

EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS, JUDE 3

### **BkJer 20. THE MIGHTY FAITHFUL WARRIOR**

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**Review:** The Potter and the Clay.

1. (Jer 18:6-10)

2. Last verse of chapter 19.

**Jeremiah 18:6** O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? Saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. **Jeremiah 18:7** At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy *it*,

Jeremiah 18:8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

Jeremiah 18:9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant *it*;

**Jeremiah 18:10** If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

**Jeremiah 19:15** Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

#### Persecution and Retribution

Jeremiah 20:1 Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who *was* also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. Jeremiah 20:2 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of the LORD. Jeremiah 20:3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but Magor-missabib.

**Jeremiah 20:4** For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold *it*: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

**Jeremiah 20:5** Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.

**Jeremiah 20:6** And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

Wisdom (<u>1Co 10:1-12</u>); learn from the failures of others; refuse to fail personally. Understanding the Call of God (<u>Jer 1:1-19</u>)

Jeremiah 20:7 O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. Jeremiah 20:8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

**Jeremiah 20:9** Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

Jeremiah 20:10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, *say they*, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, *saying*, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him. Jeremiah 20:11 But the LORD *is* with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten. Jeremiah 20:12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, *and* seest the reins and

# the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

## IMPORTANT BUTS (FACTS) CONCERNING THE FAITHFUL WARRIOR:

1. But the LORD *is* with me as a mighty terrible one: (v.11); (Mt 28:19-20)

2. But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, (v.12); (2Ti 3:12; 1Pe 1:3-9)

## The prophetic voice of victory, God's word (<u>lsa 41:10</u>)

**Jeremiah 20:13** Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

A lapse of faith leads to defeat (<u>1Co 15:19</u>)

Jeremiah 20:14 Cursed *be* the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.;

Jeremiah 20:15 Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad.

Jeremiah 20:16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide; Jeremiah 20:17 Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me.

Jeremiah 20:18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

Warriors must exorcise spiritual warfare:

God's powerful word (<u>lsa 26:3,1-5; Php 1:27-29; Ro 12:1-2</u>)

Victorious spiritual warfare requires personal discipline (<u>Php 2:5</u>) The faithful warrior's attitude (2Co 12:7-10; Ro 8:35-39; Php 4:12-13; Psa 19:14)