

Chapter 1

(1) The words of Jeremiah {Jehovah will rise}^a the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

(2) To whom the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign {3499 A.H./C- 543 B.C.}.^b

(3) It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah {3539 A.H./C-503 B.C.}, to the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month {Ab [July/Aug.]}.^c

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(4) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(5) *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet to the nations.*

(6) Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD {Jehovah}! Surely, I cannot speak: because I *am* only a child.

(7) But the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *Do not say, I am only a child: because you shall go to all to whom I shall send you, and whatever I command you that you shall speak.*

(8) *Do not be afraid of their faces: because I am with you to deliver you,* says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(9) Then the LORD {Jehovah} put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *See, I have put My words in your mouth.*

(10) *Indeed, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.*

(11) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying, *Jeremiah, what do you see?* And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.^d

(12) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *You have seen well: because I will quickly bring My word to perform it.*

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- 1:1a - Jeremiah {ירמיהו} - JAH will rise {JAH is short for Jehovah}
- 1:2b - thirteenth year of Josiah – 5 years before the Great Revival
- 21 years before first Captivity under Nebuchadnezzar
 - 40 years before the temple is destroyed due to Zedekiah's rebellion.
 - 93 years after the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel to Assyria. [3499 A.H./C- 543 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History
- 1:3c – eleventh year of Zedekiah – Zedekiah's rebellion results in destruction of the temple - II Ki. 25:1-4; II Chr. 36:11-19; Jer. 39:2; Ezek. 4:5
- 1:11d - rod of an almond tree – almond tree is earliest to bloom!
- Num. 17:8; Ezek. 7:10

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(13) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me the second time, saying, **What do you see?** And I said, I see a boiling pot; and its face is towards the north.

(14) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, **Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all those who live in the land.**

(15) **Because, indeed, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and they will come, and each one will set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Judah.**

(16) **And I will speak My judgments against them concerning all their wickedness, who have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.**

(17) **Therefore put your belt on, and arise, and speak to them all that I command you: do not be dismayed at their faces, lest I confound you before them.**

(18) **Because, indeed, I have made you this day a defended city, and an iron pillar, and brass walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land.**

(19) **And they will fight against you; but they will not prevail against you; because I am with you, says the LORD {Jehovah}, to deliver you.**

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