

Jeremiah 1:1-3

The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah,
one of the priests who were in Anathoth
in the land of Benjamin, 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.
It came also in the days of Jehoiakim
the son of Josiah, king of Judah,
and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah,
the son of Josiah, king of Judah,
until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

Jeremiah 1:4-6

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD!
Behold, I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a youth.”

Jeremiah 1:7-8

But the LORD said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

“Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 1:9-10

Then the LORD put out his hand
and touched my mouth.

And the LORD said to me,
“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

See, I have set you this day over nations
and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Jeremiah 1:11-12

And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

“Jeremiah, what do you see?”

And I said, “I see an almond branch *[shaqayd]*.”

Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching *[shoqayd]* over my word to perform it.”



Jeremiah 1:13-14

The word of the LORD came to me a second time,
saying, “What do you see?”
And I said,
“I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north.”

Then the LORD said to me,
“Out of the north disaster shall be let loose
upon all the inhabitants of the land.”

Jeremiah 1:17

“But you, dress yourself for work;
arise, and say to them
everything that I command you.

“Do not be dismayed by them,
lest I dismay you before them.”

Jeremiah 1:18-19

“And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city,
an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land,
against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests,
and the people of the land.

“They will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail against you,
for I am with you, declares the LORD,
to deliver you.”

Jeremiah 2:1-3

The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
“Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem,
Thus says the LORD,

‘I remember the devotion of your youth,
your love as a bride, how you followed me
in the wilderness, in a land not sown.

Israel was holy to the LORD,
the firstfruits of his harvest.”

Jeremiah 2:5, 7

Thus says the LORD:

“What wrong did your fathers find in me
that they went far from me, and went after
worthlessness, and became worthless...?

“I brought you into a plentiful land
to enjoy its fruits and its good things.
But when you came in, you defiled my land
and made my heritage an abomination.”

Jeremiah 2:11-13

“But my people have changed their glory
for that which does not profit.

“Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
declares the LORD...

“They have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters.”

Jeremiah 2:21-22

“I planted you a choice vine,
wholly of pure seed.

How then have you turned degenerate
and become a wild vine?

“Though you wash yourself with lye
and use much soap,
the stain of your guilt is still before me,
declares the Lord GOD.”

Jeremiah 2:34-35

“On your skirts is found
the lifeblood of the guiltless poor...

“Yet in spite of all these things you say,

‘I am innocent;
surely his anger has turned from me.’

Behold, I will bring you to judgment for saying,
‘I have not sinned.’”

Jeremiah 3:8
“For all the adulteries
of that faithless one, Israel,
I had sent her away with a decree of divorce.”

Jeremiah 3:14

“Return, O faithless children, declares the LORD;
for I am your master; I will take you,
one from a city and two from a family,
and I will bring you to Zion.”

Jeremiah 3:22
“Return, O faithless sons;
I will heal your faithlessness.”

Jeremiah 4:4

“Circumcise yourselves to the LORD;
remove the foreskin of your hearts,
O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem;

lest my wrath go forth like fire,
and burn with none to quench it,
because of the evil of your deeds.”

Jeremiah 4:13-14

Behold, he comes up like clouds;
his chariots like the whirlwind;
his horses are swifter than eagles –
woe to us, for we are ruined!

O Jerusalem, wash your heart from evil,
that you may be saved.

How long shall your wicked thoughts
lodge within you?

Jeremiah 4:18-19

Your ways and your deeds
have brought this upon you.
This is your doom, and it is bitter;
it has reached your very heart.

My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain!
Oh the walls of my heart!

My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep silent,
for I hear the sound of the trumpet,
the alarm of war.

Jeremiah 18:1-4

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:
“Arise, and go down to the potter’s house,
and there I will let you hear my words.”

So I went down to the potter’s house,
and there he was working at his wheel.

And the vessel he was making of clay
was spoiled in the potter’s hand,
and he reworked it into another vessel,
as it seemed good to the potter to do.

Jeremiah 18:5-6

Then the word of the LORD came to me:
“O house of Israel, can I not do with you
as this potter has done? declares the LORD.
Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand,
so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.”

Jeremiah 18:7-8

If at any time I declare
concerning a nation or a kingdom,
that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,
and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken,
turns from its evil,
I will relent of the disaster
that I intended to do to it.

Jeremiah 18:9-10

And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.

Jeremiah 18:11

“Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:
‘Thus says the LORD,

behold, I am shaping disaster against you
and devising a plan against you.

Return, everyone from his evil way,
and amend your ways and your deeds.”

Jeremiah 18:12

“But they say, ‘That is in vain!
We will follow our own plans,
and will every one act according
to the stubbornness of his evil heart.’”

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:5-6

Thus says the LORD:
“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places
of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.”

Jeremiah 17:7-10

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream...”

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

“I the LORD search the heart and test the mind,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his deeds.”

Jeremiah 4:23-26

I looked on the earth, and behold,
it was without form and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and behold,
they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and behold, there was no man,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD,
before his fierce anger.

Jeremiah 4:28

“For this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above be dark;
for I have spoken;
I have purposed; I have not relented,
nor will I turn back.”

Jeremiah 5:21-23

“Hear this, O foolish and senseless people,
who have eyes, but see not,
who have ears, but hear not.

“Do you not fear me? declares the LORD;
Do you not tremble before me?

I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea,
a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass;
though the waves toss, they cannot prevail;
though they roar, they cannot pass over it.

But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart;
they have turned aside and gone away.”

Jeremiah 6:10-11

To whom shall I speak and give warning,
that they may hear?

Behold, their ears are uncircumcised,
they cannot listen;
behold, the word of the LORD
is to them an object of scorn;
they take no pleasure in it.

Therefore I am full of the wrath of the LORD;
I am weary of holding it in.

Jeremiah 6:13-15

“For from the least to the greatest of them,
everyone is greedy for unjust gain;
and from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely.
They have healed the wound of my people lightly,
saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ when there is no peace.

Were they ashamed when they committed
abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed;
they did not know how to blush.
Therefore they shall fall among those who fall;
at the time that I punish them,
they shall be overthrown,” says the LORD.

Jeremiah 6:16-17

Thus says the LORD:
“Stand by the roads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way is;
and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls.

“But they said, “We will not walk in it.’

“I set watchmen over you, saying,
‘Pay attention to the sound of the trumpet!’
But they said, ‘We will not pay attention.’”

Romans 1:18-25

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:18-25

For although they knew God,
they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him,
but they became futile in their thinking,
and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Claiming to be wise, they became fools,
and exchanged the glory of the immortal God
for images resembling mortal man
and birds and animals and reptiles.

Romans 1:18-25

Therefore God gave them up
in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the
dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,
because they exchanged the truth about God
for a lie and worshiped and served the creature
rather than the Creator,
who is blessed forever!

Amen.

Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked,
but now he commands all people everywhere
to repent, because he has fixed a day
on which he will judge the world in righteousness
by a man whom he has appointed;
and of this he has given assurance to all
by raising him from the dead.

Ezekiel 11:19-20

Ezekiel 11:19-20 ¹⁹ And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰ that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Jeremiah 17:14

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed.
Save me, and I shall be saved,
for you are my praise.