

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**Sermon Series: The Potter & the Clay – Jeremiah/Lamentations**  
**Message 2. What Do You See? – Jeremiah 1:11-19**  
**Pastor Phillip M Way**

Introduction – In preparation for his ministry, preaching the Word of God to the people of many nations, all who would oppose him and the message, Jeremiah is given 3 visions that serve to bolster his courage and boldness.

- I. The Almond Branch Blossoming – vs. 11-12
  - A. God Starts with a Pun: Word Play
    1. Almond – shaqed – “waking tree”
      - a. First tree to bloom in spring
      - b. Watch for white blossoms to see when the weather will start warming
    2. Watching – shoqed
    3. God is Awake and Watching – Psa. 121:1-4
  - B. Watching to Ensure His Promises Come to Pass
    1. His promises are sure – Rom. 15:7-9; 2 Cor. 7:1
    2. His Word never fails – Isa. 55:10-11
  - C. This Gives Us – John 14:1-6; 2 Cor. 1:20
    1. Hope
    2. Joy
    3. Peace
    4. Assurance
- II. The Pot Boils Over – vs. 13-16
  - A. The Fires of Judgment
    1. Boiling = blown upon, stoking the fire, fanning the flame
    2. The growing flame causes the water to begin to boil and spill over
  - B. Tilted from the North
    1. People from the north will come and bring disaster - Babylon
    2. The judgment is from God
  - C. Jerusalem Will Be Under Siege
    1. Around the walls and in the gates – Jer. 39:3
    2. For Judah’s Idolatry – Exodus 20:3-6
- III. A City, Pillar, and Wall – vs. 17-19
  - A. Gird Your Loins – Eph. 6:14; 1 Peter 1:13
    1. Get up
    2. Speak up
    3. Don’t panic or give up – 2 Tim. 1:6-9; Mark 8:38
  - B. A Fortified City, a Pillar of Iron, and a Wall of Bronze
    1. A Tower of strength to support and uphold the people of God
    2. Upheld by God against kings, princes, priests, and the people
    3. They will declare war against you!
  - C. Stand Firm and Preach the Word – Eph. 6:10-20; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; Rom. 8:35-39

## **Cross References**

### **Psalm 121:1-4**

121 I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come? 2 My help comes from Yahweh, Who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to stumble; He who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel Will not slumber and will not sleep.

### **Romans 15:7-9**

7 Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. 8 For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers, 9 and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, "Therefore I will give praise to You among the Gentiles, And I will sing to Your name."

### **2 Corinthians 7:1**

7 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

### **Isaiah 55:10-11**

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what pleases Me, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

### **John 14:1-6**

14 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way where I am going." 5 Thomas \*said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How do we know the way?" 6 Jesus \*said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me.

### **2 Corinthians 1:20**

20 For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes. Therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

### **Jeremiah 39:3**

3 Then all the officials of the king of Babylon came in and sat down at the Middle Gate: Nergal-sar-ezer, Samgar-nebu, Sar-sekim the Rab-saris, Nergal-sar-ezer the Rab-mag, and all the rest of the officials of the king of Babylon.

### **Exodus 20:3-6**

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

## **Ephesians 6:14**

14 Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

## **1 Peter 1:13**

13 Therefore, having girded your minds for action, being sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

## **2 Timothy 1:6-9**

6 For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and self-discipline. 8 Therefore do not be ashamed of either the witness about our Lord or me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

## **Mark 8:38**

38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

## **Ephesians 6:10-20**

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the might of His strength. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all, having taken up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one, 17 also receive the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times with all prayer and petition in the Spirit, and to this end, being on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19 as well as on my behalf, that words may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel— 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains—so that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

## **2 Timothy 4:1-4**

4 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

**Romans 8:35-39**

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction, or turmoil, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, “For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were counted as sheep for the slaughter.” 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.