

Jeremiah

Chapter 1

Jeremiah lived in a village not far from Jerusalem.
Jeremiah's father was a priest.

God said to Jeremiah:

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah said to God:

"Lord, I do not know how to speak. I am so young."

God then touched Jeremiah's mouth and said:

"I now put my words into your mouth.
Go and tell the people everything I ask you to speak.

Do not be dismayed by anyone.

I am making you strong.

You must confront Judah's kings, priests and people.
They will oppose you, but will not overcome you,
for I am with you."

Lord, please give special courage to people
who speak your message for the world