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Jeremiah 1

NLT

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. I, the Lord, have spoken!”

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2 Corinthians 2

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15 Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing.

16 To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this?

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10 Then he added, “Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

11 There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven.

12 “But before all this occurs, there will be a time of great persecution. You will be dragged into synagogues and prisons, and you will stand trial before kings and governors because you are my followers.

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Luke 21

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13 But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me.

14 So don't worry in advance about how to answer the charges against you,

15 for I will give you the right words and such wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you!

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Luke 21

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16 Even those closest to you—your parents, brothers, relatives, and friends—will betray you. They will even kill some of you.

17 And everyone will hate you because you are my followers.

18 But not a hair of your head will perish!

19 By standing firm, you will win your souls.

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Deuteronomy 32

NLT

34 “The Lord says, ‘Am I not storing up these things, sealing them away in my treasury?’

35 I will take revenge; I will pay them back. In due time their feet will slip. Their day of disaster will arrive, and their destiny will overtake them.’

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Romans 12

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17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.

20 Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads."

21 Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

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Things We Might Struggle With

1. Struggle With God Allowing Blessing For People Who Do Not Deserve It
2. Struggle With God Allowing People To Suffer Who Do Not Deserve It
3. Struggle With God Taking So Long

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In psalms of lament, an assurance of faith is often given, but in this case God's words are not comforting at all. This is just the beginning of Jeremiah's suffering, and things will get worse.

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Luke 12

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51 Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other!

52 From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against—or two in favor and three against.

53 ‘Father will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’”

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Matthew 5

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43 “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy.

44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.

46 If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much.

47 If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that.

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God could handle the problem people in Judah, but God couldn't force His servant to grow. Only Jeremiah could make that choice by staying in the race, accepting new challenges, and thereby maturing in the Lord.

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Ephesians 6

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11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.



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The Armor Of God

Ephesians 6:10-18



1. Truth
2. Righteousness
3. Peace
4. Faith
5. Salvation
6. Word Of God

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