***Summary of Jeremiah – The Prophetic Calling***

**Jeremiah 1-2 New International Version (NIV)**

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* *Jeremiah had a very clear memory of when God called him.*
* *Context of time he was called.*
* *Not a random event; God called him for a purpose.*

# 2 Kings 22:1-2

### The Book of the Law Found

22 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother’s name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. 2He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

* *He had terrible relatives but a godly mother.*

# 2 Kings 23:25

25Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.

* *It was a time of needed a reform of the people.*
* *King was very young and needed a counselor for protection / guidance.*

# Jeremiah 1:1-6

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### The Call of Jeremiah

4The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
    before you were born I set you apart;  
    I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

6“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

* *Jeremiah’s response: I’m too young*
* *What does God see in Jeremiah: 1) He is humble, aware of his limitations (humility) , 2) listens, 3) submissive, open and willing to be used for God’s plan.*
* *If God is asking you to do something, it is probably way beyond you. But he will equip us and use us.*
* *“All his biddings are enabling” (Christ Object Lessons by Ellen White).*

# Exodus 4:10-15

10Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

11The Lord said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

13But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”

14Then the Lord’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. 15You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.

* *Similar to Jeremiah’s response, from Moses…I can’t speak, I do not have the ability.*

# Isaiah 6:5

5“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

* *Similar to Jeremiah’s response, from Isaiah…I am a man of unclean lips, not a perfect representative.*

# Jeremiah 1:7-10

7But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

9Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. 10See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

* *Encouraging message: I am calling you and will equip you.*
* *People searching for purpose; pray to God and he will tell you.*
* *Tangible vision of God touching him. Also, as a form of anointing him*

# Jeremiah 1:11

11The word of the Lord came to me: “What do you see, Jeremiah?”

“I see the branch of an almond tree,” I replied.

* *“The word of the Lord came to me”, cryptic clue … saying this (like a quotation). God can communicate specific messages to his children on planet earth.*
* *Messages are either positive or negative not neutral…something going to happen relating to the people… with specific intentions not random thoughts.*
* *Rod of almond tree…rod is what shepherd uses for correction; God uses his words like the rod for correction.*
* *Rod of Moses becomes the rod of God.*

# Ezekiel 3:16-17 *(contemporary to Jeremiah)*

### Ezekiel’s Task as Watchman

16At the end of seven days the word of the Lord came to me: 17“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.

# Ezekiel 7:1-2

### The End Has Come

7 The word of the Lord came to me: 2“Son of man, this is what the Sovereign Lord says to the land of Israel:

“‘The end! The end has come  
    upon the four corners of the land!

# Ezekiel 11:14-15

### The Promise of Israel’s Return

14The word of the Lord came to me: 15“Son of man, the people of Jerusalem have said of your fellow exiles and all the other Israelites, ‘They are far away from the Lord; this land was given to us as our possession.’

# Ezekiel 12:8-9

8In the morning the word of the Lord came to me: 9“Son of man, did not the Israelites, that rebellious people, ask you, ‘What are you doing?’

# Ezekiel 12:21-23

### There Will Be No Delay

21The word of the Lord came to me: 22“Son of man, what is this proverb you have in the land of Israel: ‘The days go by and every vision comes to nothing’? 23Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer quote it in Israel.’ Say to them, ‘The days are near when every vision will be fulfilled.

# Zechariah 4:8-9

8Then the word of the Lord came to me: 9“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you.

# Zechariah 6:9-15

### A Crown for Joshua

9The word of the Lord came to me: 10“Take silver and gold from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon. Go the same day to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah. 11Take the silver and gold and make a crown, and set it on the head of the high priest, Joshua son of Jozadak. 12Tell him this is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the Lord. 13It is he who will build the temple of the Lord, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.’ 14The crown will be given to Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah and Hen son of Zephaniah as a memorial in the temple of the Lord. 15Those who are far away will come and help to build the temple of the Lord, and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. This will happen if you diligently obey the Lord your God.”

# Jeremiah 1:11-19

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12The Lord said to me, “You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.”

13The word of the Lord came to me again: “What do you see?”

“I see a pot that is boiling,” I answered. “It is tilting toward us from the north.”

14The Lord said to me, “From the north disaster will be poured out on all who live in the land. 15I am about to summon all the peoples of the northern kingdoms,” declares the Lord.

“Their kings will come and set up their thrones  
    in the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem;  
they will come against all her surrounding walls  
    and against all the towns of Judah.  
16I will pronounce my judgments on my people  
    because of their wickedness in forsaking me,  
in burning incense to other gods  
    and in worshiping what their hands have made.

17“Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. 18Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. 19They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

# Isaiah 46:9-10

9Remember the former things, those of long ago;  
    I am God, and there is no other;  
    I am God, and there is none like me.  
10I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.  
I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’

* *All powerful God who knows the end from the beginning.*

# Amos 3:7

7Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing  
    without revealing his plan  
    to his servants the prophets.

* *Good news if you are listening.*

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* *Encouragement: Jeremiah himself will be a fortified city… even though the world is falling apart, you don’t need to fall apart.*

# Isaiah 41:10 *– God’s promise*

10So do not fear, for I am with you;  
    do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
    I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

# Isaiah 41:13 *– God’s promise*

13For I am the Lord your God  
    who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you, Do not fear;  
    I will help you.

# Psalm 23:1 *– God’s promise*

#### A psalm of David.

1The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

# Psalm 23:4 *– God’s promise*

4Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

# Matthew 28:20 *– God’s promise*

20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

# Romans 8:28 *– God’s promise*

28And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A28&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28145a)] have been called according to his purpose.

# Psalm 37:23-24 *– God’s promise*

23The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;  
24though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.