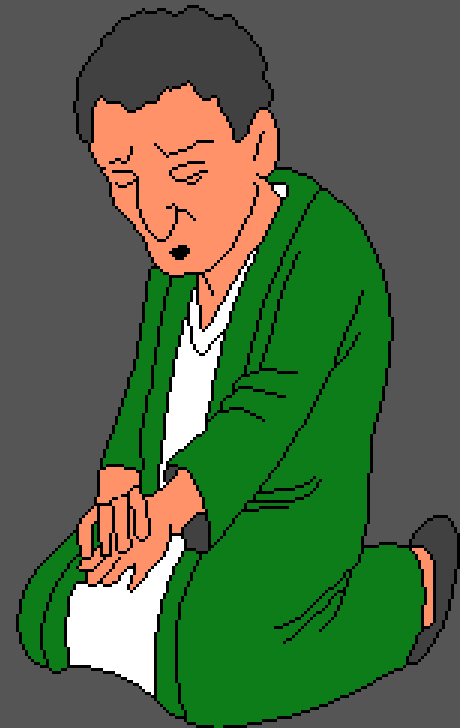


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JEREMIAH,  
MAN OF  
TEARS



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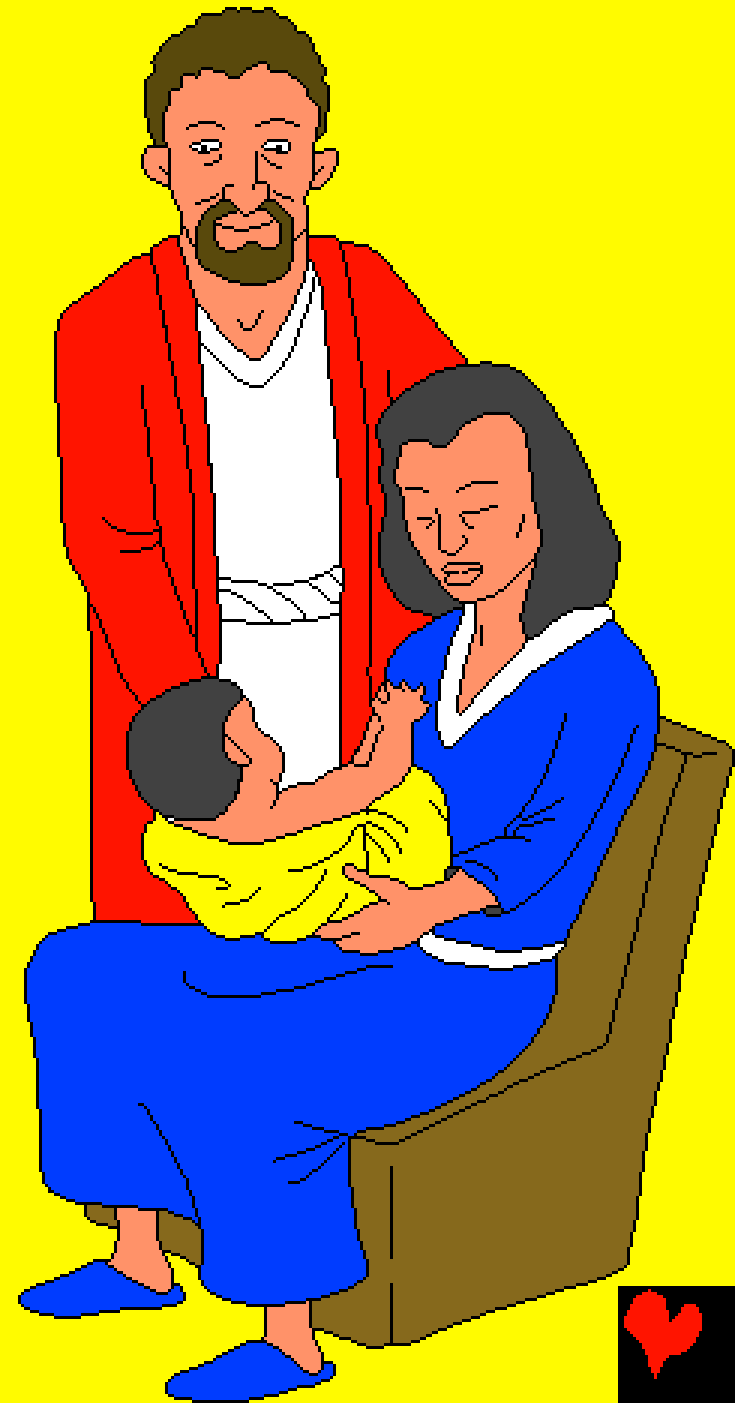
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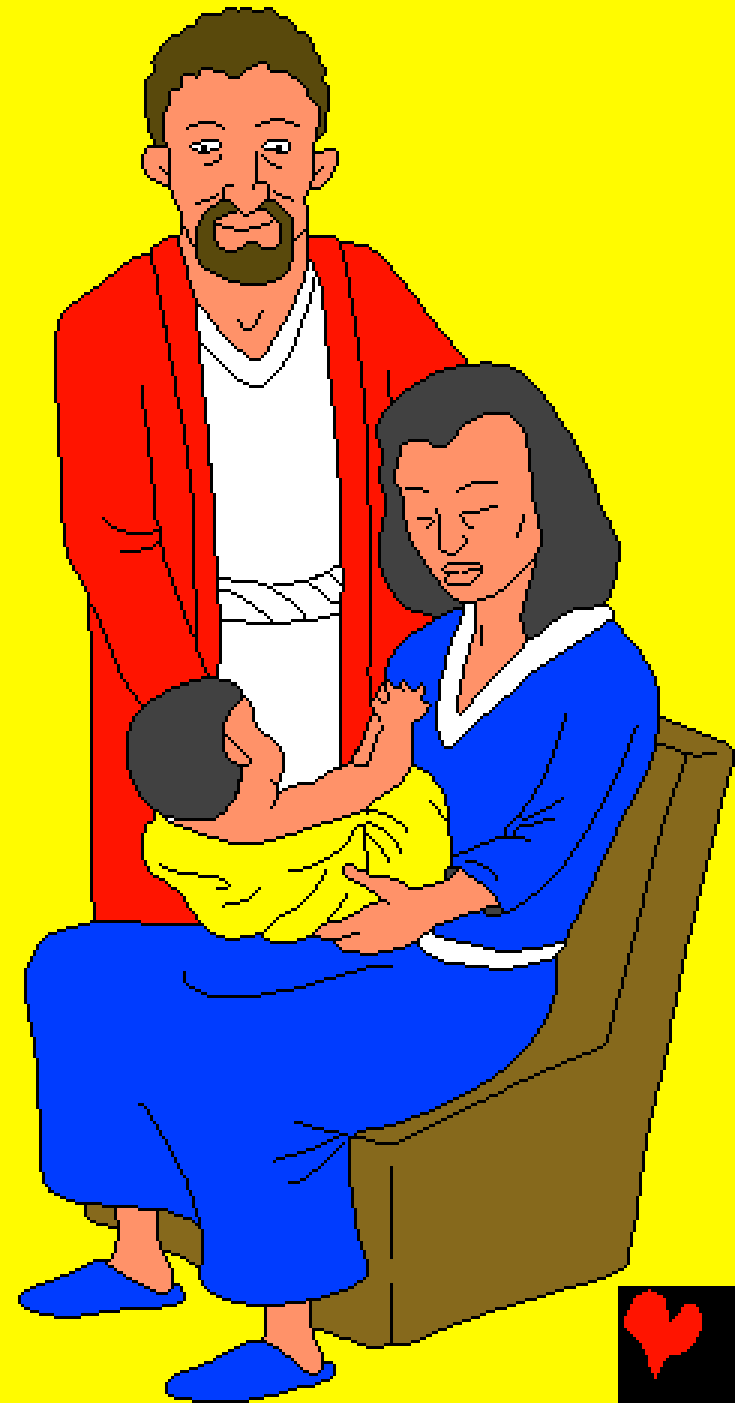
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Jeremiah was born into a religious home in the kingdom of Judah. His Dad, Hilkiah, was a priest. The family lived in a town called Anathoth, not far from Jerusalem.



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.

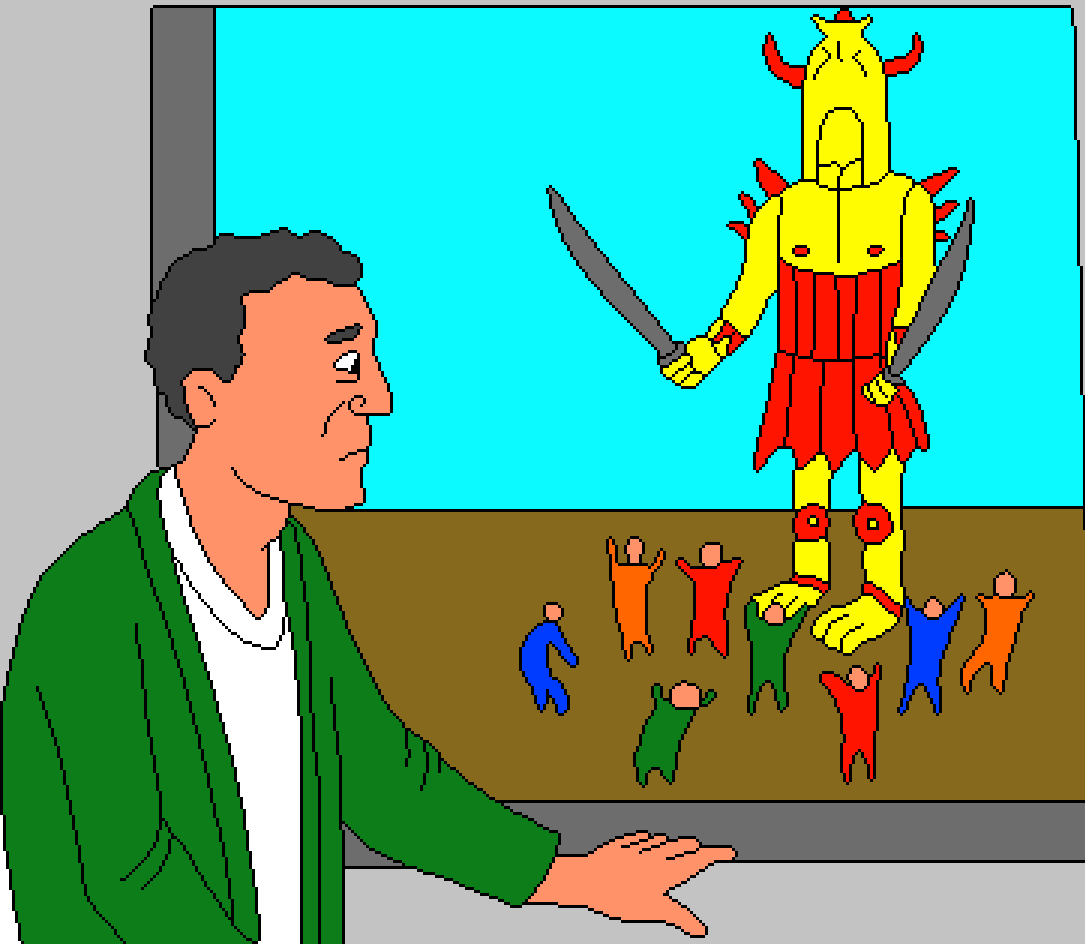


"I  
knew  
you  
before  
you were  
born,"  
God told  
Jeremiah,  
"and I planned  
then that you will speak for Me."

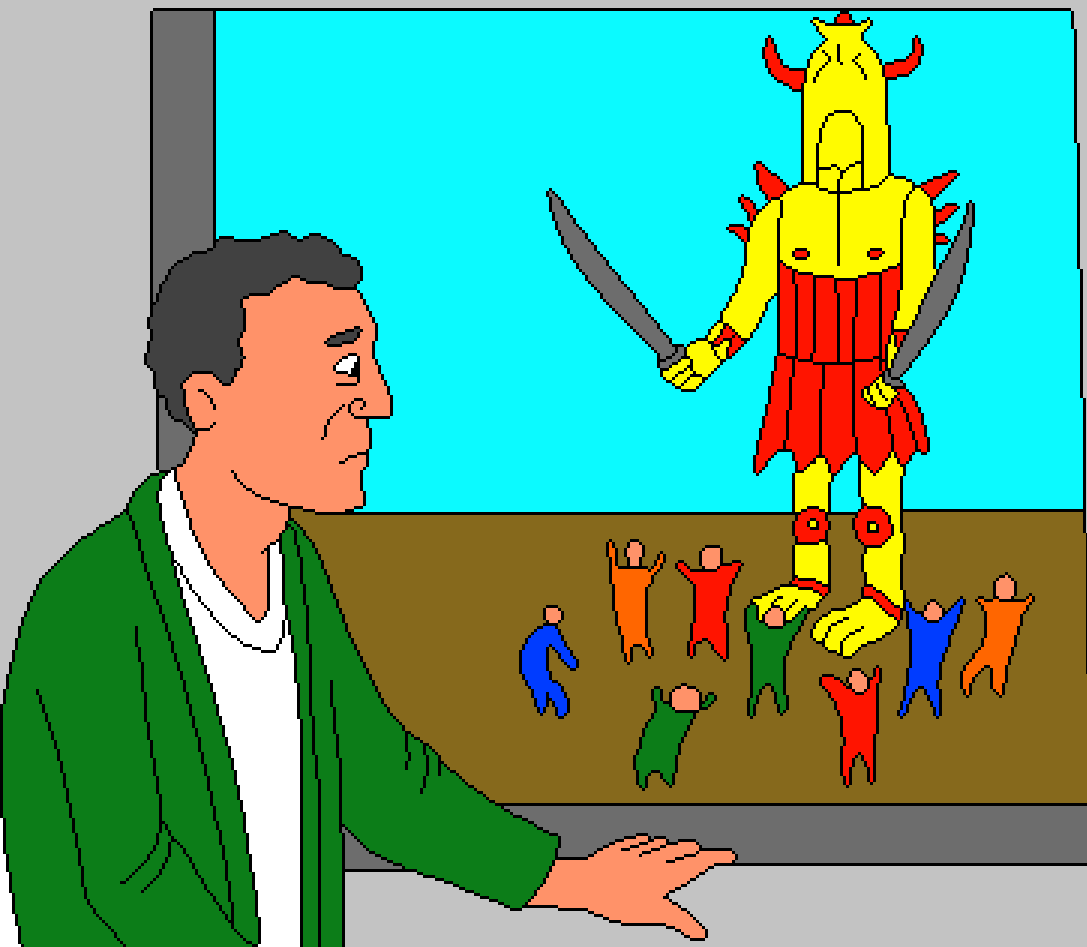




God's call seemed to scare Jeremiah. "Ah, Lord GOD!" he cried out. "I cannot speak, for I am a child."



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.

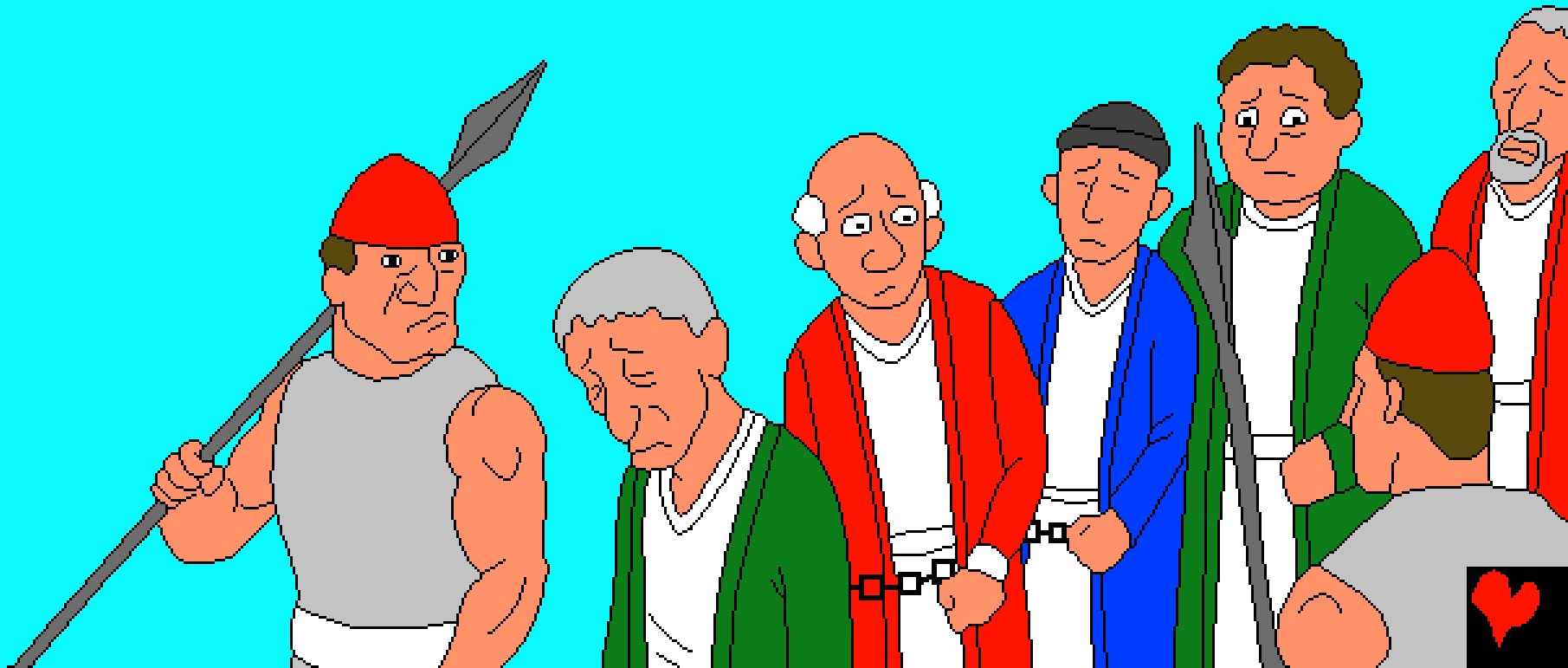


There were also false prophets who said that Jeremiah was not telling the truth.

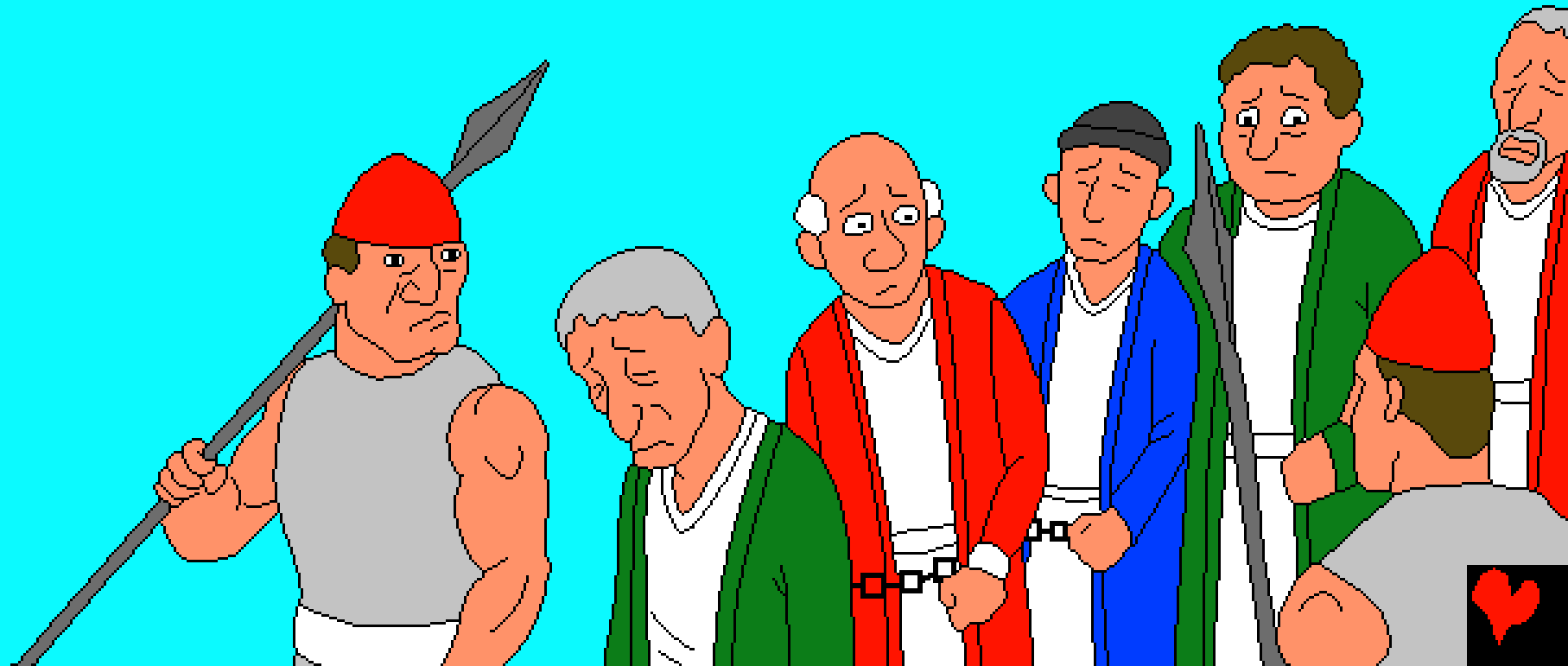




Jeremiah reminded the people that, about a hundred years before, the northern kingdom of Israel had abandoned God.



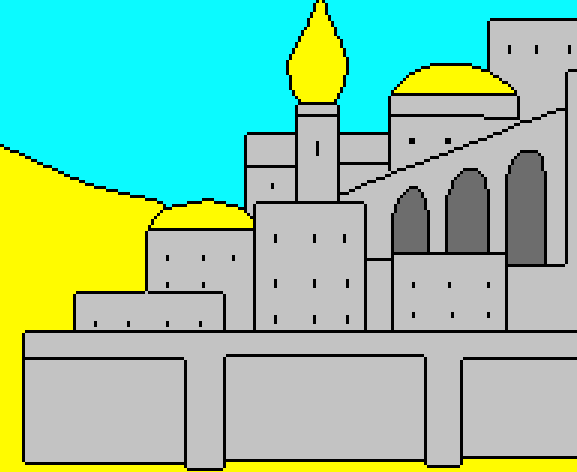
Their enemies, the Assyrians, conquered them and moved all of the Israelites to distant lands.



Now the people  
of

Judah, the  
southern kingdom,  
had abandoned God.

The enemy  
armies were  
already on the  
march!

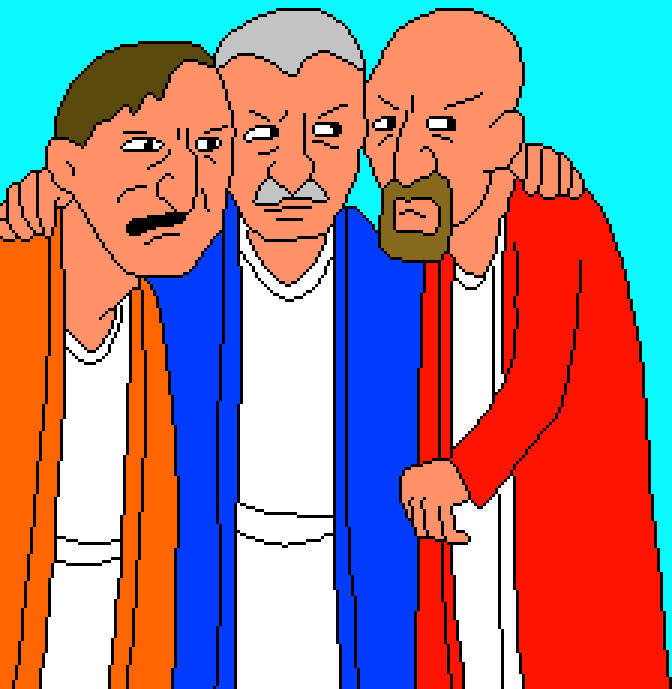




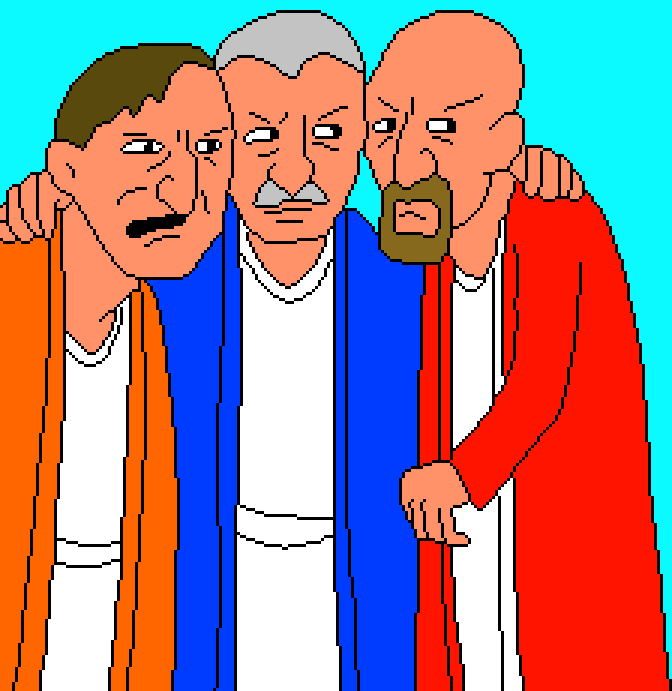
Would God allow His  
people to be  
conquered  
and taken  
into exile  
too?



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.



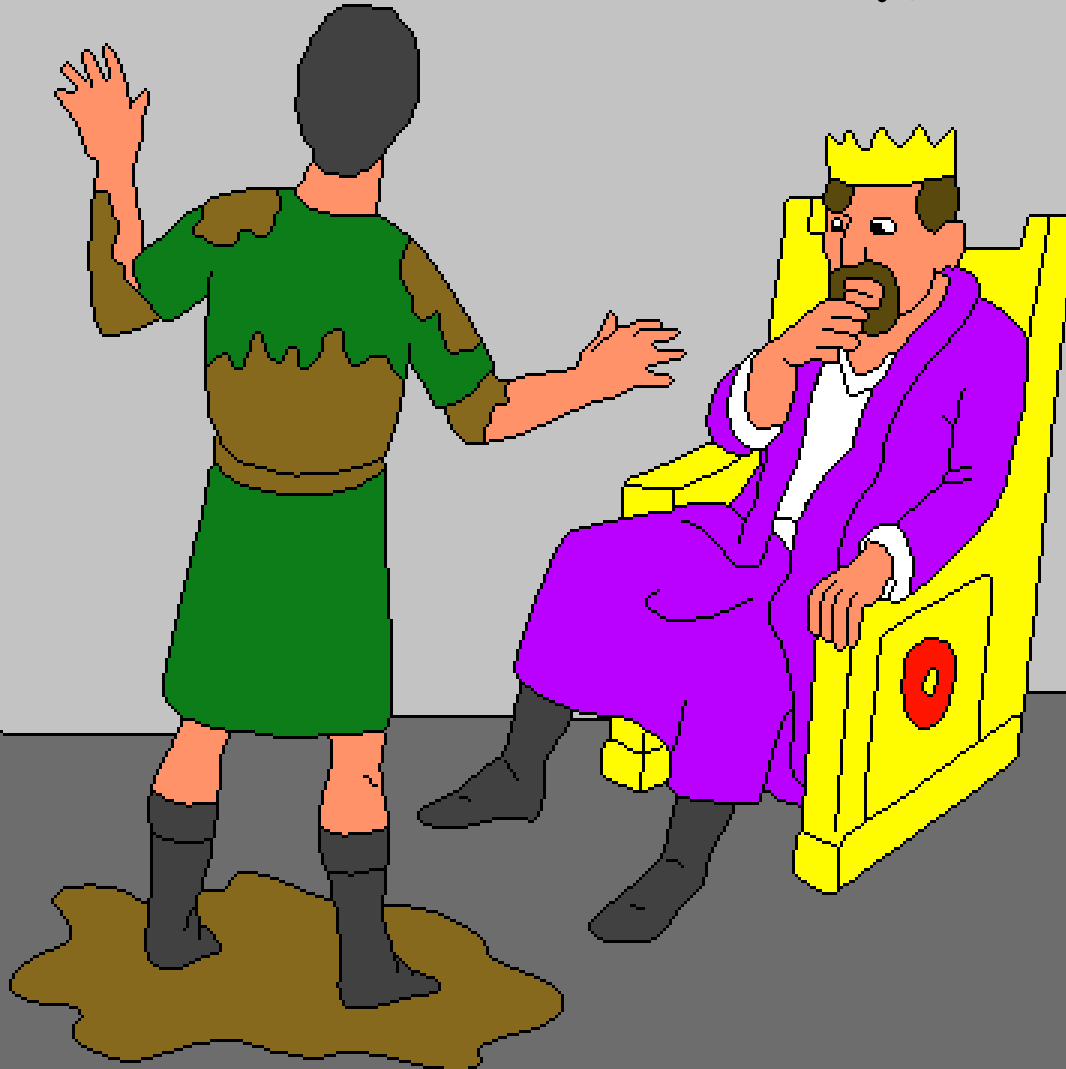
After he got out of prison  
Jeremiah again preached to the  
king and the people that they  
should turn back to God and  
put their trust in Him.



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 Words 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

