



JEREMIAH

**THE MAN
THE MISSION
THE MESSAGE**



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Two Sundays Ago:

“a hope & a future ...”

those who have NO HOPE ...

– LOOK UP

those who have FALSE HOPE ...

– WAKE UP

those who have TRUE HOPE ...

**– CHEER UP
& GROW UP**

**Last Sunday : “IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD
FOR ME ?”**





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Bible Trivia :

Longest Book in the Bible in terms of “no. of words” ?

1st : Jeremiah (33,002 words)

2nd : Genesis (32,046 words)

3rd : Psalms (30,147 words)

4th : Ezekiel (29,918 words)

5th : Exodus (25,957 words)

6th : Isaiah (25,608 words)





SSMC

ELI Judged Israel
c. 1100-1060

SAMUEL Judged Israel
c. 1060-1020

Kings are listed
by the first year
of their reign.

KINGS OF ISRAEL (NORTHERN)

KING SAUL
Reigned
c. 1051-1011

KING DAVID
Reigned
c. 1011-971

KING SOLOMON
Reigned
c. 971-931

JEROBOAM



UNITED KINGDOM



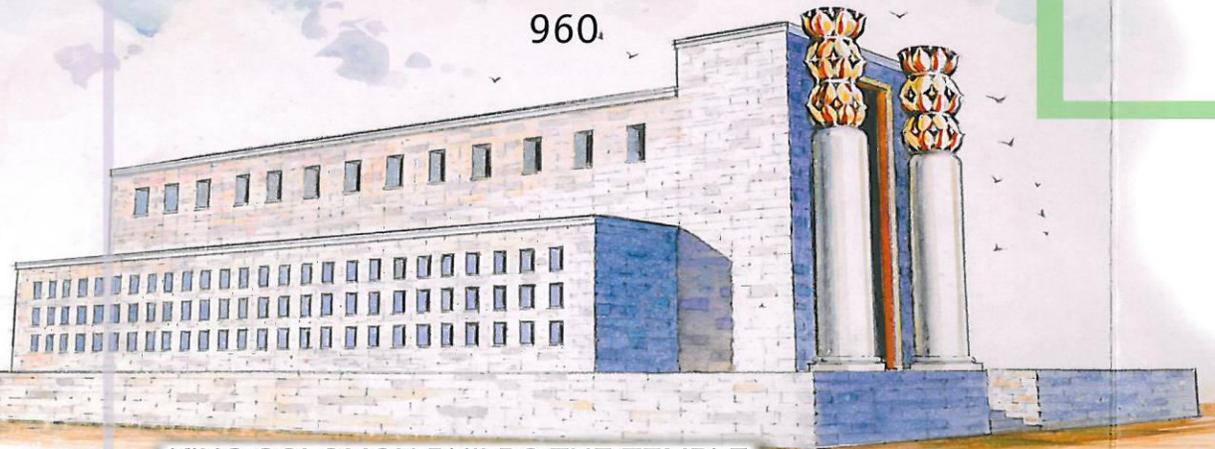
KINGS OF JUDAH (SOUTHERN)

TEMPLE BUILT
960.

REHOBOAM



DAVID SLAYS GOLIATH



KING SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

900 BC

800 BC

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Divided Kingdom

JEROBOAM I 931

ELAH 886

AHAZIAH 853

JEHOASH 798

ZECHARIAH 753

NADAB 910

ZIMRI 885

JEROME (JEHORAM) 852

SHALLUM 752

TIBNI 885

JEHU 841

JEROBOAM II 793

PEKAHIAH

BAASHA 909

OMRI 885

JEHOAHAZ 814

MENAHEM 752

AHAB 874

PEKAH 752

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KINGDOM DIVIDES

REHOBOAM I 931

JEHOSHAPHAT 873

AMAZIAH 796

ABIJAH 913

JEROME (JORAM) 853

UZZIAH (AZARIAH) 792

AHAZ

ASA 911

AHAZIAH 841

QUEEN ATHALIAH 841

JOTHAM 750

20-8

JOASH 835

ELISHA c. 845-800

ISAIAH c. 760-673

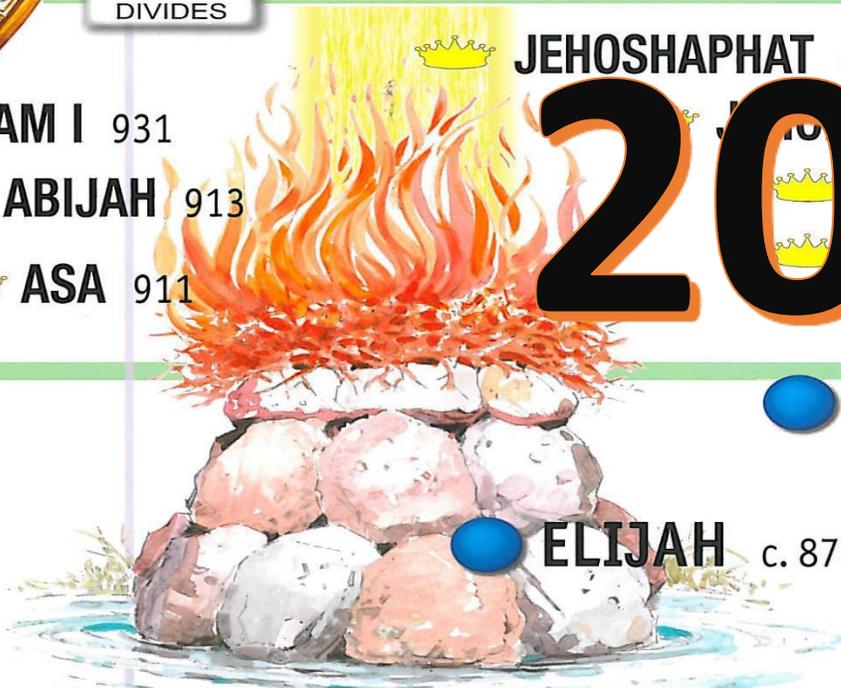
MICAH c. 738-69

ELIJAH c. 870-845

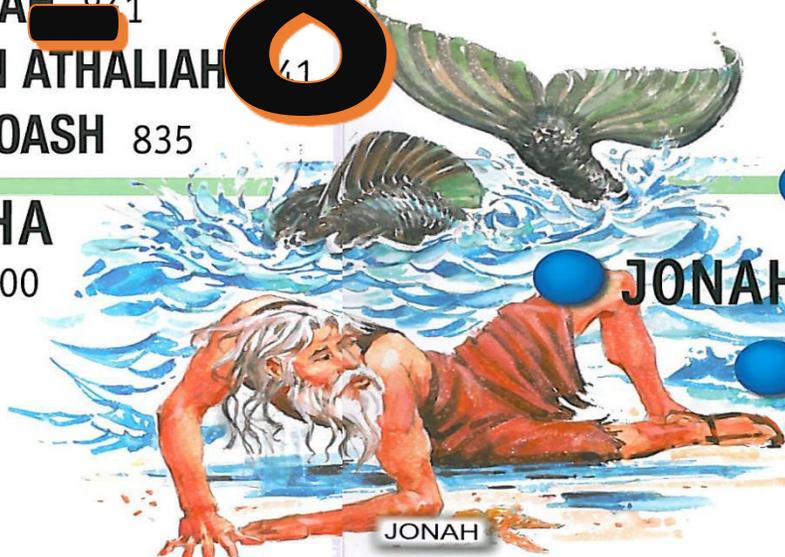
JONAH c. 781

AMOS c. 765-754

HOSEA c. 758-725



ELIJAH'S CONTEST ON MT. CARMEL



JONAH

700 BC

600 BC

Exile

753
 752
AMON 742
HOSHEA 732

752
ISRAEL FALLS 722

HEZEKIAH 716

AMAZIAH (JEHOAHAZ) 735

MANASSEH 697

750

750-673
AMOS
 738-698
 714
 708-725

KING JOSIAH AND THE LAW



ASSYRIANS DEFEAT ISRAEL

NAHUM c. 658-615

JEREMIAH c. 650-582

ZEPHANIAH c. 640-626

EZEKIEL c. 620-570

HABAKKUK c. 608-598

FIRST EXILE 605

JEHOAHAZ (SHALLUM) 609

JEHOIAKIM (ELIAKIM) 609

JEHOIACHIN (JICONIAH) 598

ZEDEKIAH (MA' TANIAH) 597

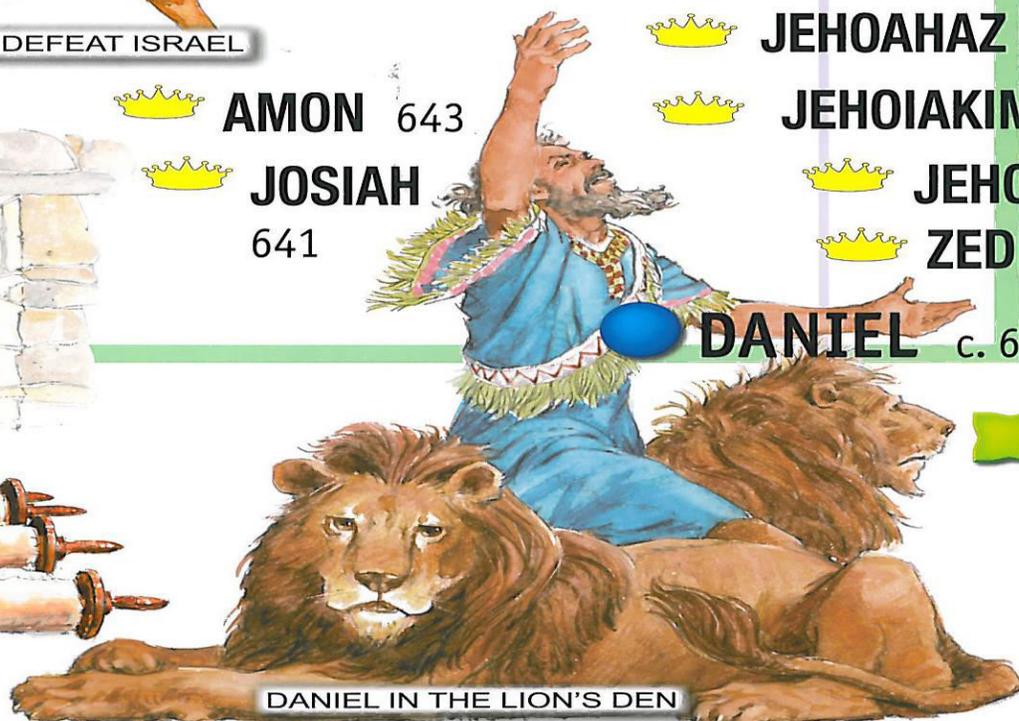
AMON 643

JOSIAH 641

DANIEL c. 620-540

JUDAH FALLS; JERUSALEM DESTROYED BY BABYLONIA 586

DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

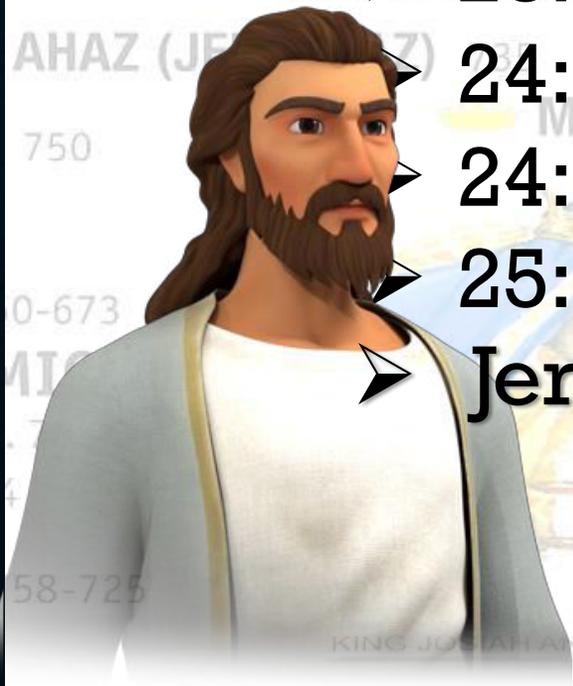




JEREMIAH'S Prophetic ministry

2 Kings

- 21:1-18 King Mannasseh 55 yrs
- 21:19-26 King Amon 2 yrs
- 22-32:30 King Josiah 31 yrs
- 23: 31-35 King Jehoahaz 3 mths
- 23:36-24: 7 King Jehoiakim 11 yrs
- 24:8-17 King Jehoiachin 3 mths
- 24:18-20 King Zedekiah 11 yrs
- 25:1-26 **Jerusalem Falls**
- Jer 43-44 Egypt



Old Testament Prophets

Pre-Exilic (Israel)	Pre-Exilic (Judah)	Exilic	Post-Exilic
(Jonah)	Isaiah	Lamentations JEREMIAH	Haggai
Amos	Micah	Ezekiel	Joel (?)
Hosea	Nahum	Daniel	Zechariah
	Habakkuk	Obadiah (?)	Malachi
	Zephaniah		
	JEREMIAH		

JEREMIAH : the man, the mission, the message

JEREMIAH – the man

- **Meaning : “Yah(weh) Exalts”**

“Jehovah Establishes”

- **Father : Hilkiah**

? High Priest @ King Josiah’s Reign

- **HomeTown: Anathoth – a Levitical city
(Benjamin Territory)**

- **Wrote : Jeremiah & Lamentations**

?? “1 & 2 Kings”





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Ps 139:13-16

His Call : Jer 1:4-5

The word of the Lord

came to me, saying,

"Before I formed you in

the womb I knew you,

before you were born

I set you apart; ..."

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ...

My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

Your eyes saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.





Jeremiah's Response v6

"Ah, Sovereign Lord ," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."

Lord's Reply v7-8

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord .

Lord's Enabling v9

Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth."



Almond Test

Jer 1:11-12



Q: Why Almond ?

Almond (Heb) : ‘saged’

Watch/Be Awake : ‘soqed’

“...for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.”

God’s Promise To Be With Him ...Jer 1:8 & 17-19

↪ **FOR I AM WITH YOU AND WILL RESCUE YOU ...**

↪ a fortified city,

↪ an iron pillar,

↪ a bronze wall.

↪ they will fight against you but will not overcome you

Repeated

↪ Jer 15:20-21

↪ Jer 20:11

↪ Jer 30:11

↪ Jer 42:11



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Jeremiah's MISSION ...

⁵ "...I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

*¹⁰ "... today I appoint you..
over nations and kingdoms
to uproot and tear down,
to destroy and overthrow,
to build and to plant."*

❖ To the nations ...

But focusing on Israel / Judah...





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Jeremiah's MISSION ...

as a PROPHET :

- **FORE-TELLING :**

Telling the future

- **FORTH-TELLING :**

**Calling the people
back to God & His
Ways ...**

- **Babylonian conquest**
- **70 yrs captivity & return**
- **'Righteous Branch'**
- **'New Covenant'**
- **Judgment on the nations**
- **Idolatry ...**
- **Injustice ...**
- **Immorality...**
- **Disobedience...**
- **JUDGMENT...**





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JEREMIAH's MESSAGE

a. REPENTANCE

or JUDGEMENT

Jer 7:3-7

“Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words ...

Jer 25:5-6

“Turn now, each of you, from your evil ways and your evil practices, and you can stay in the land the Lord gave to you and your fathers for ever and ever. Do not follow other gods to serve and worship them; do not provoke me to anger with what your hands have made. Then I will not harm you.”



JEREMIAH : the message... **α. REPENTANCE or JUDGEMENT**

Jer 25 :8-11 NIV

*"Because you have not listened to my words, **I will** summon all the peoples of the north and my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and **I will** bring them against this land and its inhabitants and against all the surrounding nations.*

***I will** completely destroy them and make them an object of horror and scorn, and an everlasting ruin.*

***I will** banish from them the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, the sound of millstones and the light of the lamp. This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*



Jer 1:13-16





Jer 13:1-11

"Go and buy a linen belt and put it around your waist, but DO NOT LET IT TOUCH WATER."

So I bought a belt, as the Lord directed, and put it around my waist.

... "Take the belt you bought and are wearing around your waist, and go now to PERATH and hide it there in a crevice in the rocks."

So I went and hid it at PERATH, as the Lord told me.

Many days later the Lord said to me, "Go now to PERATH and get the belt I told you to hide there."

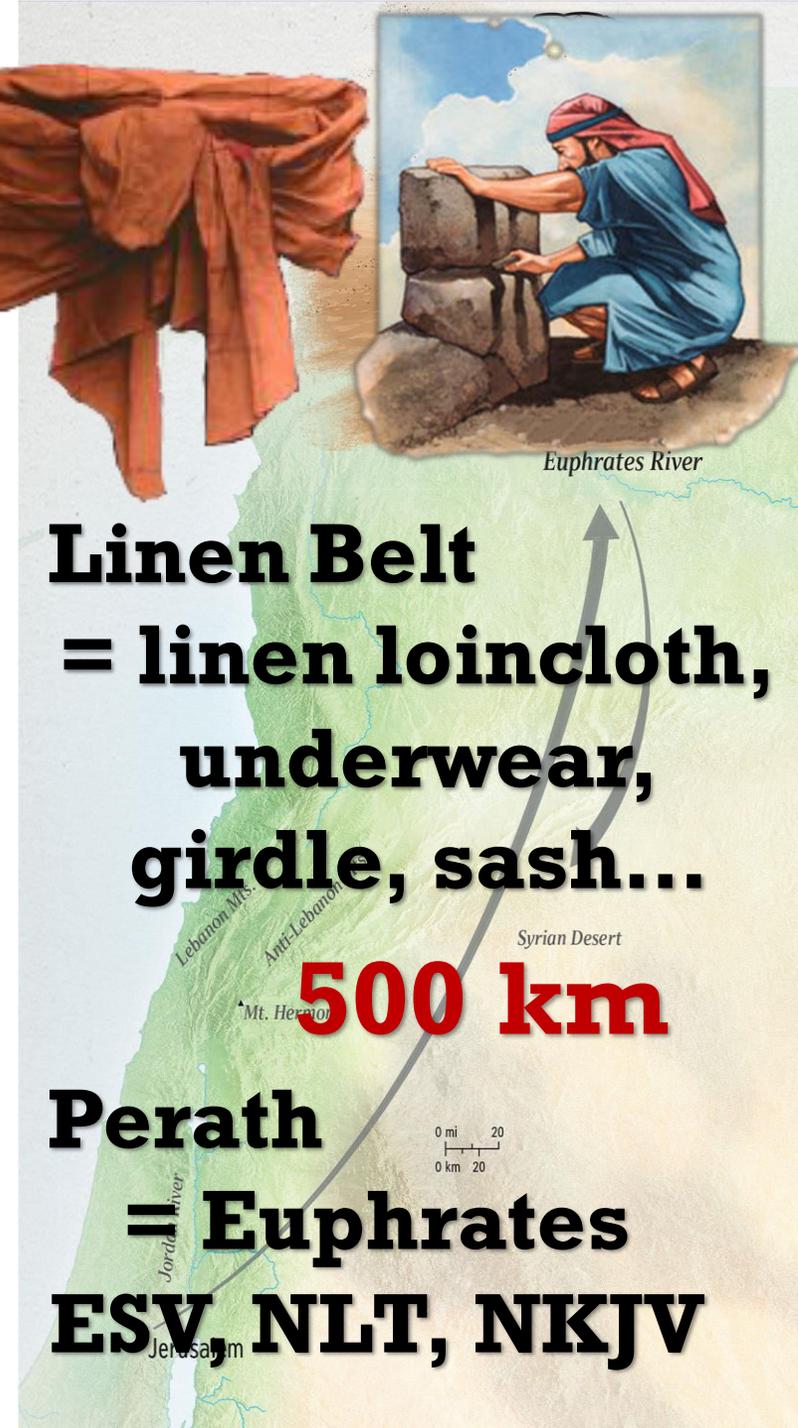
So I went to PERATH and dug up the belt and took it from the place where I had hidden it, but now it was ruined and completely useless.

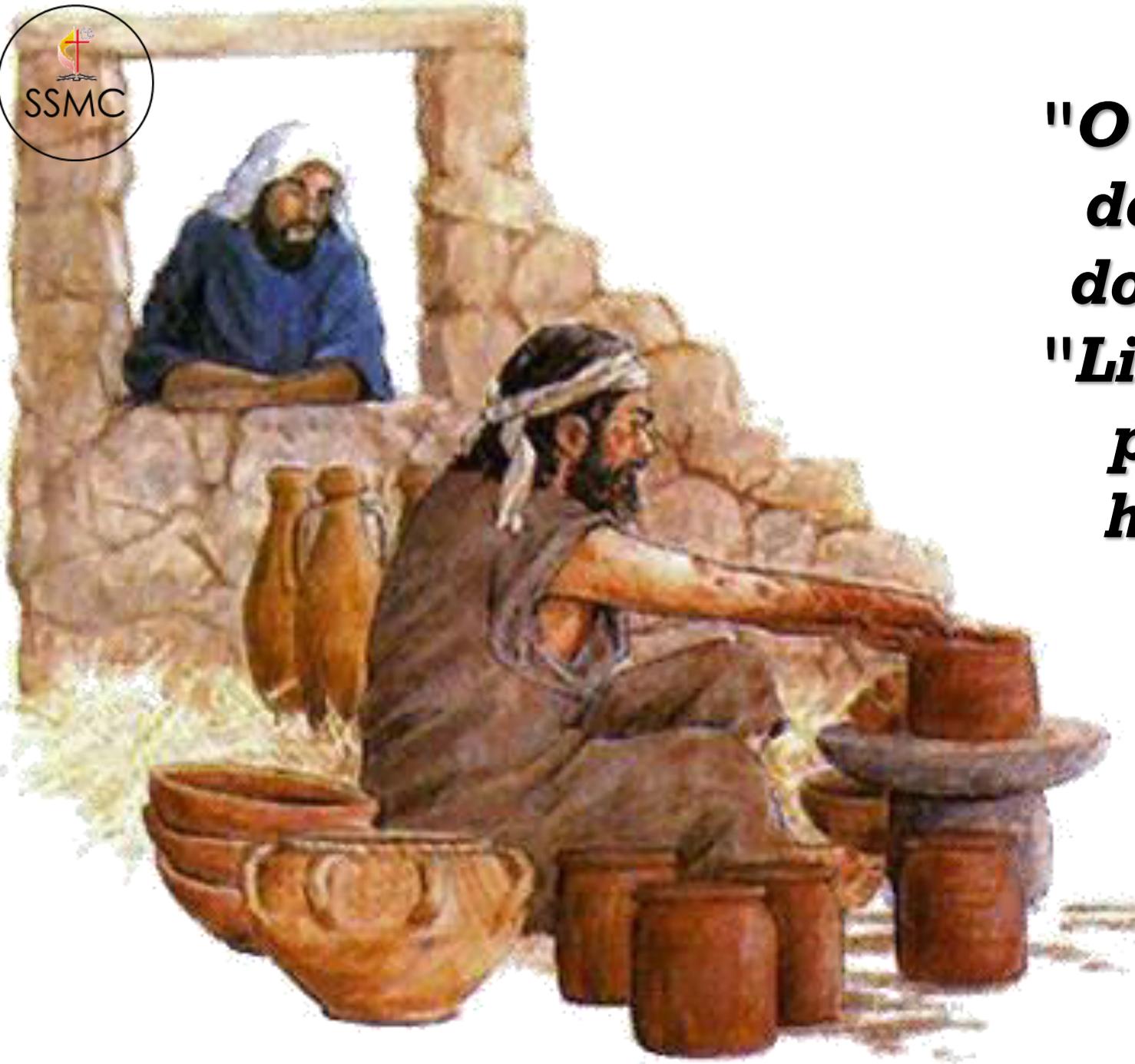


**Linen Belt
= linen loincloth,
underwear,
girdle, sash...**

500 km

**Perath
= Euphrates
ESV, NLT, NKJV**





Jer 18:6

***"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord .
"Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.***





Jer 19
"Go and buy a clay jar
from a potter. Take
along some of the elders
of the people and of the
priests and go out to the
Valley of Ben Hinnom,
near the entrance of the
Potsherd Gate.

"Then break the jar
while those who go with
you are watching,...

JEREMIAH : the message...



b. SURRENDER u LIVE STAY u DIE

“surrender to the Babylonians & you will live...”

- Jer 21:9
- Jer 27:12, 17
- Jer 38:2-3, 17-18

“stay & you will die...”

- by the sword, famine & plague”
 - Book of Jeremiah :
24 x “sword, famine and plague”





**b. SURRENDER u LIVE...
STAY u DIE...**



Jer 24
***the Lord showed me
two baskets of figs
placed in front of the
temple of the Lord
Then the Lord asked
me, "What do you see,
Jeremiah?"
"Figs," I answered.
"The good ones are
very good, but the poor
ones are so bad they
cannot be eaten."***



SIDON

TYRE

AMMON

MOAB

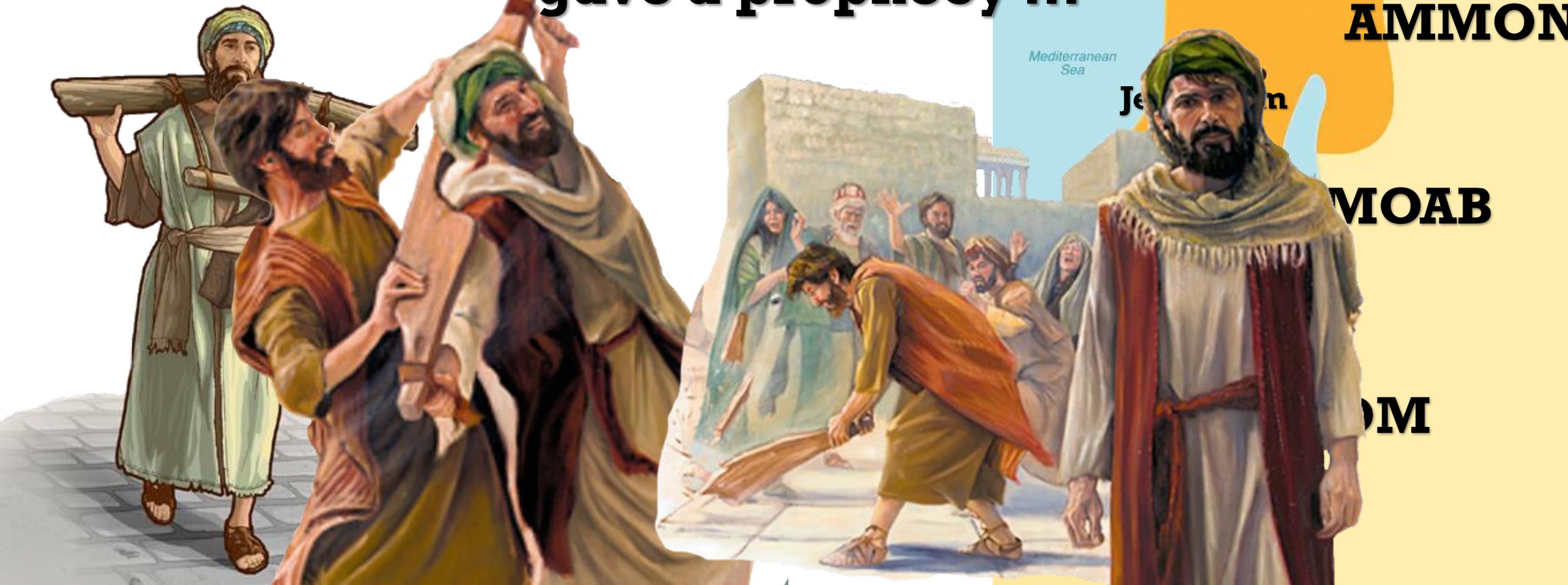
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Mediterranean Sea

Jerusalem

Jeremiah 27
b. SURRENDER
u LIVE...
STAY u DIE...

Jeremiah 28
Prophet Hananiah ...
gave a prophecy ...



JEREMIAH : the message...

c. There is a HOPE & a FUTURE

Jer 23:1-8

23:5 "The days are coming," declares the Lord , "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land..."

Jer 29-31...

31:31 "The time is coming," declares the Lord , "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah..."

*29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord , "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope and a future.**"*



Jeremiah 32 While Jerusalem under siege...

- **Field of Anathoth...**
- **cousin Hanamel...**
- **17 shekels of silver...**
- **signed, sealed & delivered...**



Dan 9:1-3

In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom—

605



70-year captivity

600

580

560

540

² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

³ So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

INTO EXILE 605BC

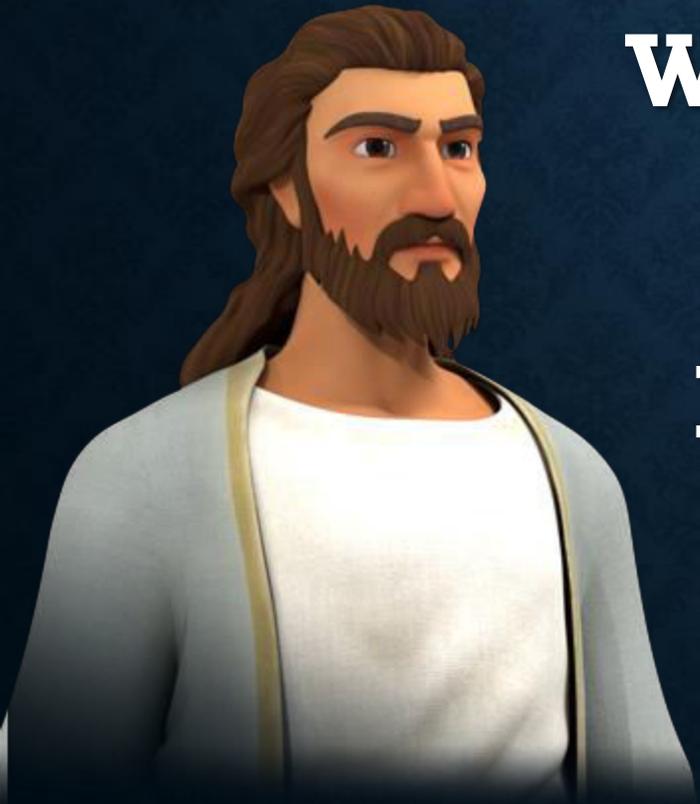
70 Years
Jer 25

**RETURNING FROM
EXILE 537 BC**



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**What Lessons Can We Learn From
Jeremiah ?**

**How can we apply it in our lives
TODAY ?**



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THE COST OF OBEDIENCE

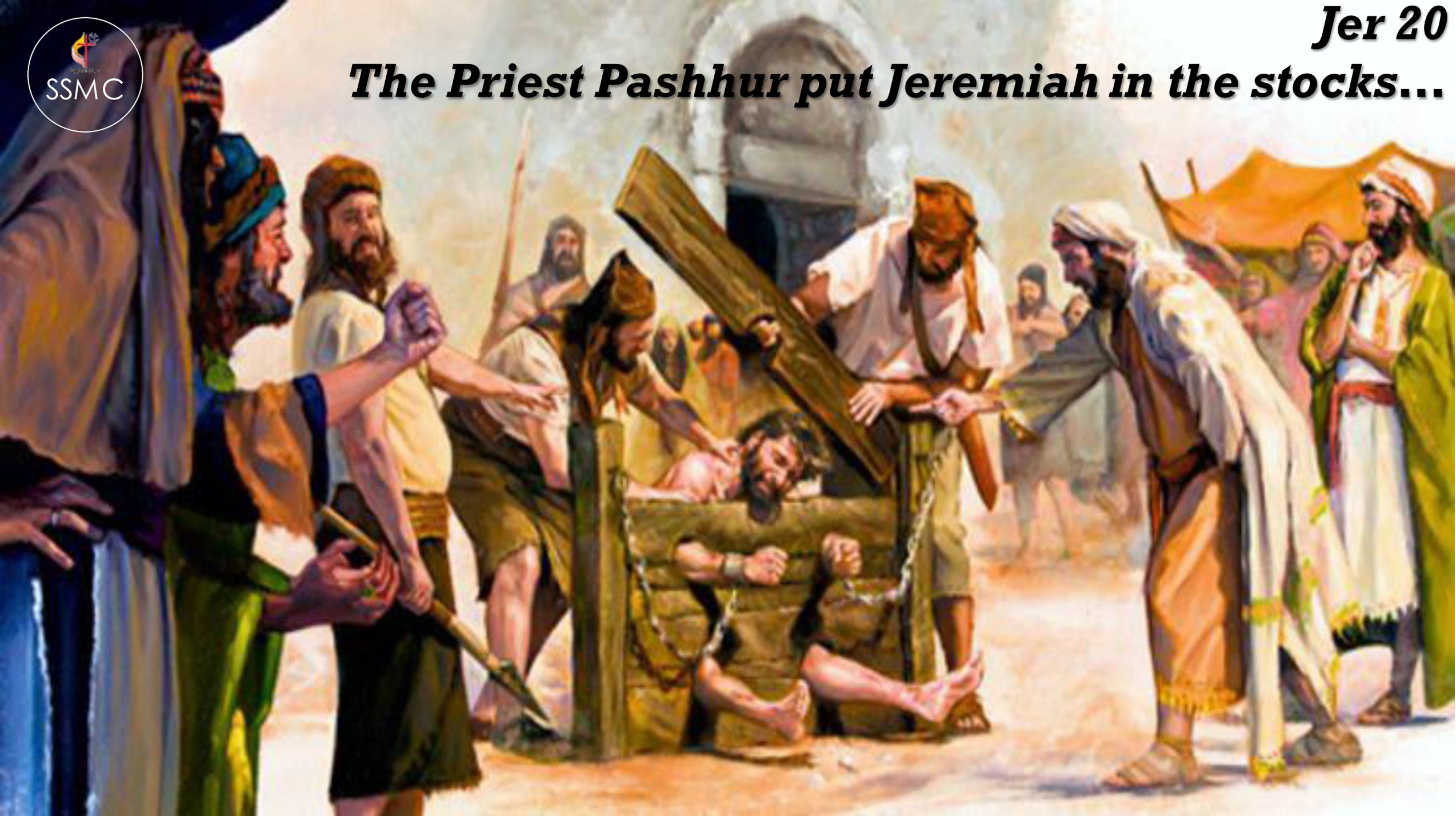
- Jer 16:1-4 : Comanded NOT TO MARRY & have children...
- Jer 16:5: Cannot enter a house of mourning...
- Jer 16:8 Cannot enter a house of feasting...
- Jer 11:21 Own relatives wanted to kill you...





Jer 20

The Priest Pashhur put Jeremiah in the stocks...





Jeremiah 37 In a dungeon- prison





Jeremiah 38





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also called 'WEEPING PROPHET'

**Q: One Word To Describe Jeremiah,
What will it be ?**

✓ **FAITHFUL**

When he finally meet His Lord ...

***“Well Done Good & Faithful Servant,
Enjoy into the joy of your Master...”***

Q: Can that be said of you ?

Q: Will that be said of you ?





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**Jeremiah was
given his
mission...
and
he faithfully
fulfilled it ...**



**You & I have also have our
Mission from God ...**

**➤ the Great ComMISSION
Matt 28:18-20**

**Q: Are we even aware of our
Mission ?**

**Q: If we are, what are we doing
about it ?**

Q: Are we fulfilling it ?

Jeremiah's message...

- Repentance or Judgment
- Surrender or Stay
- a Hope & a Future



It's the SAME MESSAGE Today ...

- **REPENT** from sin...
if not - **JUDGMENT** will come...
- Surrender to God & Live...
Stay in the 'ways of the world' & **Die**
"to be in the world yet NOT of the world" (John 17:14-15)
- a **HOPE** & a **FUTURE** ...
 - Living 1 Peter 1:3-4
 - Blessed Titus 2:13-14
 - Bec. of Jesus Christ

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Jerusalem - David's City

Jew's Confidence that they
WILL NOT BE CONQUERED
based on...

**Ark of the
Covenant**



**Solomon's
Temple (Jer 7)**

Q: What about us today ?
On what do we base our faith ?





STEP > OUT

MARK 3:14B-15

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**Like Prophet Jeremiah...
we are also called to ...**

> STEP OUT

↳ **of our comfort zone...**

↳ **of our fears...**

↳ **of our inadequacies...**

In order to become

'the man' of God...



STEP > OUT
< IN

MARK 3:14B-15

Eph 2:10 For **we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for **us** to do.**

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**Like Prophet Jeremiah...
We are also called to ...**

< STEP IN to

- the fullness of God's plan for us...**
- the ministry that God has for us...**
- the mission God has for us...**

1 Peter 2:9 But **we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that **we** may declare the praises of him who called **us** out of darkness into his wonderful light.**



STEP > OUT
< IN
>> FORTH

MARK 3:14B-15

**Like Prophet Jeremiah...
We are all called to ...**

> STEP FORTH

- **to declare 'the message' of...**
 - ↳ **Repentance & Judgment...**
 - ↳ **Surrender to God & Live...**
 - ↳ **a Hope & a Future...**

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