pashur the priest and Zephaniah are sent to Jeremiah for his prophecy concerning Judah, 1-2.
- B. Jeremiah gives the same prophecy as before, being faithful to pronounce it, after having been tempted to stop prophesying, 3-6.

## V. JEREMIAH'S PROVISION (21:7-10)

- A. In these verses God prophesies through Jeremiah that the city of Jerusalem will be taken by Nebuchadnezzar, and the people in the city will die, 7.
- B. A provision is made that the people may choose whether to stay in the city or leave for their own lives—this will test their faith in Jeremiah's (God's) prophecy, 8-9.
- C. The city of Jerusalem shall be burned with fire, 10.

## VI. JEREMIAH'S PRONOUNCEMENT (21:11-14)

- A. Jeremiah, through God's word, encourages the king to execute proper judgment so that God's fury will be stayed, 11-12.
- B. But Judah will not, because they deceive themselves, thinking that no one can come against them, 13
- C. But God will punish Judah according to his fury and anger, 14.