



Reading the Call of Jeremiah

Jeremiah told the story of how he became a prophet.

God spoke to me. He said, "Before you were born, I knew you. Before you were born, I formed you. I created you to be a prophet to all nations."

"Ah, Lord God!" I said, "I do not know how to speak well. I am too young."

But God answered me, "Do not say that you are too young. You will go where I send you. You will speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid because I will always be with you."

Then God extended his hand and touched my mouth. He said, "I place my words in your mouth! Today, I set you over nations and kingdoms. Sometimes you will destroy and demolish. Other times, you will build and plant."

—Based on *Jeremiah* 1:4-10