

MESSAGE NOTES

“Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

MEET JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 1

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These are the words of **Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests from the town of Anathoth** in the land of Benjamin. 2 The Lord first gave messages to Jeremiah during the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah. 3 **The Lord’s messages** continued throughout the reign of King Jehoiakim, Josiah’s son, until the eleventh year of the reign of King Zedekiah, another of Josiah’s sons. In August of that eleventh year **the people of Jerusalem were taken away as captives**. (Je 1:1–3) NLT

- “ _____ ” - son of Hilkiah who is a priest
- _____ - town of Anathoth
- _____ - (627B.C. - 586 B.C.)
 - King Josiah, King Jehoiakim, and King Zedekiah

1) GOD IS STILLING IN THE _____

The Lord gave me this message:

“**I knew you** before **I formed you** in your mother’s womb.

Before you were born **I set you apart**

and **appointed you as my prophet** to the nations.” (Je 1:4–5)

It was **he who gave some** to be **apostles**, some to **be prophets**, some to **be evangelists**, and some to be **pastors and teachers**, 12 to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Eph. 4:11)

Brothers, **think of what you were when you were called**. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But **God chose the foolish things** of the world to shame the wise; **God chose the weak things** of the world to shame the strong. 28 **He chose the lowly things** of this world and the **despised things** — and the things that are not — **to nullify the things that are**, (1 Cor. 1:26-28)

2) HUMANS ARE IN THE _____

O Sovereign Lord,” I said, “**I can’t speak for you! I’m too young!**” (Je 1:6)

- “I AM NOT _____”
- “I DON’T HAVE THE _____”
- “THE TASK IS TO _____”
- “I AM _____”

The Lord replied, **“Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’** for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. 8 And **don’t be afraid of the people,** for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!” (Je 1:7–8)

3) GOD WILL _____ YOU TO DO WHATEVER HE _____ YOU TO DO!

Then **the Lord reached out and touched my mouth** and said,

“Look, I have put my words in your mouth!

Today **I appoint you to stand up**
against **nations and kingdoms.**

Some you must **uproot and tear down,**
destroy and overthrow.

Others you must **build up**
and plant.” (Je 1:9–10)

• THREE OBJECT LESSONS: _____, _____, and _____

Then the Lord said to me, **“Look, Jeremiah! What do you see?”**

And I replied, “I see a branch from an **almond tree.**”

12 And the Lord said, **“That’s right, and it means that I am watching,** and **I will certainly carry out all my plans.”** (Je 1:11–12)

Then the Lord spoke to me again and asked, **“What do you see now?”**

And I replied, **“I see a pot of boiling water, spilling from the north.”**

14 “Yes,” the Lord said, “for terror from the north will boil out on the people of this land. 15 Listen! I am calling the armies of the kingdoms of the north to come to Jerusalem. I, the Lord, have spoken! (Je 1:13–15)

17 **“Get up and prepare for action.**

Go out and tell them everything I tell you to say.

Do not be afraid of them,

or I will make you look foolish in front of them.

18 For see, today **I have made you strong**
like a fortified city that cannot be captured,

like an iron pillar or a bronze wall.

You will stand against the whole land—

the kings, officials, priests, and people of Judah.

19 They will fight you, but they will fail.

For I am with you, and I will take care of you.

(Je 1:17–19)

Like Jeremiah, **you must strong in the Lord and in his mighty power”** (Ephesians 6:10). You must get ready for combat, putting on **“the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes”** (v. 11). You must gird up your loins, standing firm with “the belt of truth buckled around your waist” (v. 14). **Is anything in this world stronger than a believer who stands firm in the promises of God?**

