

## The Book of Jeremiah #2

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Chapter One – “Jeremiah’s Call & Protection”

### Kings of Judah (Southern Kingdom)

- \* Rehoboam: First King.
- \* Abijah (or Abijam or Abia): Son of Rehoboam.
- \* Asa: Probably son of Abijah.
- \* Jehoshaphat: Son of Asa.
- \* Jehoram (or Joram): Son of Jehoshaphat; husband of Athaliah.
- \* Ahaziah: Son of Jehoram and Athaliah.
- \* Athaliah: Daughter of King Ahab of Israel and Jezebel; wife of Jehoram; only queen to occupy the throne of Judah.
- \* Joash (or Jehoash): Son of Ahaziah.
- \* Amaziah: Son of Joash.
- \* Uzziah (or Azariah): Son of Amaziah.
- \* Jotham: Regent, later King; son of Uzziah.
- \* Ahaz: Son of Jotham.
- \* Hezekiah: Son of Ahaz; husband of Hephzi-Bah.
- \* Manasseh: Son of Hezekiah and Hephzi-Bah.
- \* Amon: Son of Manasseh.
- \* Josiah (or Josias): Son of Amon. – This begins the prophecies of Jeremiah
- \* Jehoahaz (or Joahaz): Son of Josiah.
- \* Jehoiakim: Son of Josiah.
- \* Jehoiachin: Son of Jehoiakim.
- \* Zedekiah: Son of Josiah; kingdom overthrown by Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar.

#### I. THE MINISTRY OF JEREMIAH (1:1-3)

- A. Son of Hilkiah of the priests of Anathoth in Benjamin, Jeremiah’s hometown.
- B. In the days of Josiah – Note the list above to see Josiah in the line of the kings of Judah.
- C. This was in the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of king Josiah. Josiah reigned 31 years.
  - 1. Josiah was the last good king of Judah
  - 2. He made many reforms; and when he was 25 years old, he decided to refurbish the temple, which was in needed repair.
  - 3. Josiah’s men found the Book of the Law in the temple as they cleaned it. This revived Josiah’s heart, and he made many reforms as a result.
  - 4. See 2 Kings 22:1 - 23:30; 2 Chronicles 34:1 - 35:27
  - 5. Josiah was only eight (8) years old when he became king of Judah.
- D. Jeremiah’s ministry lasted into the reign of Zedekiah and the carrying away of Jerusalem into

Babylon.

## II. JEREMIAH'S CALL TO PREACH (1:4-10)

### A. Before Jeremiah's Birth

1. I knew thee – This is God's predestination and election
2. I sanctified thee – God set him apart from the world before he was conceived in his mother's womb.
3. I ordained thee – God had already chosen Jeremiah to be a prophet before he was conceived.

### B. Jeremiah's Response (6)

1. "Oh, Lord God, behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child."
  - a. And he was only a child when the Lord called him, some say as young as 15.
  - b. This intimidated Jeremiah, thinking that he was too young and too unworthy to speak for God.
2. Moses rebelled against the Lord's command to preach (Exodus 4:10-14), and God was angry with him; but Jeremiah was humbled by God's call.

### C. God's Answer (7-8)

1. God explains that whatever God wants Jeremiah to do, he will do
2. God did not choose Jeremiah in order for him to fail.
3. God explained that he would be with Jeremiah and he need not be afraid of the people.

### D. God's Illustration (9)

1. The Lord reached out and touched Jeremiah's mouth and illustrated how God had put his words in Jeremiah's mouth.
2. They were not Jeremiah's words but God's words.

### E. God's Plan (10)

1. God put Jeremiah over the nations and the kingdoms to do these things:
  - a. To root out – as plucking a plant up by the roots
  - b. To pull down – as pulling down a house or other building
  - c. To destroy – To burn up and make completely unworkable
  - d. To throw down – To get rid of the waste
  - e. To build – as building a new building
  - f. To plant – as resetting a plant

## III. TWO OBJECT LESSONS (1:11-16)

### A. The Almond Tree (11)

1. This is the almond tree in the springtime as it blooms forth ready to grow leaves and quickly bring forth fruit. It takes only about eight or ten weeks for the almond tree to produce fruit from the time that it blooms.
2. The almond tree was to teach Jeremiah that God would "hasten my word to perform it," or God would bring about Jeremiah's prophecies quickly—they are not for many months or years to come but for the present.

### B. The Seething Pot (13)

1. This is a boiling pot, and the face is toward the north.

2. Babylon was the country to the north which had taken Israel captive, and “this evil will break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.” (14)
  3. Babylon will come against Jerusalem in Judah. (15)
- C. God’s Judgments Against Judah (16)
1. The pronoun “them” in verse 16 is speaking of Judah, the ones who are called wicked, who have forsaken God, have burnt incense to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands.

IV. JEREMIAH’S PROTECTION PROMISED (1:17-19)

- A. The Lord tells Jeremiah to gird up his loins, or to prepare for battle, because the people of Judah will be against him.
- B. God is Jeremiah’s only refuge. God has made him a defenced city, an iron pillar and brasen walls.
- C. The kings, the princes, and the priests will be against him along with the common people of the whole land–this was not an easy job that God has given to Jeremiah.
- D. They will fight against Jeremiah (19), but they will not prevail or have the victory.
- E. God is with Jeremiah to deliver him, and this is all we need today.

