

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 285 – Word Came To Him Through The Lord Delivering Him (Jeremiah 1:11-19)

1. What did God desire Jeremiah to learn from seeing a rod of an almond tree?

That He would hasten His word to perform it: *“(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. (12) Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it” (Jeremiah 1:11-12).*

- God often showed things through visions to His prophets (**Numbers 12:6, Hosea 12:9-10, Amos 7:8, and Zechariah 5:1-4**).
- The interpretation was not left up to them either (**II Peter 1:20-21**).
- There were/are also those who claim visions, but are false (**Jeremiah 14:14 and Jeremiah 23:16**).
- God explained the vision by showing its meaning that God would hasten His word to perform it (**Deuteronomy 32:35, Ezekiel 12:22-28, Habakkuk 2:1-3, Luke 18:7-8, and II Peter 2:1-3**). Just remember, God’s timeframe is different than ours (**II Peter 3:8-10**).
- Sadly, evil men become more confident when judgment is not immediate (**Ecclesiastes 8:11**). Such people miss the reason God is longsuffering (**Romans 2:3-6**). They also miss that He is slow to anger, but that such will not “get them off the hook” (**Nahum 1:3**).
- Even scarier are those who challenge God to do something (**Isaiah 5:18-19**).

2. What message did God deliver to Jeremiah through the northern facing seething pot?

An evil coming out of the north upon all the inhabitants of the land: *“(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” (Jeremiah 1:13-14).*

- The boiling pot facing the north signified where (**Jeremiah 6:1, Jeremiah 6:22-23, and Jeremiah 10:22**) God was bringing the evil [calamity] upon the inhabitants of the land from (**Jeremiah 25:9**).
- Their salvation, freedom from captivity, would come from the north too and fight against Babylon (**Jeremiah 50:41-43**).

3. Why did the Lord call the families of the northern kingdoms against Judah?

To punish them for forsaking God and serving idols: *“(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. (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” (Jeremiah 1:15-16).*

- God says He called these people against Judah (**Jeremiah 5:15-29**).
- More clearly, God states that Judah is in trouble from the families of the kingdoms of the north (**Jeremiah 34:19-22**).
- Judgment touching all their wickedness (**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Matthew 12:33-37, John 5:28-29, Acts 17:30-31, Romans 14:11-12, and II Corinthians 5:10**).
- Judgment against those who forsook God (**Deuteronomy 28:20, Deuteronomy 31:16-21, Isaiah 1:4-9, and Jeremiah 15:6**).
- Punishment for practicing idolatry (**Leviticus 26:30-31 and Jeremiah 22:1-9**) for they were heavy in it (**Isaiah 2:6-9**). Sadly, He had already done this and they obviously hadn't learned (**II Chronicles 24:18-24 and Psalms 78:58-64**).

4. What did God expect Jeremiah to speak unto the people?

God expected Jeremiah to speak all He commanded unto the people: *“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”* (**Jeremiah 1:17**).

- Gird up thy loins could even refer to his mental state (**I Peter 1:13**).
- Speak what God commanded (**Psalms 40:9-10, Jeremiah 23:28, Jeremiah 26:2, Ezekiel 3:10-11, Jonah 3:2, Acts 20:20, II Corinthians 4:1-7, Galatians 1:8-9, Colossians 1:27-28, II Timothy 4:2, and Titus 2:1**).

5. Would Jeremiah have been excused had he been dismayed [made afraid] at their faces?

No: *“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”* (**Jeremiah 1:17**).

- Don't fear to speak (**Isaiah 51:7, Ezekiel 2:3-8, Matthew 10:27-28, Acts 4:18-20, I Thessalonians 2:2, and II Timothy 1:7-8**).

6. What did God make Jeremiah?

“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” (**Jeremiah 1:18**).

- **Jeremiah 15:15-21**.

7. Were those opposed to the truth going to prevail against Jeremiah?

No: *“And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee”* (**Jeremiah 1:19**).

- Those opposed to the truth will fight against those speaking it (**II Chronicles 36:14-16, Jeremiah 26:10-11, Jeremiah 38:6, Matthew 23:34, Luke 4:16-30**).

John 16:1-3, Acts 5:33-40, Acts 7:51-59, Acts 12:1-3, Acts 14:19-21, I Thessalonians 2:14-16, and Hebrews 11:32-38).

- They shall not prevail (**Joshua 1:5-9** and **II Timothy 4:14-18**).
- Jeremiah struggled, but realized this later (**Jeremiah 20:7-12**).
- God would supernaturally prevent it (i.e. **Acts 12:5-11, Acts 18:8-16, and II Timothy 3:11**).