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HOW JEREMIAH ENDURED TO THE END**

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**GERALD FLURRY:**

Greetings, everyone. The prophet Jeremiah had the Holy Spirit from birth. He was one of three people who had the Holy Spirit from birth, and the other two were Christ and John the Baptist. So I think that illustrates what an important prophet Jeremiah was, and God called him when he was sixteen or seventeen years old. He was just a teenager, so all of you young people need to take note. God used him mightily, even when he was young.

Jesus Christ said in Matthew 24 and verse 13 that “[H]e that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.” But how do you endure to the end? Well, I think that Jeremiah gave us THE specific example of how to do that, going through really the worst trial he ever had in his life. So he had the ultimate understanding of how to endure to the end. He had the most intense trial of his life, and he DID become discouraged for a little while, at least momentarily, but he endured that, and the way he endured it is fascinating because it’ll tell you how you can endure to the end and succeed on many levels if you follow this principle. It is the way Jeremiah wrote it one of the greatest pieces of poetry in the Bible, and REALLY drives home the lesson of what Jeremiah was trying to teach us. Can you endure your worst trial? Are you fearful that you cannot? Well, Jeremiah shows us that we can.

We have another new booklet we want to give you, and we’ll mention it at the end of the program. It’s titled *Seals of Jeremiah Discovered*, and it’s a history of the first temple era, the temple that Solomon built and David planned for and organized for. So it is just filled with some information about Jeremiah, about two seals or the two bullae that have been discovered. That is one of the most stunning discoveries in archaeology in this age! Now, this booklet has beautiful pictures and new drawings to illustrate Solomon’s temple, and it illustrates also these two bullae or seals that were found. These seals were used to make sure that papyrus scroll that it was writing and a message, they’d take this little bullae or

this little seal and seal it together where people couldn't open it up and see what was in it. So you'll find out a great deal more about those little bullae or seals in this little booklet. But I'm telling you, those little seals tell an ASTOUNDING story that is absolutely true, and reinforces the proof that you can prove your own Bible is true, and you can prove that Jeremiah lived, and you can prove that God exists through this archaeological find. It's something EVERYBODY needs to think about, and now we have an exhibit that was inaugurated January 15, and it is a world premiere exhibit because it has been shown no place else in this world, and you can see those two bullae or those two seals and the story behind them, the truth behind them, the events behind them in our exhibit which will continue up into October of this year.

So Jeremiah lived, and I'm going to show you that from these little seals, and also from Bible prophecy, but I want to show you why Jeremiah got into the worst trial of his life. And really we ought to be amazed by that because he was actually warning Judah, and right there in the very temple of God or house of God, that a lot of evil was going on in that house.

Notice Jeremiah 19, verses 14 and 15. We'll start there. Most of it is in chapter 20, but, "Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD'S house;" the temple that Solomon built, "and said to all the people, (15) Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words."

They would not hear the words of God. Can you imagine that happening in Solomon's temple? Or should I say, Solomon's temple just before it was destroyed. And you can see why God destroyed it; they were rebelling against His Word, and it was through the Word of God that that temple was built, and mainly the work was done by David before Solomon, and all he had to do was come along and put it together. So David had a lot to do with building that temple, the great David, who was a man after God's own heart. But oh, how that temple had been corrupt and polluted from the time that Solomon raised it up.

Verse one of chapter 20, "Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who *was* also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. (2) Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks," or the prison house—that's literally what it means, "that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of the LORD."

So here was the most awesome house, physical house that God has ever built on this Earth, or had men build for Him. And here you had the chief officer inside that temple that was built for God—built for God—and the chief officer in it was smiting the very man of God that God sent to that house to warn them. Smiting him and putting him in prison, of all things—the great Jeremiah was put in prison. Now, that was some fierce persecution, and

they continued to persecute him very severely.

I want to read to you what the Jewish commentary, the Soncino commentary, says about this. “Since Pashur was descended from a prominent priestly family, he dared attack the prophet of God without fear of punishment. His son, Gedaliah, followed in his father’s footsteps and accused Jeremiah of weakening the war effort,” that’s in Jeremiah 38 and verse 4.

So let’s go now to Jeremiah 38 and I’ll just show you where this son of Pashur—and I believe the Soncino Commentary is absolutely right—but here is the son of Pashur who was smiting Jeremiah and putting him in prison, and his son did a great deal more than that to Jeremiah. Notice Jeremiah 38 and verse 1, “Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur,” there he is, Gedaliah, “and [Jehucal or] Jucal,” It should be Jehucal, that would be better, “the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,”

Now here we have Gedaliah and Jehucal, but Gedaliah was the son of Pashur, and these were two of the top princes in the land, and one of them, the son of Pashur, who had been persecuting Jeremiah so severely. Jeremiah had told them because of their sins Babylon was going to conquer them, but they could live. If they would respond to his message they wouldn’t have to die, but they rebelled against that and these two princes not only had Jeremiah imprisoned twice—and that’s what these two bullae are about, seals from these two princes—that not only had Jeremiah imprisoned twice, but they beseeched the king to let him be put to death. You can read that in verse 4. They cast Jeremiah into a dungeon, into the mire up to his chin, and you can read that in verse 6. I mean, this was a real trial.

So here this one bulla that was discovered was from this Gedaliah, the son of Pashur, and we have that in our exhibition. We have it there and the story behind it, the truth behind it, and also that bulla or that seal was actually found in early 2008 by Dr. Eilat Mazar. And the other one, of Jehucal, his seal that he used to seal his messages was found in 2005 by Dr. Mazar, as well, and that’s again one of the most amazing discoveries in archaeology of this end time that we’re living in now.

On January 15, 2012 we had our inauguration and we have these two bullae there, and they’re magnified. They are small little seals about the size of a dime, but we have them magnified, and we have the story there where you can read that, and on this inaugural day we had a congressman from Oklahoma who serves in Washington, D.C., and he was able to speak about his experience in Jerusalem. We also had four outstanding Jewish classical musicians. So it was quite an eventful day in our beautiful auditorium. And as I said, we believe these are two of the greatest archaeological discoveries in this end time because it REALLY reinforces the truth about what Jeremiah said and what he did, and who persecuted him and WHY they persecuted him.

God lives, and God's prophecies are living prophecies, and you can prove that! You can prove that to yourself. So we feel that we were certainly honored to have these seals here and other artifacts, especially from Solomon's wall in that Solomonic era, and we have just many artifacts to show the public, and there's an interesting story behind every single one of them. So that exhibit will continue, as I said, through October of this year.

Notice verse 3 of Jeremiah 20, we'll go back there. Jeremiah 3 and verse 20, "And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks." Or the prison. "Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but Magormissabib."

Now, what does that mean? Well, that name has a very great prophecy. This Magormissabib means 'horror on every side. "Do you think you're going to punish me and do all these things? Okay, but you're going to see terror on every side from Babylon," and that's what Jeremiah prophesied about this chief priest in the house of God, the greatest temple ever built on this Earth.

And on in verse 4 you can see there that Jeremiah said, "[A]nd thine eyes shall behold *it*:" all you people alive are going to see this, and this prophecy—and we prove this to you in our booklet on Jeremiah that you can request—and all of our literature is free—but what Jeremiah wrote here is only a TYPE of what is to be filled in this end time, and God says just as anciently they were able to see these things come to pass, WE, today are going to see these things come to pass. I mean, we're right where Jeremiah was anciently, as far as these terrible prophecies are concerned, but the end result is it's all leading directly into the second coming of Jesus Christ! And that's the good news!

I mean Jeremiah was written a hundred years after Israel went into captivity, and yet he addressed his book to Israel. Does that make sense? No, it doesn't unless Jeremiah is an end-time book, which it is. You can read that in Jeremiah 31, verses 1 through 9, and verse 24 of that chapter says it's for the latter days, and in the latter days you shall consider it or understand it perfectly, it should read. You really will understand it in this end time, and even those two little seals help you to understand the book of Jeremiah.

And you can see in verses 1 and 2 of Jeremiah 30 where he wrote it in a book for the end time. That's why he did it. And verse 9 talks about David being resurrected, and ruling over all of Israel, the nations of Israel, and he's going to rule with Jesus Christ because he was faithful to God like Jeremiah. But all of this is in the context of the Messiah coming in this end time, and that's the best news we could possibly hear. There is a tremendous story behind all of this.

And then in verse 6 he told Pashur he was going to die in another land, and why was he going to die? Well, he had declared that no harm would befall the nation since this was a lie uttered in God's name and in God's house! Do you think God is going to tolerate

something like that? Is God going to tolerate that kind of rebellion where people pollute and contaminate the wonderful truth that was given them?

Notice where Jeremiah became so depressed and discouraged in verse 7, “O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. (8) For since I spake, I cried out,” do you see why Babylon was sent to Judah? Look what they were doing to God’s prophet, one of the greatest prophets who ever lived.

“For since I spake,” verse 8, “I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.”

Jeremiah was in the depths of despair because people were mocking him and day after day after day they did that, and he got so worn down, he said, “I just can’t go out and do it!” That was his worst discouragement ever.

But I want to show you the—well, the depth that is so unfathomable, right here in verse 9, “Then I said, I will not make mention of him,” God, “nor speak any more in his name.” Can you imagine Jeremiah saying that? Well, he was beaten down with persecution like the rest of us have never experienced, and he was delivering God’s message to God’s own house, and that’s being done today spiritually, as well, and you can see that in our free literature that we’ll give you. So it’s happening again on a spiritual level.

But this verse continues, “But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.”

So here was Jeremiah going through the worst trial he ever had in his life. He was very discouraged, and he said, “I’m just not going to have anything to do with it anymore.” He even was sorry he was ever born. He was so depressed and so discouraged that he just turned from it momentarily. But then he said, “I can’t stop proclaiming this message of God. I can’t do it! It’s in my heart as a fire shut up in my bones!” That’s how deeply he understood it, and he said, “I cannot stop delivering God’s message.”

Do you want to know how to endure to the end? You need to get this Bible in your mind the way Jeremiah had it in his, and even though he had this terrifying trial, he wrote this very poetic statement that showed how he endured, and what a great lesson it is for us today. God’s Bible, as much of it that was written at that time, was in his mind. It was in his mind. It was like in his bones. It was in his heart. He said it was just in his heart and like a fire shut up in his bones. He had that fire in the belly that we hear so much about. How much fire in the belly do we have toward God’s Word? Today we have the Old Testament and the New Testament. The New Testament is twenty-five percent quotation from the Old Testament. So we have to, as Christ said, hunger and thirst after this, to study and show yourself approved—that’s what we have to do to create this fire within us where

this Word of God is so deeply a part of us and etched in our heart and mind that we cannot give it up! It's so wonderful and inspiring and moving and stirring, and we're going to be blessed for all eternity with the highest positions God ever offered anybody. Is that worth putting this in your heart? Well, Jeremiah did that and he endured to the end.

Now, we also have a thirty-six lesson Correspondence Course, which I mean you can go through them and enroll and go through all thirty-six of them over a period of months and maybe a couple of years, but they are designed to build that fire within your belly, your bones, your heart, to build that fire within YOU where nothing will deter you from following God. You will endure any trial because it's so rich and wonderful, and the future is so brilliant forever that you can't give it up! And you see all of that future that God is going to give the people that respond to Him, and take them out into the universe. You need to learn your Bible. You need to learn this Book. It is Jesus Christ in print, and He said we ought to live by every word. Yes, and that means the word where it talks about those two bullae or two seals that we're showing and displaying in our exhibit because it's such PROOF that Jeremiah really LIVED. He really DID have these terrible trials, and God tested him to the max. But he was addicted to God's Word. ADDICTED to it! And couldn't give it up, couldn't give up that wonderful habit of CLINGING to God's Word and being inspired and moved by it here in this worst trial. He taught us a giant lesson, a giant lesson. Get your heart into this message, you see, and make it so real and so wonderful that it's just like fire shut up in your bones! Your whole being! You can't give it up! No matter what happens, you can't give it up! Now, that's something to get excited about, and that's the way to endure to the end, and that's the way to succeed on any level. On ANY level!

Satan is subtle, though. He likes to get you to gradually get away from God's Word and get into sports and get into entertainment, the wrong kind, or too much, too much illicit sex, perhaps, all the things that gradually lead us away from this, and pretty soon, well, it's far from being a fire in our bones. It's something we put behind sports or whatever.

But listen, you can endure to the end if you let the mind of Christ live in you the way Jeremiah did. Christ said, "Live by every word of God." Every word! Is that about the seals or the bullae? Every single word of God that gives you proof that God lives, and Jeremiah lived, and he endured horrible trials, crying out and trying to get the people of God back to God, and they tried to kill him, and WOULD have killed him if it hadn't been for God saving him through Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar came in and released him, and Jeremiah said afterwards, "The mighty terrible one was with me. I didn't have anything to fear; God was with me. Even in that dungeon He was with me." The mighty God is always with you. You don't have to worry. You can endure, and He's not going to give you any trial that you can't stand. He's not going to do that at all.

Now, Jeremiah went on from there to Ireland and established the throne of David, started a college, and frankly, I'm sure, never had another trial like he had there in Jerusalem, and

what a reward God is going to give him, and will give YOU if you follow his example.

Until next week, this is Gerald Flurry, goodbye, friends.

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