

I REJOICE AT THY WORD

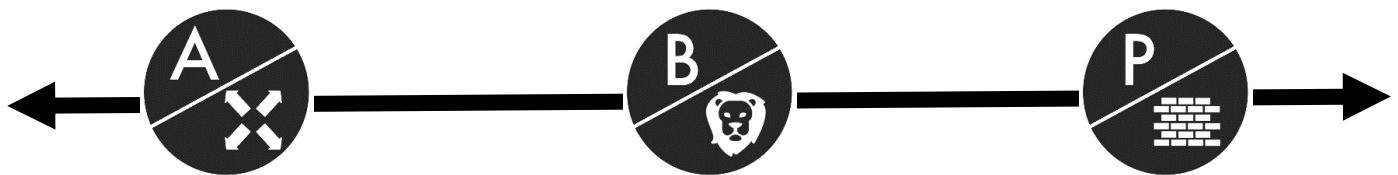
BUILD & PLANT

DIRECTIONS

“Pluck Up & Break Down” “Destroy & Overthrow” “Build & Plant”

- ▶ These phrases are used repeatedly throughout the book of Jeremiah. The study sheet gives three references that use each set of words. Look up every passage and answer the accompanying questions.

For context, review the timeline below.



ISRAEL TAKEN CAPTIVE BY ASSYRIA

2 Kings 17:21-23

After Solomon's reign, God's people were divided. The Northern Kingdom known as Israel had a succession of sinful kings and strayed from the LORD. After many prophets warnings went unheeded, they were driven out of their land by the Assyrians.

JUDAH TAKEN CAPTIVE BY BABYLON

2 Chronicles 36:17-20

God gave Jeremiah a message for the Southern Kingdom known as Judah. They would also be uprooted, and Jerusalem would be destroyed. They would be driven out of their own land by the Chaldeans and made to live under Babylonian rule.

ISRAELITES RETURN UNDER PERSIAN RULE

Ezra 1:2-3a

When Babylon was overtaken by the Persian empire, the people were permitted to return to Jerusalem. They rebuilt the Temple and the wall of Jerusalem, which had been demolished by the Chaldeans, and they began to worship together again.

"See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to **pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.**"
Jeremiah 1:10 (NASB)

PLUCK UP & BREAK DOWN

Jeremiah 12:14-15

Who will be uprooted from their land?

Jeremiah 18:7-10

Look at the surrounding verses. What analogy was God using to describe His relationship with nations?

What does this passage reveal about God's character and/or His authority?

Jeremiah 45:4

Who had been responsible for building up Judah?

DESTROY & OVERTHROW

Jeremiah 5:10-11

What does the LORD say to destroy?

Jeremiah 15:3-7

What reason is given for the destruction?

Jeremiah 25:8-9

Who would God use to bring destruction?

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Jeremiah 24:4-7

After being uprooted & destroyed, what good plan did God have for His people?

Jeremiah 31:3-4

What words are used to describe God's heart towards Israel?

Jeremiah 32:41-42

What did the LORD promise them?

Just as I watched over them to **uproot and tear down,** and to **overthrow, destroy** and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to **build and to plant,**" declares the LORD.
Jeremiah 31:28 (NIV)