

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

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PART 3: DESIGNED IN ETERNITY

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

When Jeremiah began to receive prophecies from the Lord, they were recorded on scrolls. As time went on, there were more and more scrolls, and sometime toward the end of his life, they were all compiled into one scroll.

We don't know if Jeremiah knew how to write, but we do know that he used a man named Baruch to write down the messages which Jeremiah received from the Lord.

Jeremiah 36:1-4

After the second fall of Jerusalem, the remnant of the army of Judah decided to relocate to Egypt and took Jeremiah and Baruch with them against their will. **Jeremiah 43:5-7**

After Jeremiah was murdered by the Jews in Egypt, it is safe to assume that Baruch took the different scrolls and merged them into a continuous scroll that became part of the scrolls used in the synagogues after the return from exile in Babylon. The tradition in Jewish synagogues today is that each synagogue has its own set of scrolls of the Old Testament books. **Jeremiah 45:1-2**

JEREMIAH'S CREDENTIALS

God must have made it clear to Baruch that all the prophecies given to Jeremiah were to be preserved for future generations. Baruch therefore started the scroll of Jeremiah by stating where he came from, who his father was and what time period Jeremiah prophesied. **Jeremiah 1:1-3**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Jeremiah must have told Baruch how he was called by God into the ministry of prophecy, because a prophet cannot claim to speak for God unless he has a personal call. **verse 4**

KNOWN BEFORE BIRTH

The prophet Isaiah was called when he was still in his mother's womb. **Isaiah 49:1-5**

The prophet Jeremiah was called before he was even formed in his mother's womb. **Jeremiah 1:5**

The apostle Paul stated that he was called by God while he was still in his mother's womb. **Galatians 1:15**

This does not mean that we have lived in a previous life, but that God designed us in His mind before He made our souls.



BEFORE CREATION

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit have always existed, and before they began the creation of the universe, everything was designed in their minds.

Genesis 1:26-27;

There was a secret work of God before the creation. **Matthew 13:34-35;**

The Kingdom of God was designed before the foundation of the world. **Matthew 25:34**

God loved Jesus before the foundation of the world. **John 17:24**

Every saved person was chosen before the foundation of the world. **Ephesians 1:3-5**

All of God's works were designed before the foundation of the world. **Hebrews 4:3**

The crucifixion of Jesus was ordained before the foundation of the world. **1 Peter 1:18-20**

BOOK OF LIFE

The Book of Life was written before the foundation of the world. **Revelation 13:8; 17:8**

All names of people who have lived, are living and will live on the earth, had their names written in the Book of Life before the foundation of the world. If a person has not accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, their names will be blotted out of the Book of Life. **Exodus 32:31-33; Psalm 69:18-28; Revelation 3:5-6**

SEEING THE FUTURE

God is not bound by time; He has the capacity to see the past, present and future at the same time. When Jesus walked on earth in the form of a man, electricity had not been discovered by mankind. They certainly did not know anything about computers. We are now living in an age where virtually everything manufactured is first designed on a computer.

In the old days of automobiles, they were designed in the mind of the engineer, who then sketched it on his drawing table. Print copies were given to the design department that would make a mockup of the new car. Then a real car would be built by hand and tested until they were happy with the design and started mass production.

Today a car is designed entirely in a computer; it does not exist in the physical world, only in the memory of the computer. Once the engineers are happy with their design, they will build a number of test vehicles. Mass production only begins after the vehicle has been thoroughly tested.

PREDESTINATION

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost collaborated sometime in eternity and in their minds designed each human soul to be created. Each soul was given a name, a slot in the timeline to be created, parents and geographical area where they would be born.

The Godhead ran a timeline into the future to see the decisions each soul would make and whether or not it would respond to the offer of salvation. The soul that God knows

will make the choice to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior will be given more care and supplies than the soul who rejects Christ. **Romans 8:26-31**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?