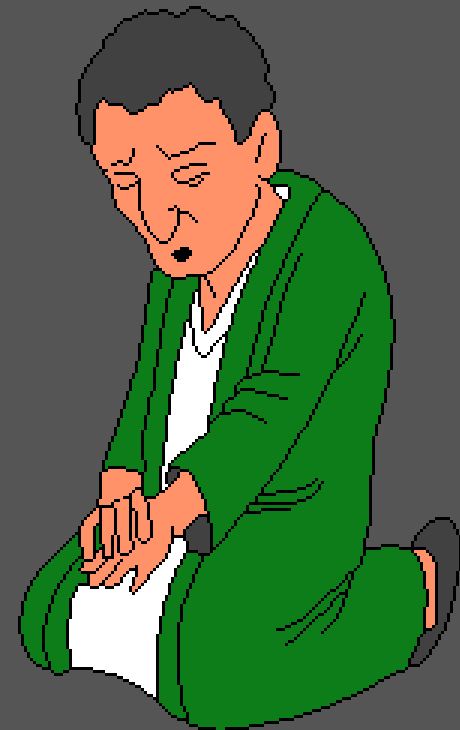


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JEREMIAH,
MAN OF
TEARS



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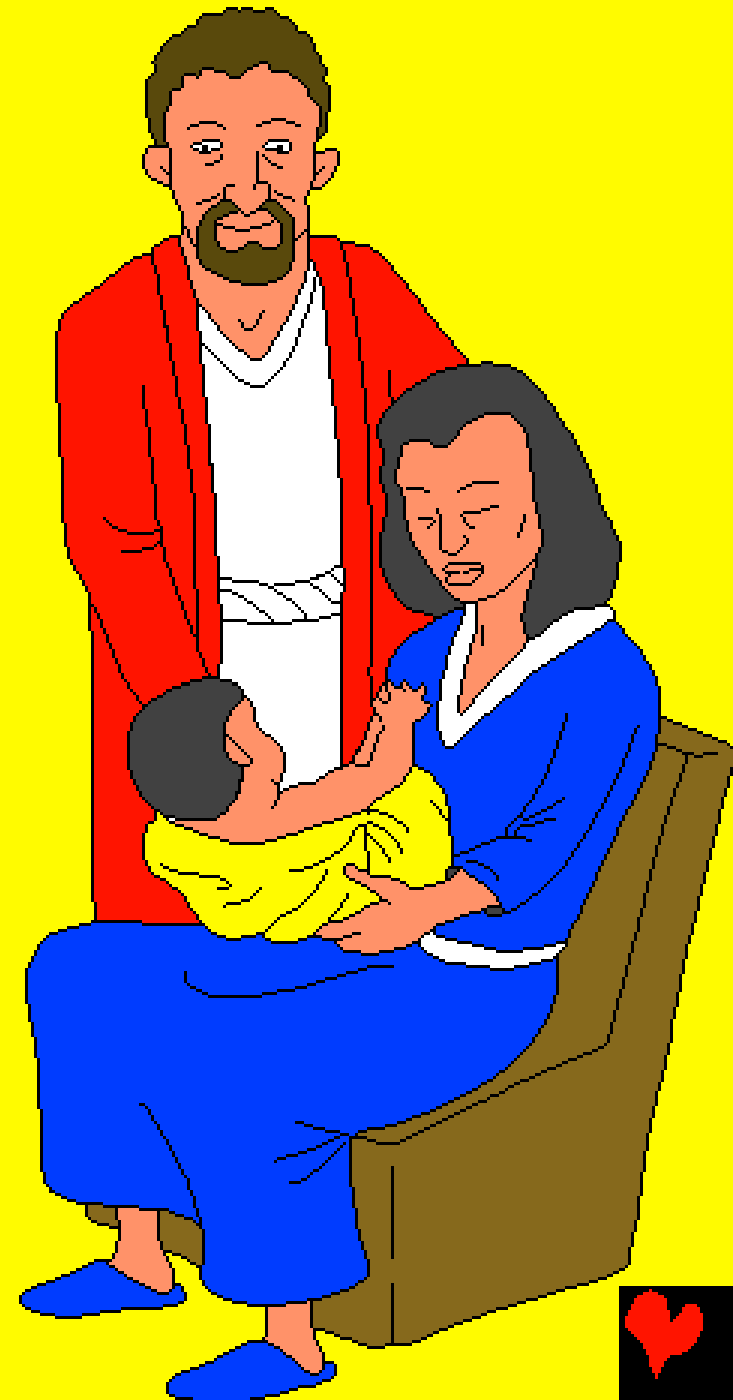
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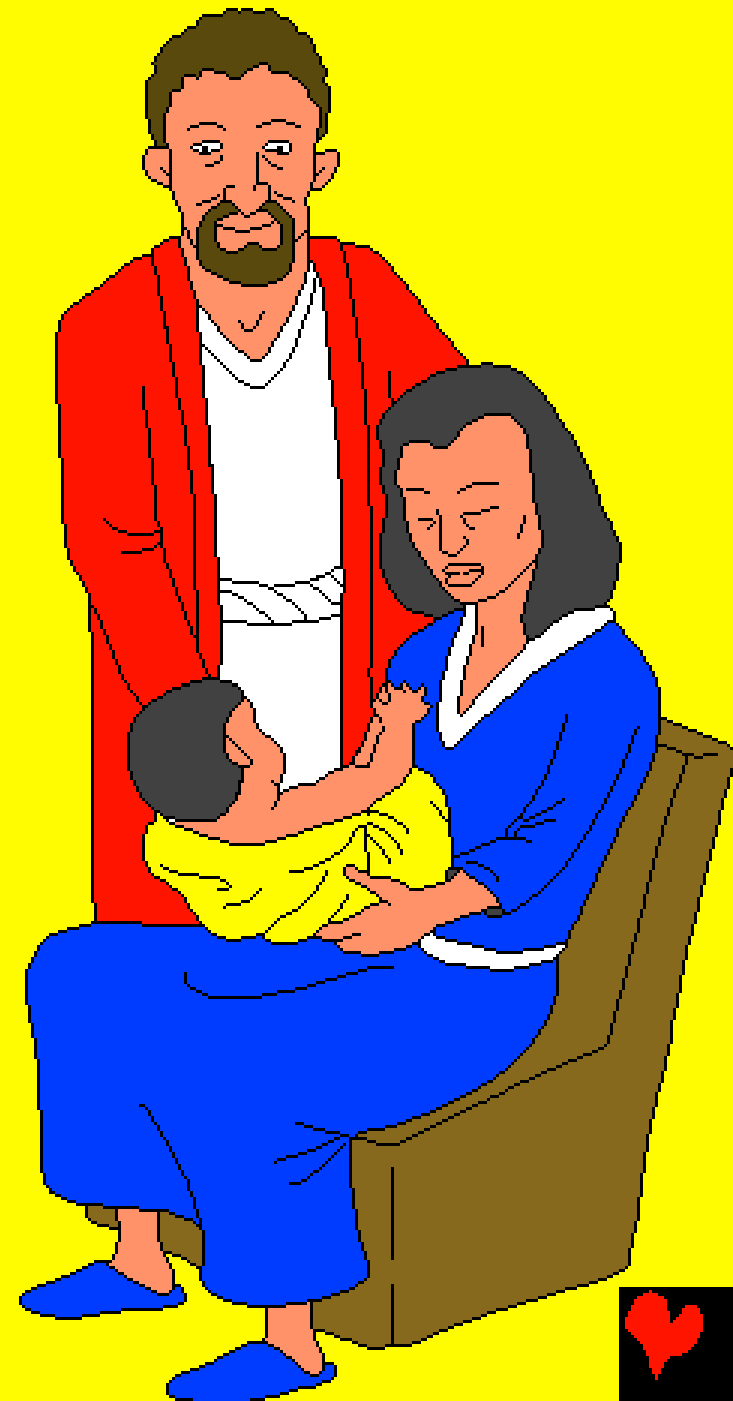
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Jeremiah was born into a religious home in the kingdom of Judah. His Dad, Hilkiah, was a priest. The family lived in a town called Anathoth, not far from Jerusalem.



Maybe
Jeremiah's
parents thought
he would also
become a priest.
But God had
other plans.



At the time of
Jeremiah's birth,
God's people were
not living
according to
God's Word.



Nearly everybody,
from the king down
to the most humble
worker, worshiped
false gods - even in
God's own holy
Temple!





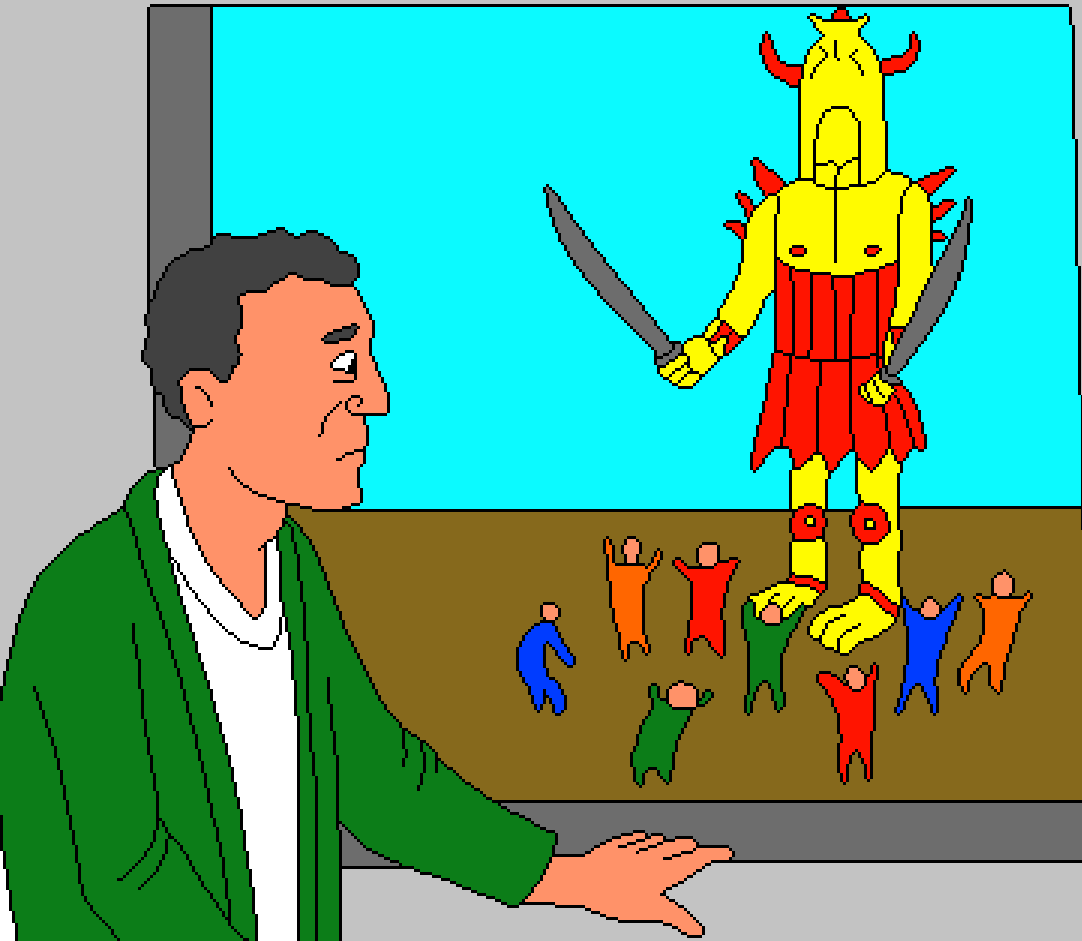
When
Jeremiah was a
young man, God spoke to him.



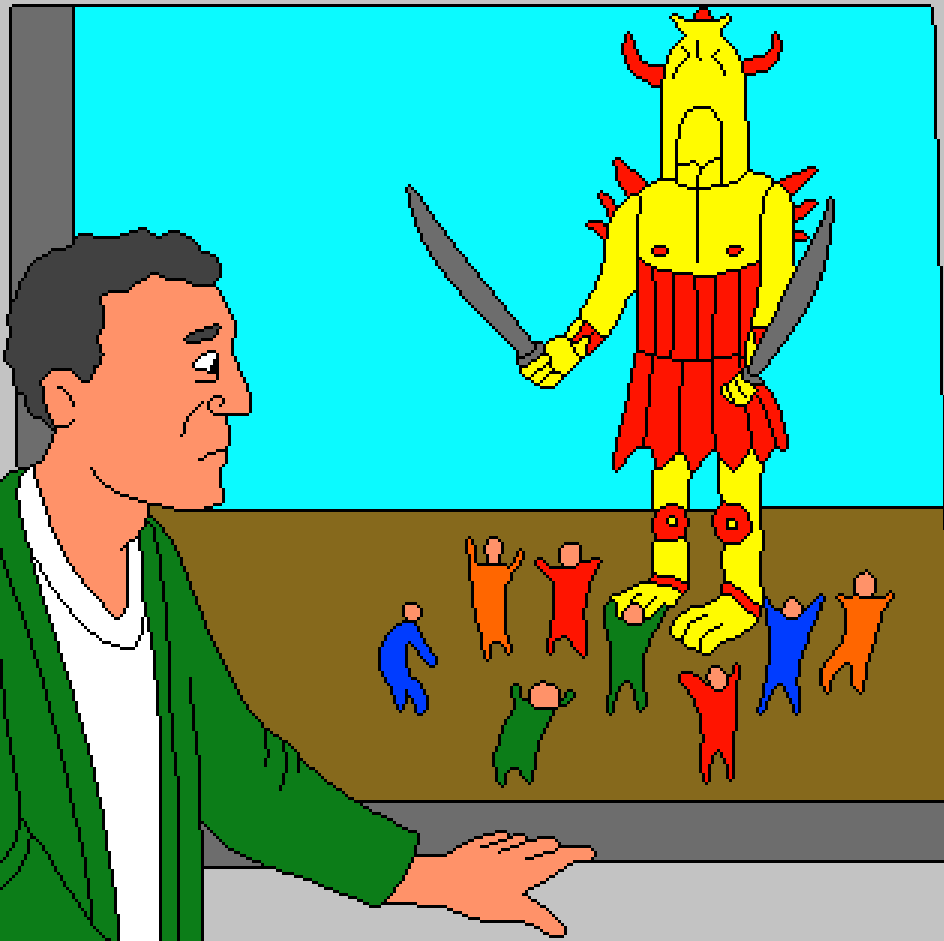
"I
knew
you
before
you were
born,"
God told
Jeremiah,
"and I planned
then that you will speak for Me."



God's call seemed to scare Jeremiah. "Ah, Lord GOD!" he cried out. "I cannot speak, for I am a child."



He was more than a child - he was twenty years old. But Jeremiah didn't think he could speak out for God against the wickedness all around him.



"Don't be afraid,"
God assured
Jeremiah.

"Go
wherever
I send you.
Say whatever
I tell you to say."



"I am with you and I will
deliver you."

Then
God
did

something
special. God
touched Jeremiah's
mouth.



God gave Jeremiah strength and courage and wisdom.



He spoke out boldly, reminding people that God loved them and wanted to help them. But nobody listened to him. Not even the king.



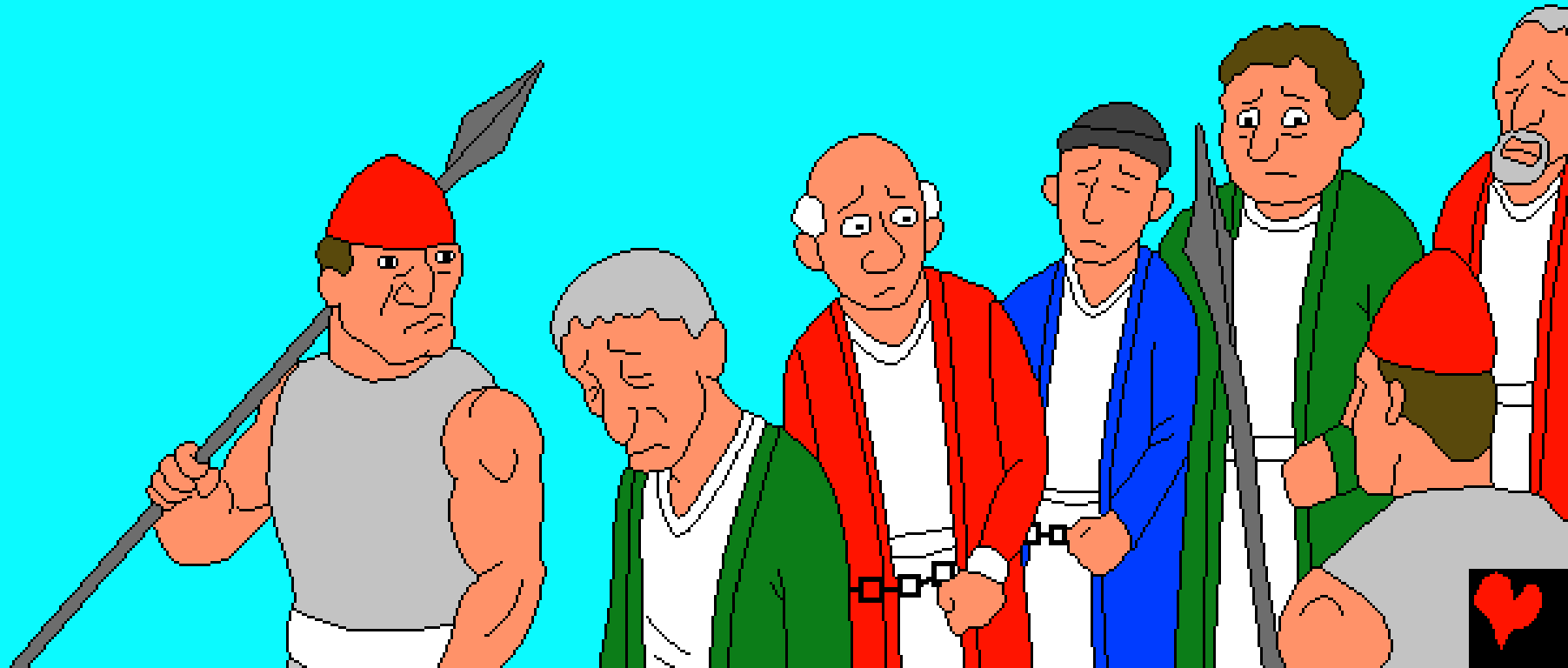
Even the priests got angry and told him to quit speaking about God.



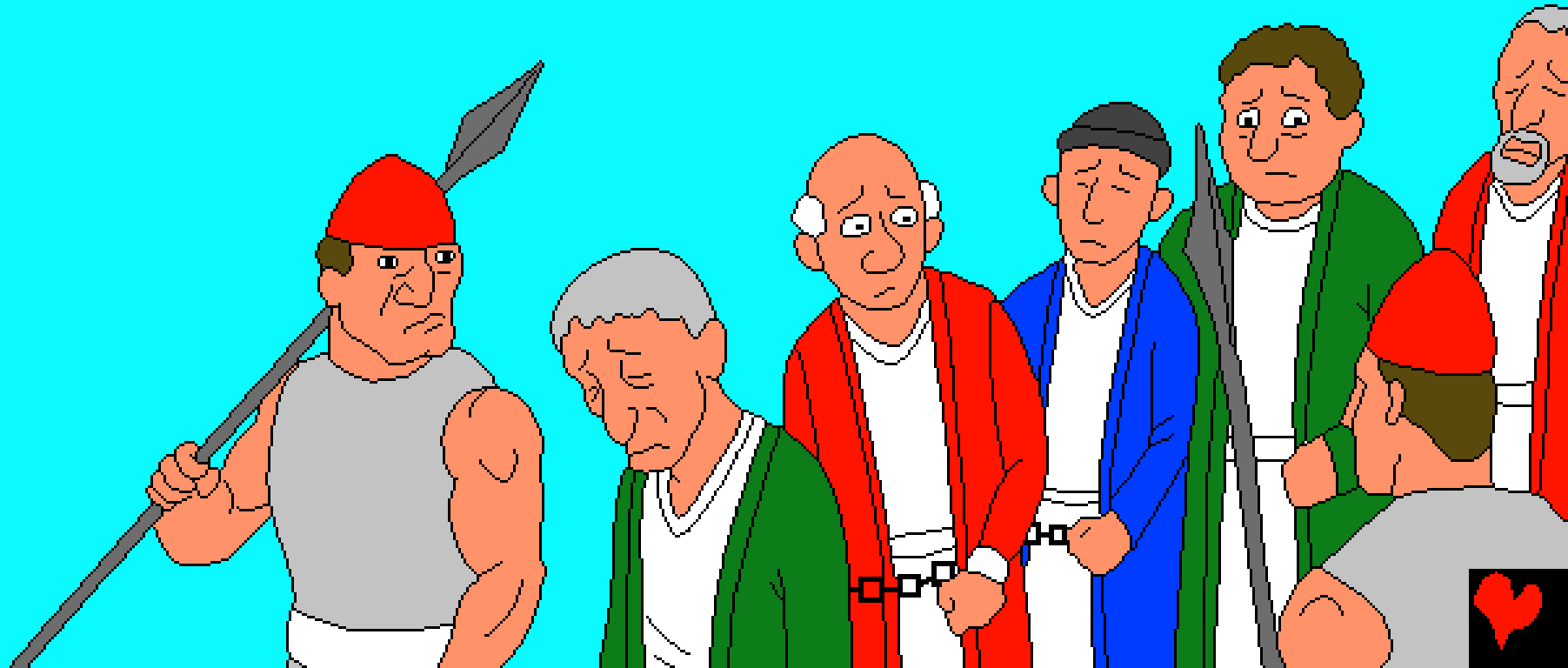
There were also false prophets who said that Jeremiah was not telling the truth.



Jeremiah reminded the people that, about a hundred years before, the northern kingdom of Israel had abandoned God.



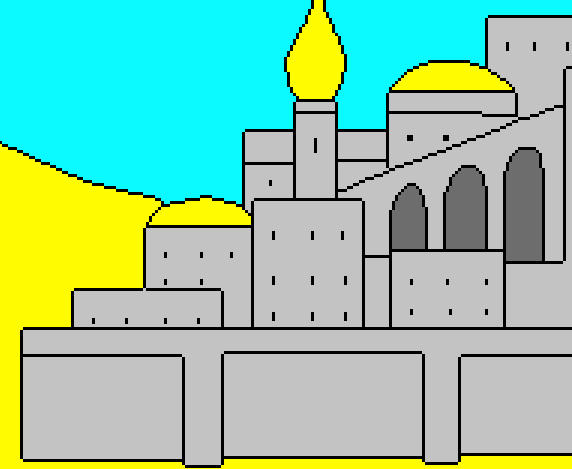
Their enemies, the Assyrians, conquered them and moved all of the Israelites to distant lands.



Now the people
of

Judah, the
southern kingdom,
had abandoned God.

The enemy
armies were
already on the
march!

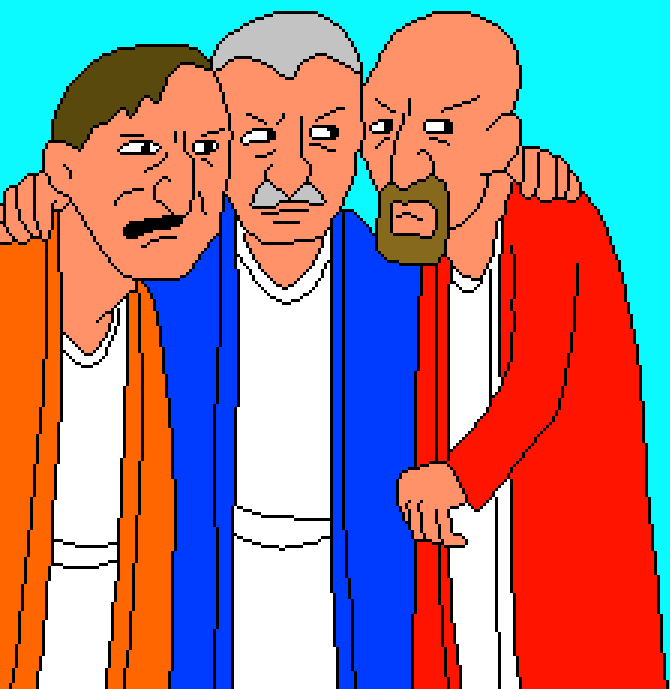




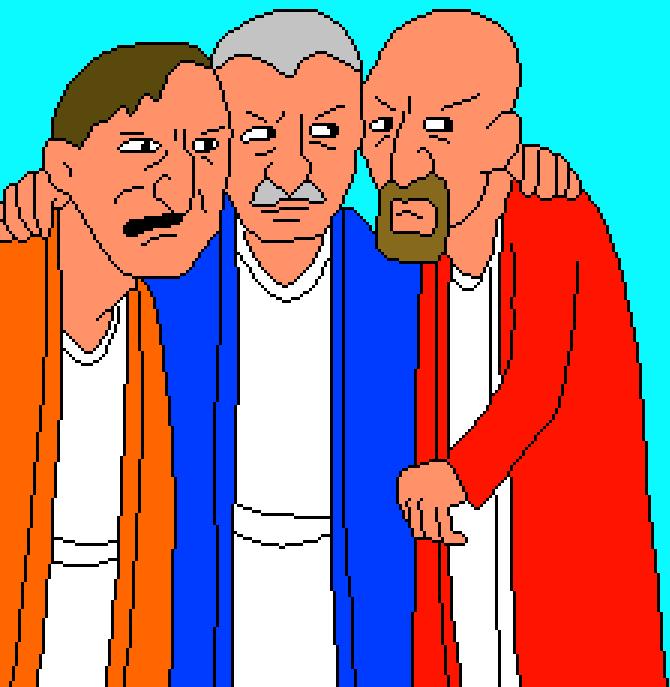
Would God allow His
people to be
conquered
and taken
into exile
too?



The people trusted their idols.
Could idols save them from
their enemies? No! Only
God could save
them.



The people got so angry at Jeremiah, they made a plot to kill him. But God protected His servant.



Finally, God said something that must have shocked Jeremiah. God said, "Don't pray for this people. I will not hear them when they cry to me for help."



Jeremiah
warned the king
he would lose
the battle with
the army of
Babylon.



The king was angry and threw Jeremiah in prison. Even in prison, Jeremiah kept on preaching and trusting God.



After he got out of prison
Jeremiah again preached to the
king and the people that they
should turn back to God and
put their trust in Him.



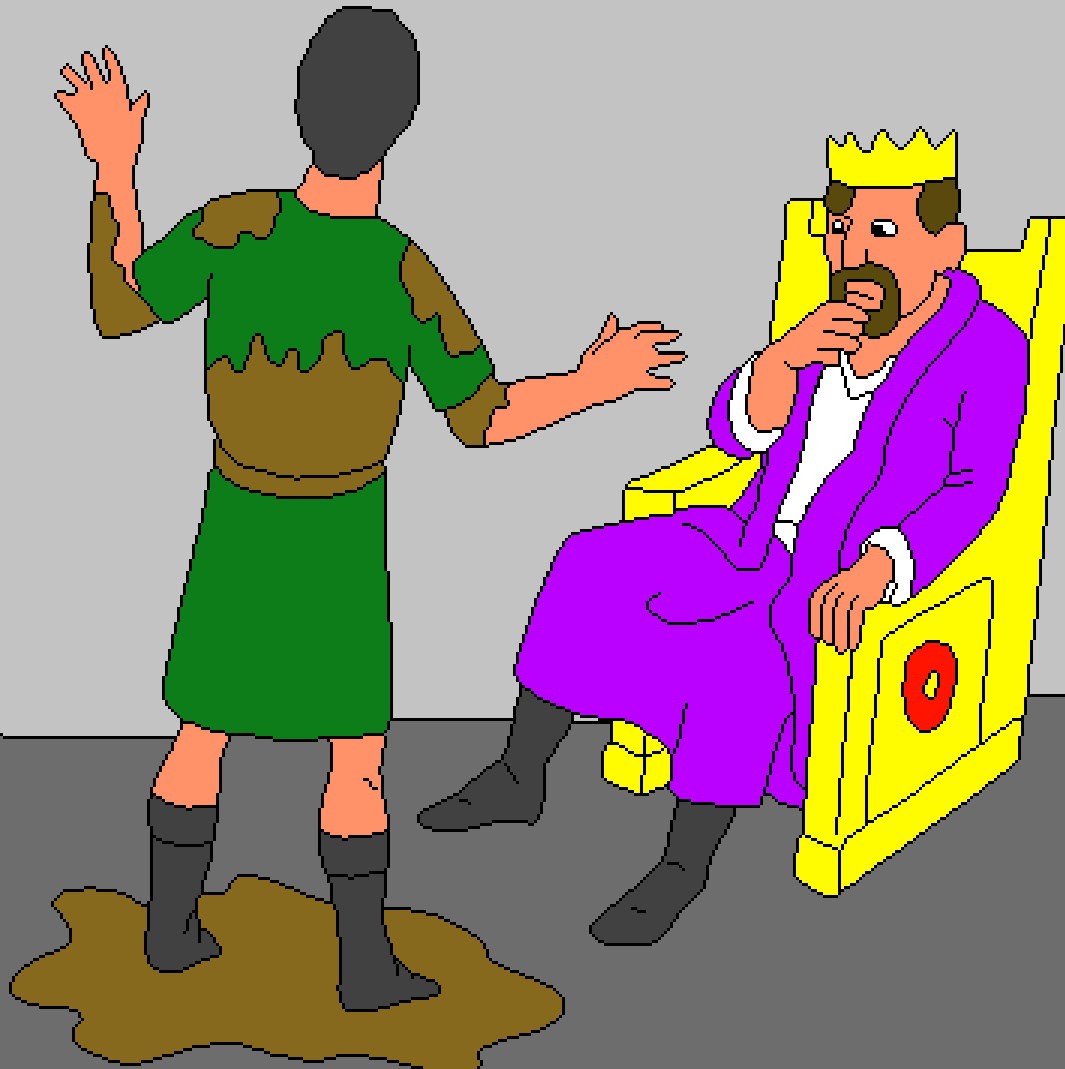
This time, the
king had
Jeremiah
lowered into
a deep
muddy
dungeon.



But God was at work in the king's heart. He secretly rescued Jeremiah and asked him what God wanted the king to do.



"Go into captivity, and God says you will live," was the answer.



The Babylonian army
conquered Jerusalem
and all of Judah. They
pulled down the walls
and all the
buildings,

and
burned
everything.



God said His people
would go into captivity
for seventy years,
and then
He would
bring

them
back to the
Promised
Land.



Jeremiah, Man of tears

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Jeremiah

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me
and now lives again. Please come into my
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have
new life now, and one day go to be with You
forever. Help me to live for You as Your
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every
day! John 3:16

