

#18 - Lord, You've Deceived Me (Jeremiah 20)

I. "Terror on Every Side" (19:14 - 20:6)

- After the smashed jar, Jeremiah returns to the _____ court and repeats the message of Judah's stubbornness and coming _____. (19:14-15)
- Pashhur the priest hears this, he has Jeremiah and _____ and put in stocks –the first (recorded) time that he experiences _____ persecution. (20:1-2)
- The next day, Jeremiah changes Pashhur's name to "_____ " to represent the destruction that is coming from _____. (3-5)
- A general prophecy, but also a focus on Pashhur because of his hostility toward Jeremiah and his _____. (6)

II. You Have Deceived Me (20:7-13)

- After a show of resilience, Jeremiah accuses God of _____ him and _____ him into being a prophet. (7)
- Every time he speaks God's message, he is met with _____, _____, reproach, and derision. (7-8)
- If he decides he's not going to speak, the message is too _____ for him to hold in—and he _____ to speak. (9)
- Everyone around him—even his closest _____—whisper about him and are waiting for their opportunity to trip him up. (10)
- And yet, Jeremiah can still trust in God, praise Him as his _____. (11-13)

III. Unhappy Birthday (20:14-18)

- Jeremiah curses the day of his _____ because of the pain he's enduring. (14)
- In a poetic fury, he curses the man who brought the _____ of his birth for not ending his life before it ever started. (15-17)
- The sorrow and shame has become unbearable (18) – but this is the _____ in the book we will read of Jeremiah complaining like this.