

# Jeremiah 1

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## The Call of Jeremiah

- 1** The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:
  - 2** To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.
  - 3** It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.
  - 4** Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
  - 5** Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.
  - 6** Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.
  - 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.
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- 8** Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.
  - 9** Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.
  - 10** See, I have this day set thee 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 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.

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12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

15 For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

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16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

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19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

### Kingdom — מַלְכוּת (Malkhut)

Kingdom, reign, royal power

The Hebrew **malkhut** (מַלְכוּת) denotes kingdom or royal rule—the realm and reign of a king. God's kingdom represents His sovereign rule over all creation.

### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### Priest — כֹּהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹּהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

### Prophet — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

### Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

## CROSS REFERENCES

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### Jeremiah 1:1

**Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 11:21; 1 Chronicles 6:60. **Word:** 2 Chronicles 36:21; Ezekiel 1:3

### Jeremiah 1:2

**Word:** Jeremiah 1:4; 1:11; 1 Kings 13:20; Jonah 1:1. **Kingdom:** Hosea 1:1; Micah 1:1

### Jeremiah 1:3    **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 39:2. **Kingdom:** 2 Kings 23:34

### Jeremiah 1:4    **Word:** Ezekiel 3:16

### Jeremiah 1:5    **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 1:10; Exodus 33:12; 33:17; Psalms 139:16; Isaiah 44:2; 49:1; 49:5; Romans 8:29. **Holy:** Luke 1:41. **Prophecy:** Luke 1:76

### Jeremiah 1:6    **References Lord:** Exodus 4:1; 6:12; 6:30. **References God:** Jeremiah 4:10; 14:13; 32:17

### Jeremiah 1:7    **Parallel theme:** Numbers 22:20; 22:38; Matthew 28:20. **References Lord:** 1 Kings 22:14; 2 Chronicles 18:13; Ezekiel 3:27

### Jeremiah 1:8    **Parallel theme:** Exodus 3:12; Joshua 1:5; Isaiah 43:2; 51:7; Acts 4:13; 18:10; 26:17. **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 31:6; 31:8; Joshua 1:9

### Jeremiah 1:9    **Parallel theme:** Matthew 10:19; Luke 12:12; 21:15. **Word:** Jeremiah 5:14; Isaiah 49:2; 50:4; 51:16; Ezekiel 3:10

### Jeremiah 1:10    **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 24:6; 31:28; 1 Kings 17:1; 19:17; Ezekiel 32:18; 36:36; 43:3; Amos 3:7; 9:11; Zechariah 1:6

### Jeremiah 1:11    **References Lord:** Jeremiah 24:3; Amos 7:8; 8:2. **Parallel theme:** Numbers 17:8; Ezekiel 7:10; Zechariah 4:2; 5:2

### Jeremiah 1:12

**Word:** Deuteronomy 5:28; Ezekiel 12:25; 12:28. **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 32:35; Luke 10:28. **References Lord:** Amos 8:2

### Jeremiah 1:13    **References Lord:** Ezekiel 11:7. **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 11:3

**Jeremiah 1:14** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 10:22; Isaiah 41:25. **Evil:** Jeremiah 4:6; 6:1

### **Jeremiah 1:15**

**Kingdom:** Jeremiah 25:9; 39:3; 43:10. **References Jerusalem:** Jeremiah 4:16; 9:11. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 10:25; Isaiah 22:7

**Jeremiah 1:16** **References God:** Jeremiah 7:9; 19:4; Deuteronomy 31:16; Isaiah 37:19.

**Worship:** Isaiah 2:8. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 4:12; 17:13; Acts 7:41. **Evil:** Jeremiah 44:17; Deuteronomy 28:20

**Jeremiah 1:17** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 23:28; Exodus 3:12; 7:2; 1 Kings 18:46; Job 38:3;

Luke 12:35; Acts 20:20; 20:27; 1 Peter 1:13

**Jeremiah 1:18** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 6:27; 15:20; 38:2; 42:22; Isaiah 50:7. **Kingdom:**

Jeremiah 34:3; 37:7

### **Jeremiah 1:19**

**References Lord:** Jeremiah 1:8; 20:11; Joshua 1:9. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 11:19; Psalms 129:2

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