# "The Yoke's on You!"

Jeremiah 4 - 29

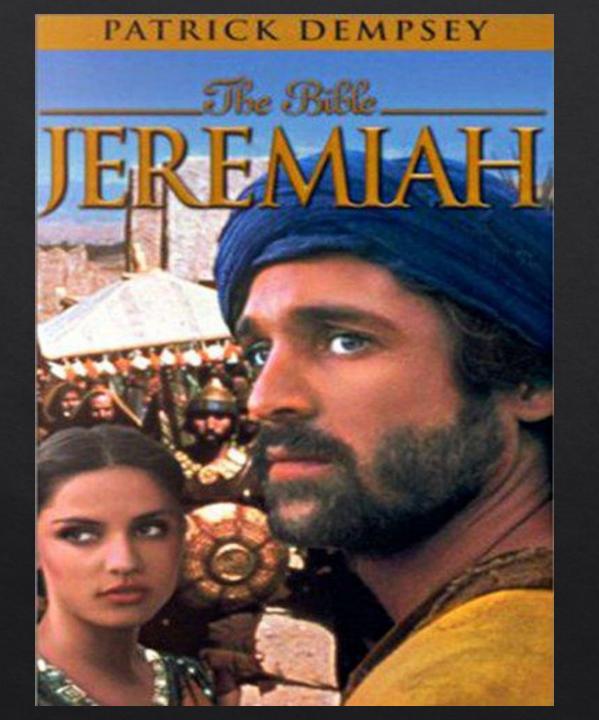
Here is a church that looks like a chicken because we need happy things in our life.





### Was Jeremiah a Bullfrog?

- ♦ Jeremiah was \*not\* a "bullfrog" in the short term prophetic timeline
- But he was a "bullfrog" in the *longer-term* prophetic timeline
  - ♦70 years
  - ♦New Covenant!



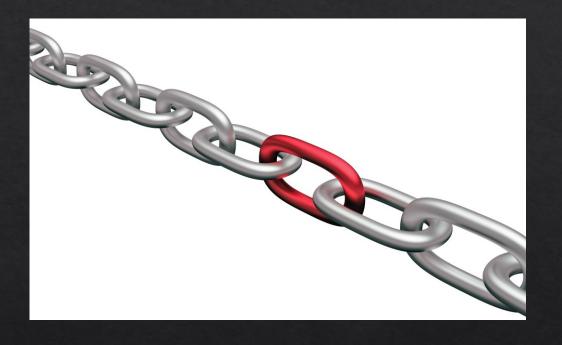
#### So I get home from work one day. . .

- Find homeless guy in forest in the dark, gospel, bigger, knife
- ♦ Larry, 2009-2012, job, house, car, no tent, carwash
- ♦ Showers, fresh clothes, work, school clothing donation, extra mile
- ♦ Tipping/breaking point "Mam, I need to speak with a minister!"
- ♦ Repented and believed!
- ♦ Didn't "belong to God but..."
- ♦ Dozens (hundreds?!) helped
- ♦ Always the Christians stood out!!!

joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Luke 15:10

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." 1 Cor 3:6



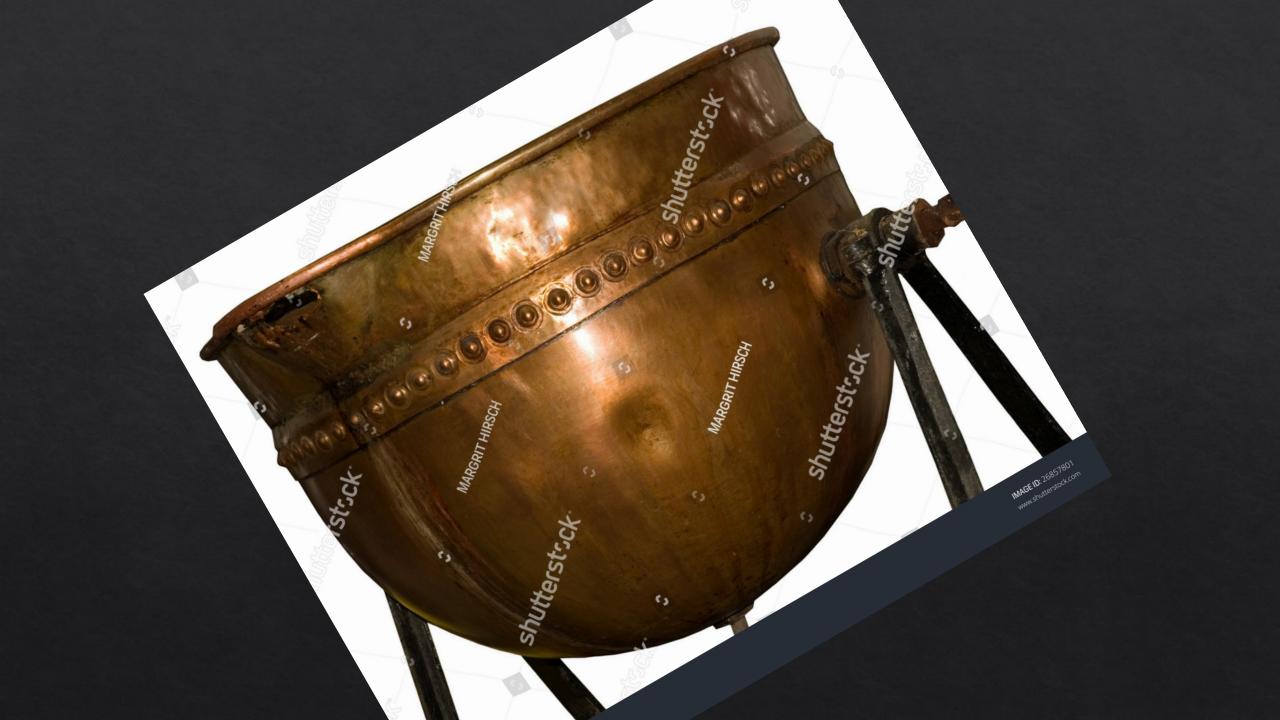
"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Gal. 6:9-10



Almond branch?

"Watching over my word to perform it."







<sup>3</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. 4 Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.' 5 "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, <sup>6</sup> if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, <sup>7</sup> then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

"Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. 9 Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, 10 and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered!' only to go on doing all these abominations? 11 Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes?

#### Jer. 9:23-24

Thus says the LORD:

"Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this. . .

#### Jer. 9:23-24

... boast in this...

that he understands and knows me,

that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.

Why do the wicked prosper?



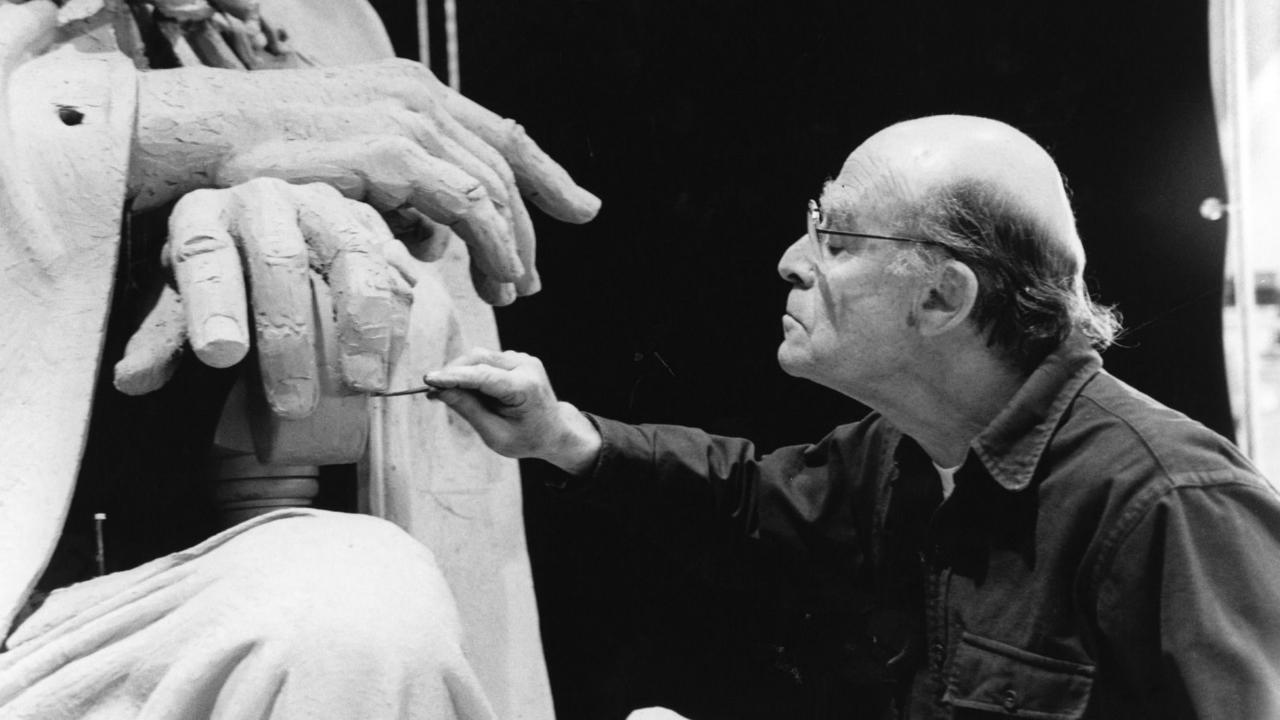
Jer. 12:7-13





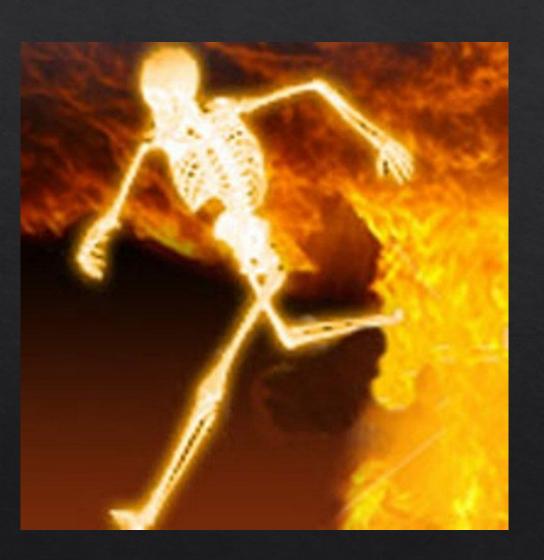
Jer. 18





Jer. 7 & 19 – valley of shame & slaughter





# Jer 20

♦ Fire in bones!



## Jer. 23 – Bad Shepherds vs Good Shepherd

<sup>5</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'





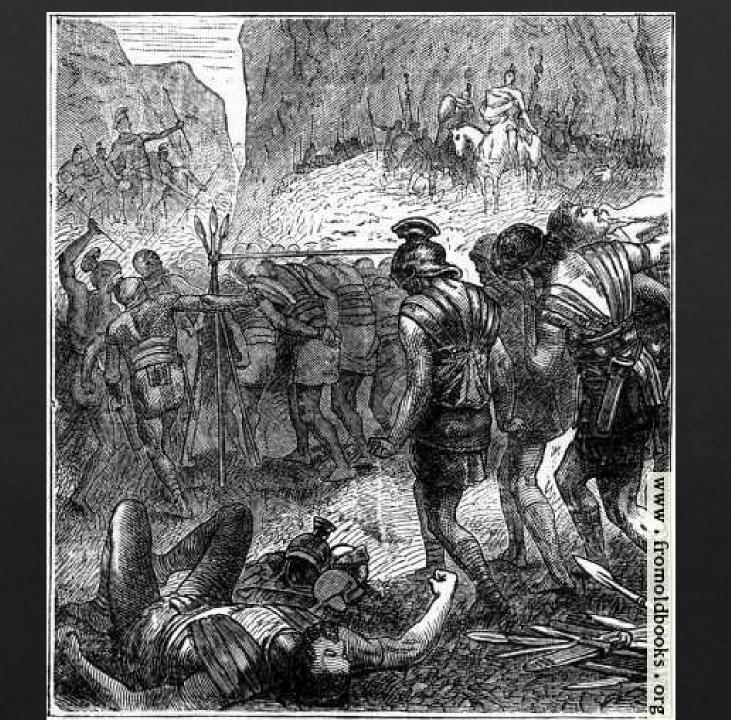
"Yeah. I remember Jerry. Good friend of mine. ... You know, I never understood a single word he said, but he always had some mighty fine wine."

Jer. 27-28

# Yoke of Nebuchadnezzar

# "Speaking truth to power"







Make a yoke

Delegates from Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, and Sidon

Revolt vs Yoke

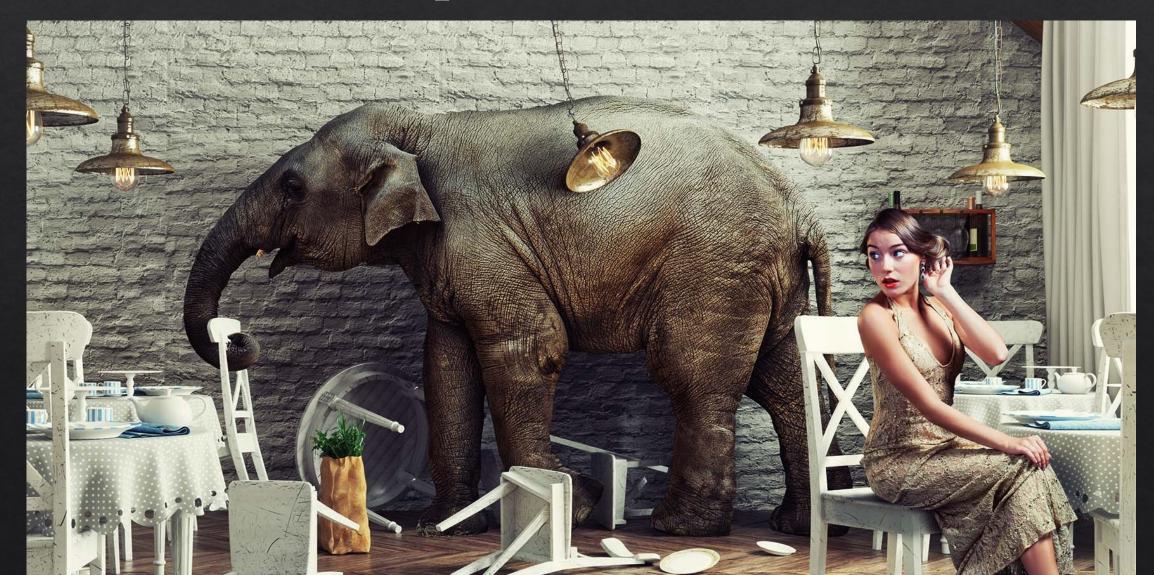
Sword, famine, plague

# What if...



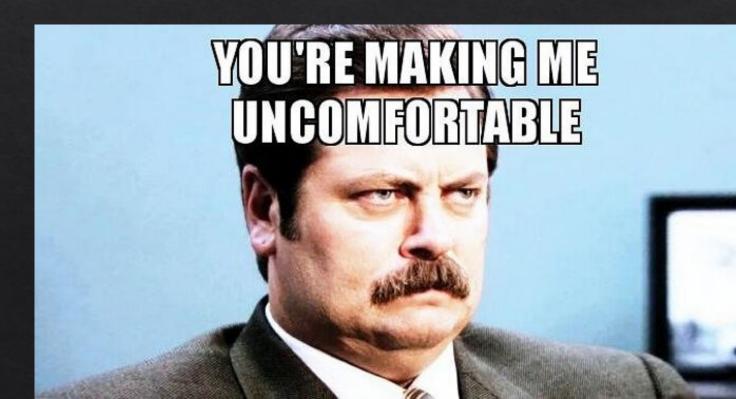


# The elephant in the room. . .



- ♦Destroy/Destruction 59
- ♦Disaster 41
- ♦Anger 34
- ♦Punish 33
- $\otimes$ Wrath 20
- ♦Judge/Judgment 22
- ♦Horror 17
- ♦Terror 16
- ♦ Captive 13

- **♦Flee** − 14
- ♦Calamity 5
- ♦Surrender 5
- $\diamond$ Cruel 3



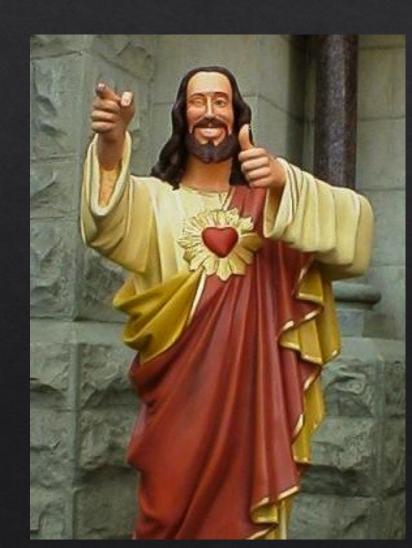


"A God without wrath brought men without sin into a Kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a Cross."

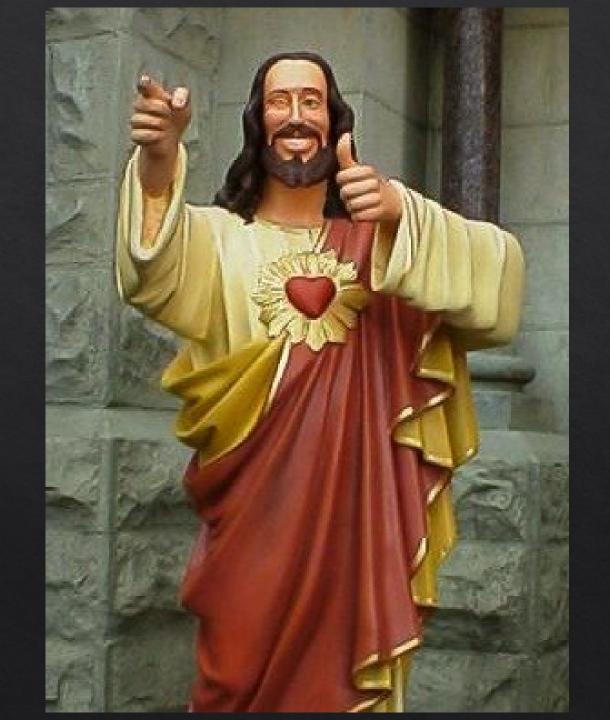
H. Richard Niebuhr

The Kingdom of God in America

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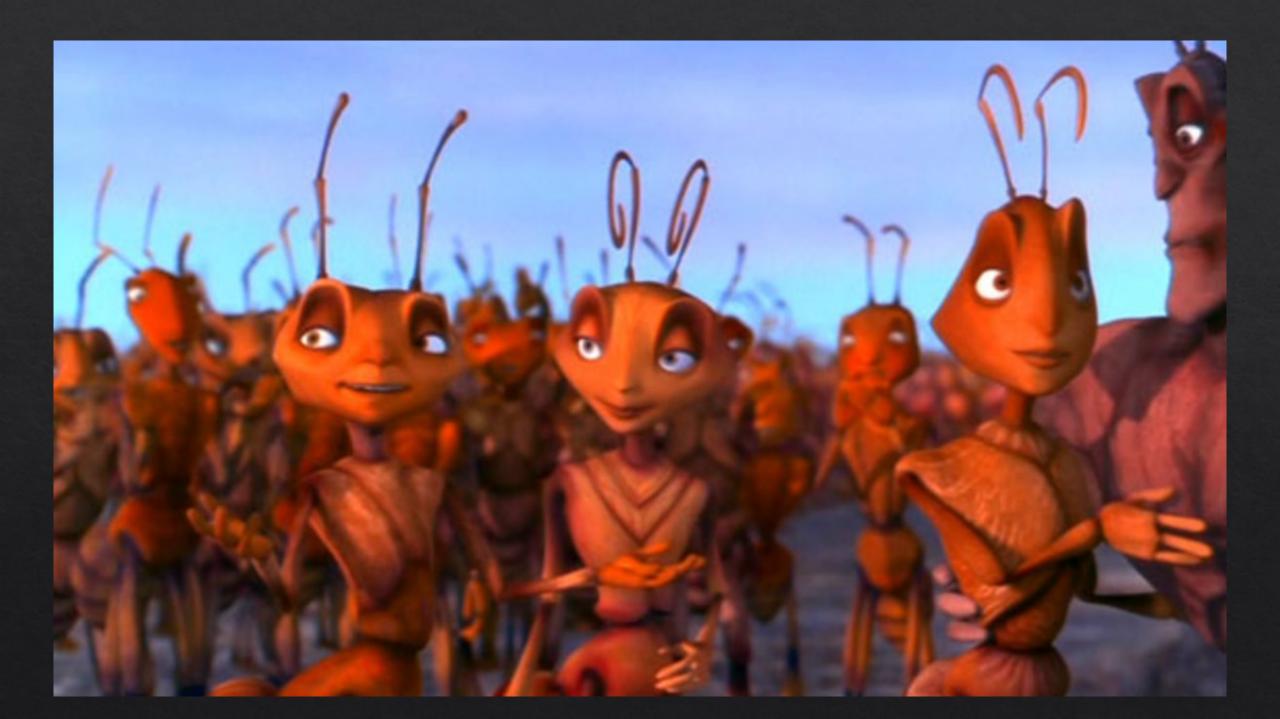


- **♦No wrath**
- **♦No sin**
- No judgment
- **♦No bloody sacrifice**











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