

# Jeremiah 32:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

## Analysis

**The tenth year of Zedekiah** (598 BC) corresponds to **the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar** (Nebuchadnezzar)—the Babylonian spelling emphasizes historical accuracy. This synchronism anchors prophecy in verifiable history, demonstrating Scripture's historical reliability.

The careful dating (unique to Jeremiah among prophets) serves theological purpose: God acts in real time and space. The tenth year of Zedekiah was Jerusalem's penultimate year—Jeremiah receives God's word precisely when judgment is imminent yet not complete. The Hebrew aseret (tenth) carries covenant significance (tithes, Ten Commandments), suggesting divine ordering even in catastrophe. This is not random chaos but divine visitation (paqad).

## Historical Context

Zedekiah (597-586 BC) was Judah's last king, installed by Nebuchadnezzar after deporting Jehoiachin. The tenth year marks the beginning of the final siege (January 588 BC, 2 Kings 25:1). Jeremiah prophesied through this 18-month ordeal, imprisoned for 'treason' (v. 2-3). Archaeological evidence confirms the Babylonian siege layers.

## Related Passages

## 1 Corinthians 13:4 – Characteristics of love

## **John 15:13 — Greatest form of love**

## Study Questions

1. Why does God anchor His word in specific historical moments rather than timeless abstractions?
2. How does the precision of biblical chronology strengthen confidence in Scripture's reliability?
3. What does God's speaking during crisis (not just peacetime) reveal about His character?

## Interlinear Text

יְהִי הַמְּלֵאָת מֵאָתָר הַמְּלֵאָת  
from the LORD that came to Jeremiah

שָׁנָה	הַיּוֹם	יְהוָה	מֶלֶךְ	לְצִדְקַת	בְּאָשָׁר	וְהוּא	בְּיַד	שָׁנָה
<b>year</b>	<b>in the tenth</b>	<b>of Zedekiah</b>	<b>king</b>	<b>of Judah</b>				<b>year</b>
H8141	H6224	H6667	H4428	H3063			H1931	H8141

שָׁמֶןְהָ	שָׁנָה	עָשָׂרָה	לְנָבֻכָּדְרָאָצָרָן
which was the eighteenth	H6240	year	of Nebuchadrezzar

## Additional Cross-References

**Jeremiah 25:1** (Kingdom): The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

