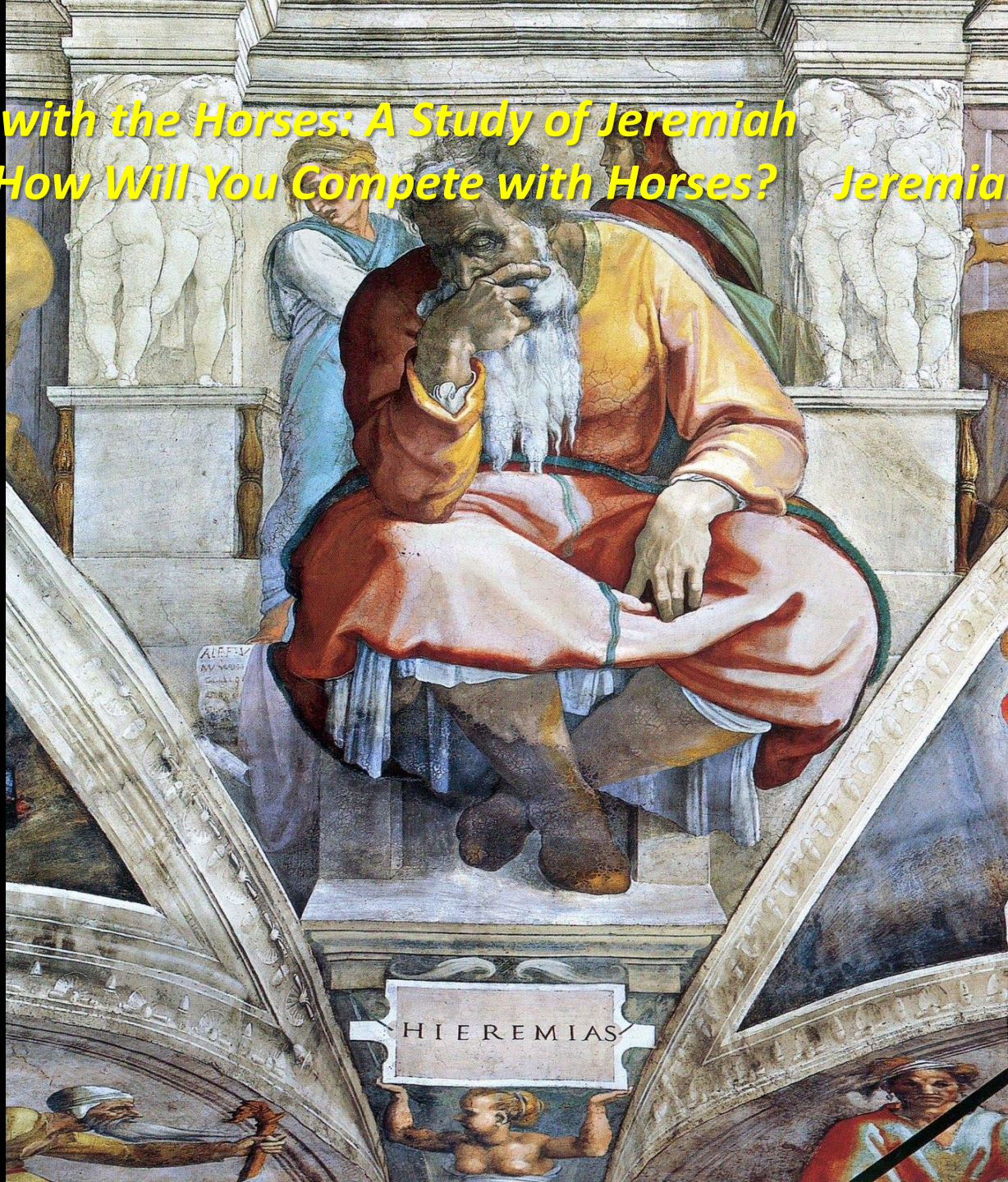



***Running with the Horses: A Study of Jeremiah
Sermon: How Will You Compete with Horses? Jeremiah 12:1-5***





There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 1 John 4:18

Assyrian Empire



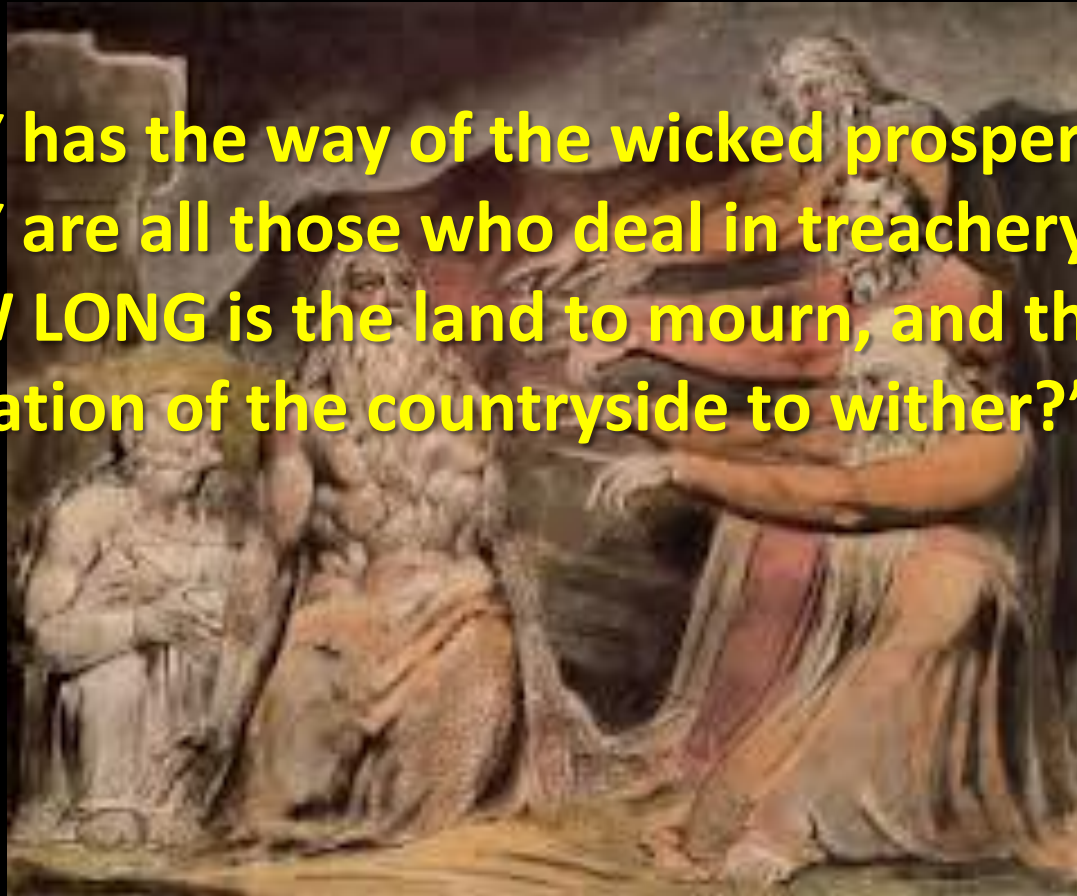
Jeremiah 1:17-19

But you, gird up your loins; stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Do not break down before them, or I will break you before them. And I for my part have made you today a fortified city, an iron pillar, and a bronze wall, against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you.

Jeremiah 12:1-5 (NRSV)

You will be in the right, O Lord, when I lay charges against you; but let me put my case to you. Why does the way of the guilty prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive? You plant them, and they take root; they grow and bring forth fruit; you are near in their mouths yet far from their hearts. But you, O Lord, know me; You see me and test me—my heart is with you. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and set them apart for the day of slaughter. How long will the land mourn, and the grass of every field wither? For the wickedness of those who live in it the animals and the birds are swept away, and because people said, "He is blind to our ways." If you have raced with foot-runners and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses? And if in a safe land you fall down, how will you fare in the thickets of the Jordan?

“WHY has the way of the wicked prospered?”
“WHY are all those who deal in treachery at ease?”
**“HOW LONG is the land to mourn, and the
vegetation of the countryside to wither?”**







"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

JOHN 10:10

"What do you want to achieve?

Greater riches? Cheaper chicken?

A happier life, a longer life?

Is it power over your neighbors that you are after?

Are you only running away from your death?

Or are you seeking greater wisdom, deeper piety?

Do you want to do something meaningful?

What would that look like to you?"

full life



“IF YOU’RE BREATHING, GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOU. AS LONG AS YOU HAVE BREATH, SOMEBODY NEEDS WHAT YOU HAVE. YOUR GIFTS, YOUR TALENT, YOUR LOVE, YOUR SMILE.”

