

**Chinese Lunar
Year of the Rat,
Coronavirus,
and Racing
with Horses**

Jeremiah 12:5





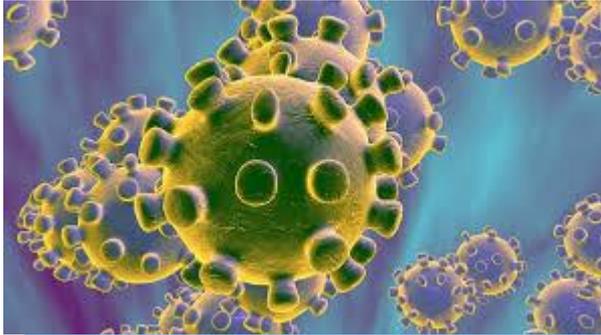
新年快乐





New Year = New HOPE





2019 nCoV

SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS



Note: Numbers on the map indicate the number of confirmed cases as of Jan 30, 2020

0 2,000 Miles
0 2,000 4,000 Kilometers

PERSPECTIVES



Wuhan coronavirus compared to other major viruses

| VIRUS | YEAR IDENTIFIED | CASES | DEATHS | FATALITY RATE | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|---------------------|
| Marberg | 1967 | 466 | 373 | 80% | 11 |
| Ebola* | 1976 | 33,577 | 13,562 | 40.40% | 9 |
| Hendra | 1994 | 7 | 4 | 57% | 1 |
| H5N1 Bird Flu | 1997 | 861 | 455 | 52.80% | 18 |
| Nipah | 1998 | 513 | 398 | 77.60% | 2 |
| SARS | 2002 | 8,096 | 774 | 9.60% | 29 |
| H1N1** | 2009 | 1,632,258 | 284,500 | 17.40% | 214 |
| MERS*** | 2012 | 2,494 | 858 | 34.40% | 28 |
| H7N9 Bird Flu | 2013 | 1,568 | 616 | 39.30% | 3 |
| Wuhan* | 2020 | 8,149 | 170 | 2% | 20 |

*As of January 30, 2020

**Between 2009 and 2010

***As of November 2019

Sources: CDC; UN; World Health Organization; New England Journal of Medicine; Malaysian Journal of Pathology; CGTN; Johns Hopkins University; The Lancet

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WUHAN CORONAVIRUS CASES

| PLACES | CONFIRMED CASES | REPORTED DEATHS |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| China | 11,791 | 259 |
| Thailand | 19 | 0 |
| Japan | 17 | 0 |
| Singapore | 16 | 0 |
| Hong Kong | 13 | 0 |
| South Korea | 11 | 0 |
| Taiwan | 10 | 0 |
| Australia | 9 | 0 |
| Malaysia | 8 | 0 |
| Germany | 7 | 0 |
| Macau | 7 | 0 |
| France | 6 | 0 |
| United States | 6 | 0 |
| Vietnam | 5 | 0 |
| United Arab Emirates | 4 | 0 |
| Canada | 3 | 0 |
| Italy | 2 | 0 |
| Russia | 2 | 0 |
| United Kingdom | 2 | 0 |
| Cambodia | 1 | 0 |
| Finland | 1 | 0 |

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|--------------|---------------|------------|
| TOTAL | 11,946 | 259 |
|--------------|---------------|------------|

As of 10:15am Feb 1, 2020

The Wuhan coronavirus seems to have a low fatality rate, and most patients make full recoveries. Experts reveal why it's causing panic anyway.

Holly Secon, Business Insider US

January 31, 2020





3 Simple Ways to Prevent Transmitting Virus to Others

1



Cover your mouth and nose using tissue whenever you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the thrash after using it. Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer regularly.



2

Use face mask whenever being in public or close contact with people.

Always maintain good personal hygiene and cleanliness.

3

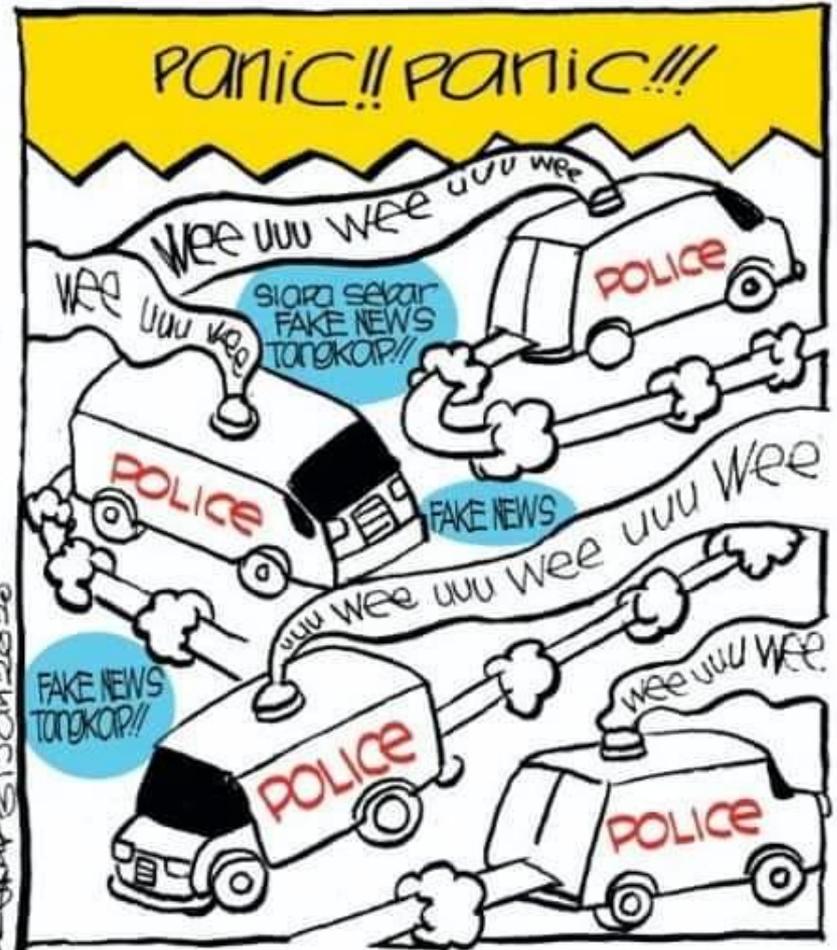




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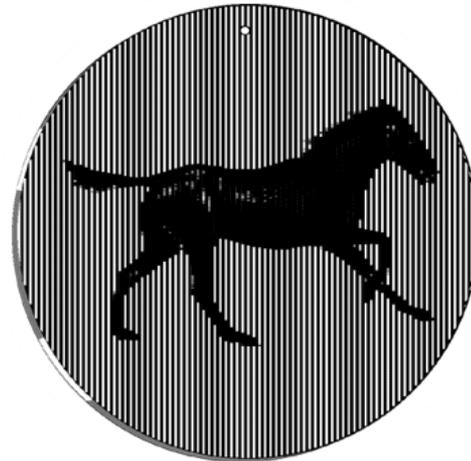
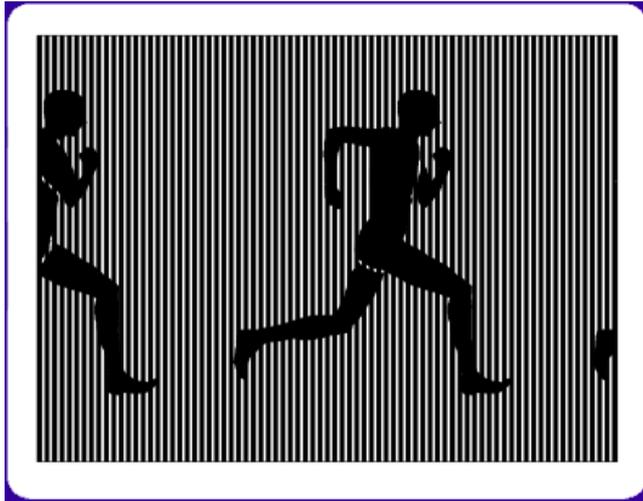
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CORONAVIRUS

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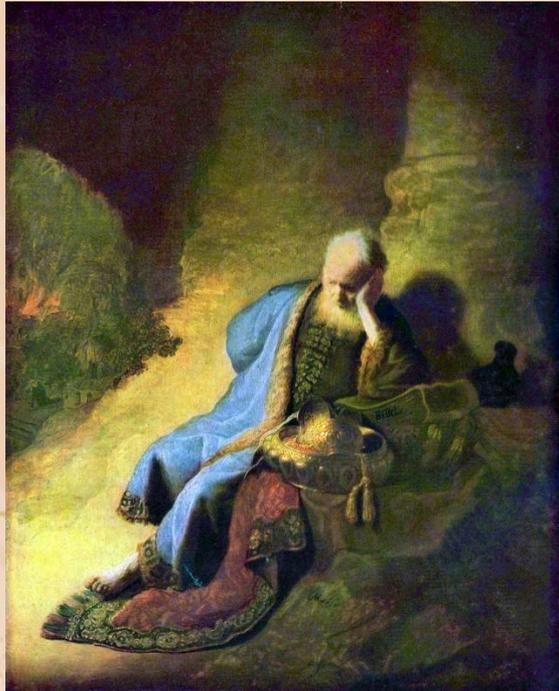
JEHOVAH times

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Keeping you up to date since the Garden of Eden

- Since creation-

MAJOR EVENTS DURING JEREMIAH' TIMES (BC)



- 686** Manasseh becomes sole king;
Josiah born
- 642** Amon succeeds Manasseh as king
- 640** Josiah becomes king
- 633** Josiah at 16 seeks after God
- 628** Josiah at 20 begins reforms
- 627** Jeremiah at 20 called as prophet
- 621** Mosaic Law found in the temple
- 612** Nineveh destroyed as Nahum prophesied
- 609** Josiah slain in battle at Megiddo;
Jehoiakim becomes king
- 586** Zedekiah flees July 18; destruction of
Jerusalem begins August 14

King Josiah's Reforms

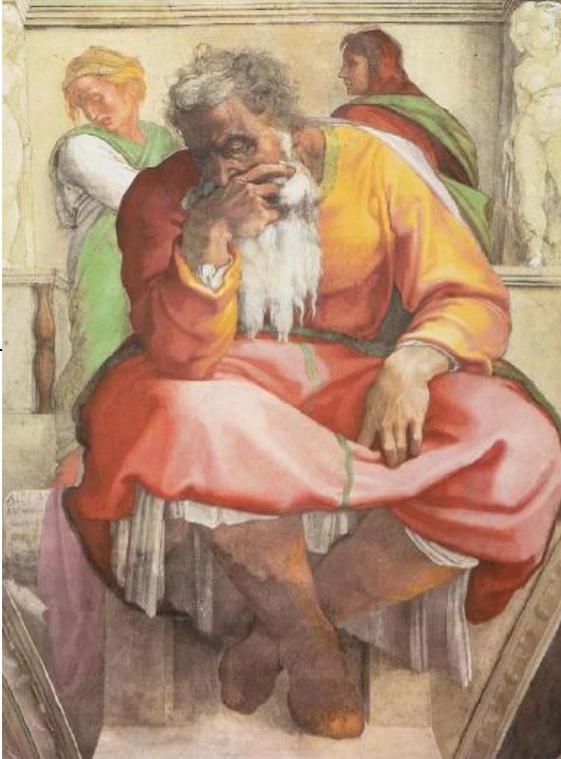
The covenant
(Deut.28) is
broken



Jeremiah 11:6

2 Chronicles 34

Kings during Jeremiah's Times



Michelangelo's Jeremiah on Sistine Chapel

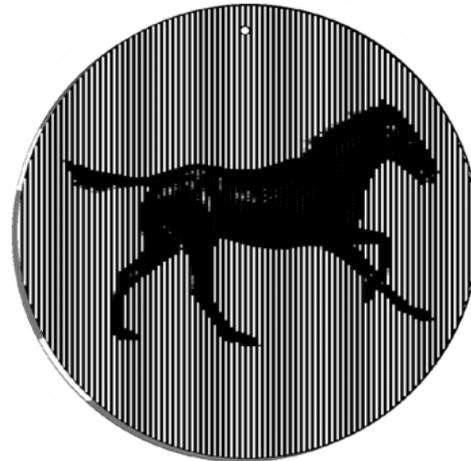
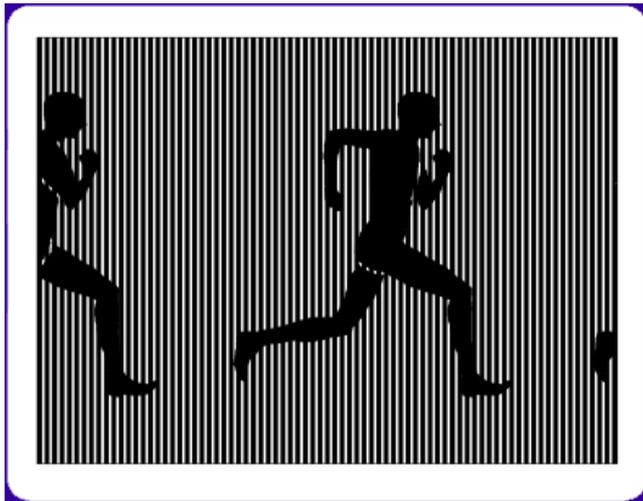
Josiah (Judah's last Godly king)

Jeremiah 12:5

Jehoiakim (ungodly, scripture burning king)
Jehoiachin (a ninety-day wonder judged by God)
Zedekiah (Judah's last king)
Nebuchanezzar (Babylon conqueror)
Gedaliah (Babylonian appointed governor of occupied Jerusalem)
Johanan (successor of Gedaliah who was assassinated)

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JER 11:18 Because the LORD **revealed** their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he **showed me** what they were doing. 19 I had been like a gentle lamb **led** to the slaughter; I **did not realize** that they had plotted against me, saying,

"Let us **destroy the tree and its fruit**; let us **cut him** off from the land of the living, that his name be **remembered no more.**"



JER 12:1 You are **always righteous**, O LORD, when I bring a **case** before you.

Yet I would speak with you about your justice:

Why does the way of the wicked prosper?

Why do all the faithless live at ease?

JER 12:2 You have planted them, and they have taken root; they **grow and bear fruit**.

You are always on their lips but **far from their hearts**.



JER 12:3 Yet **you know me**, O LORD; you see me and test my thoughts about you.

Drag them off like sheep to be butchered! Set them apart for the **day of slaughter!**

JER 12:4 **How long** will the land lie parched and the grass in every field be withered? Because those who live in it are wicked, the animals and birds have perished. Moreover, the people are saying, "**He will not see what happens to us.**"

The LORD

JER 12:5 "If you have raced with men on foot
and they have worn you out,
how can you compete with horses?
If you stumble in safe country,
how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?"



The LORD

JER 12:6 Your brothers, your own family--even they have **betrayed you**;

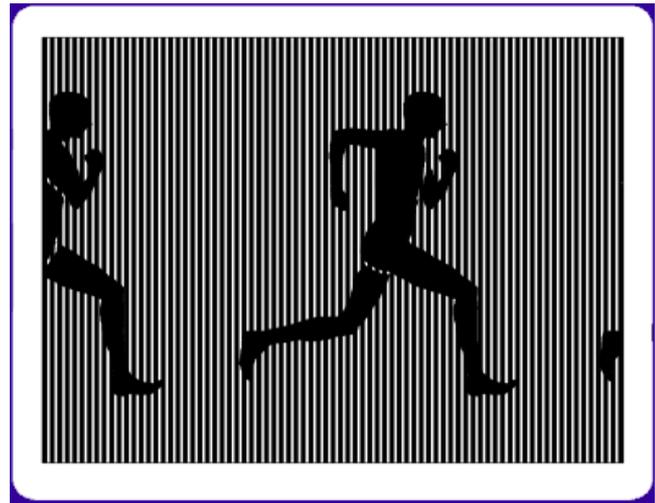
they have raised a loud cry against you. Do not trust them, though they speak well of you.

JER 12:7 "I will **forsake my house, abandon** my inheritance; I will give the one I love into the hands of her enemies.

JER 12:8 My inheritance has become to me like a lion in the forest. She roars at me; therefore **I hate her**.



**Have the Lord
abandoned his
people?**



The Lord

Jeremiah 12:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁵ But after I **uproot them**, I will again have compassion and will **bring each of them** back to their own inheritance and their own country. ¹⁶ And if they **learn well** the ways of my people and swear by my name, saying, ‘As surely as the LORD lives’ — even as they once taught my people to swear by Baal—then they **will be established** among my people.

The Lord is strengthening
Jeremiah for more difficult
times ahead



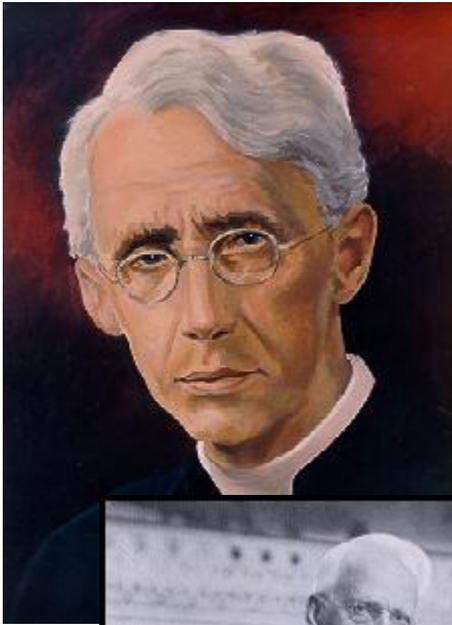
Future challenges for Jeremiah

- conflicts with false prophets
- into the stocks by priest Pashhur
- threat of death (cistern) and imprisonment by King Zedekiah's officials
- taken to Egypt
- acting out prophetic parables
 - buying and burying a linen belt – how God wishes to ruin Judah's pride
 - buying a jar of clay and smashing it – how God will smash Judah
 - make and wear a yoke of wood – Babylonians will enslave Judah



JER 1:17 "**Get yourself ready!** Stand up and say to them whatever I **command** you. Do **not be terrified** by them, or I will terrify you before them. 18 Today I have made you a **fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall** to stand against the whole land--

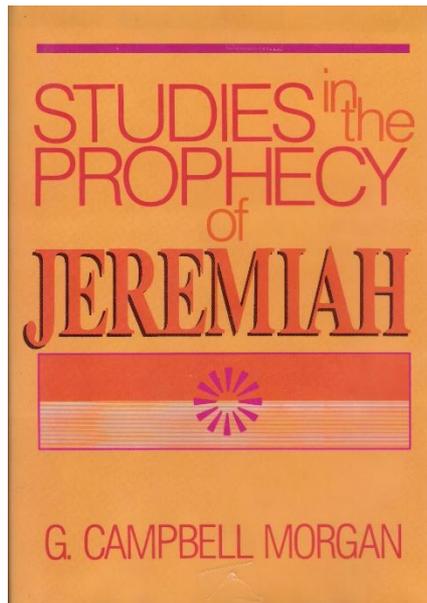
against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. 19 They will fight against you but **will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,**" declares the LORD.



- Reverend Doctor George Campbell Morgan D.D. (9 December 1863 – 16 May 1945)
- evangelist, preacher and a leading Bible scholar
- pastor of Westminster Chapel in London from 1904 to 1919, and from 1933 to 1943
- Known as prince of expositors, *Preaching Magazine* ranked him among the ten greatest preachers of the 20th century.



“God never calls a man to content with horses until He has practiced him with footmen; that God has never yet send a man into the wilds of Jordan until He has trained him in the land of peace...



It is a great principle, always obtaining in God's method with His servants, and in all His dealings with His people”





Lessons for us

- God has helped us in our struggle with our problems in the past and is helping us in the present
- God is sovereign (God has his own timing)
- God is with us
- God will help us in our struggle with our problems in the future
- God's judgment is just
- Let us continue to pray, help, and support others

SPEAKING OUT

Is It Faithful to Flee an Epidemic? What Martin Luther Teaches Us About Coronavirus

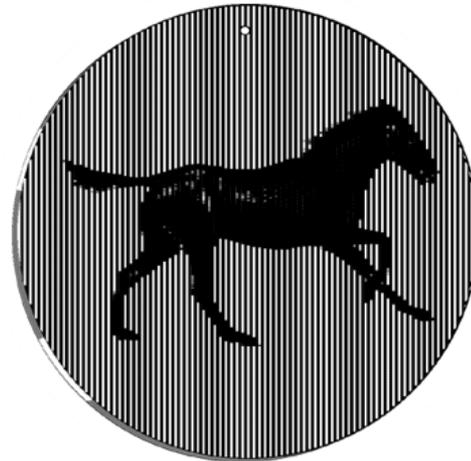
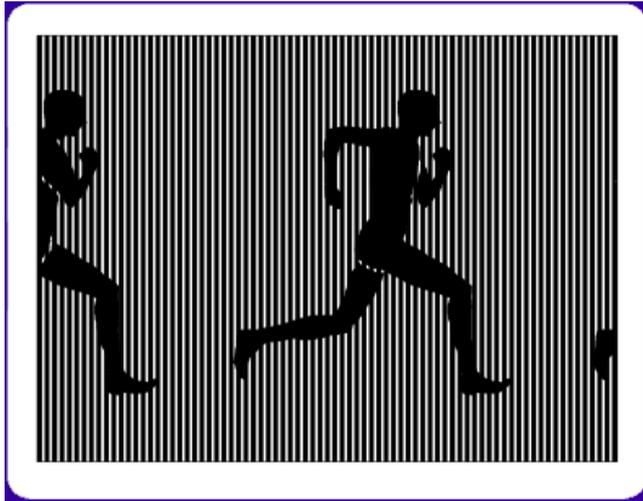
The German reformer's pastoral reflection on the plague can guide both medical students like me and Christians in China—and everywhere the Wuhan virus has spread.

EMMY YANG | JANUARY 30, 2020



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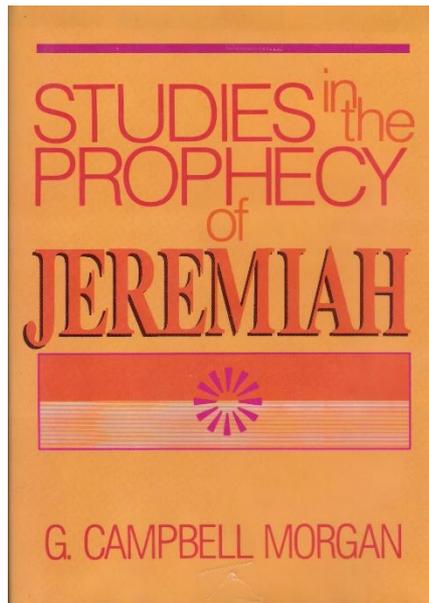




If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses?

Morgan:

“In my contending with horses, I shall also and again be weary; but I shall win, for I have already won by Thy strength in running with footmen”

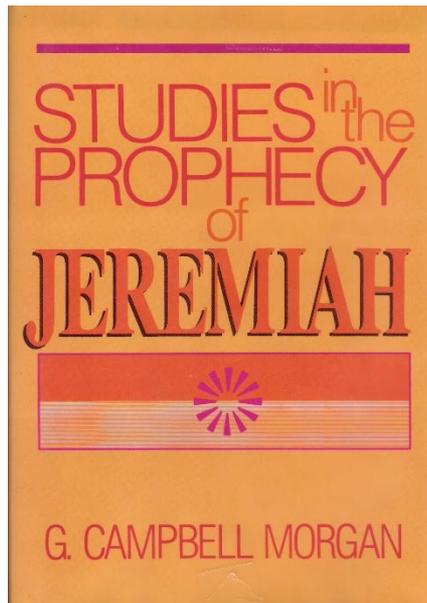




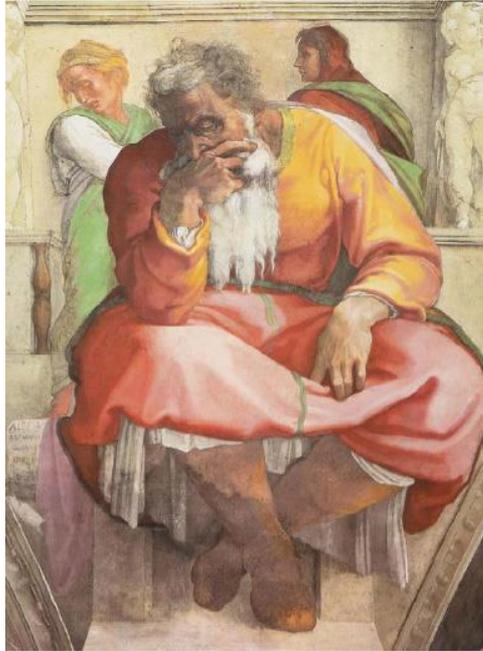
If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?

Morgan:

“that He is God, though in the wilds I shall oftentimes be assaulted by fear, yet I shall win, as I have won in the land of peace”



Rat, Virus, Horse



FEAR NOT

God is with you, will give you strength and will not let you face problems more than you are able to overcome

