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¹ **Now Pashur** / an Egyptian name meaning: *son of Horus...* probably named by a parent promoting pluralism and multiculturalism...

Now Pashur, a son of Immer the priest,

was also chief governor in the house of the LORD / so in the hierarchy of the House, he was second only to the chief priest, his job was head-bouncer in the House, keeping troublemakers in check,

Pashur... heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things / he responded to the symbolic drama Jeremiah was asked to do, recorded in the previous chapter.

² **Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet** / so Pashur had a ministry much like some in the church now days; certainly, like the inquisitors of earlier centuries; people who love... well, they don't love others, but they certainly do love their job pounding on others,

Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet / we read, *if the guilty deserves to be beaten, the judge will have him flogged in his presence with the number of lashes his crime deserves, but he must not give him more than forty lashes—Deut. 25*

Pashur smote Jeremiah... and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the LORD.

³ **And it came about the next day, that Pashur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks.**

Then Jeremiah said to him,

The LORD has not called your name Pashur,

but Magor-missabib / which means: **TERROR** on all sides.

⁴ **For thus says the LORD,**

Behold / pay attention; through the prophet Jeremiah this brutal religious leaders is to learn a lesson,

I will make you a terror to yourself, and to all your friends:

and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies; your eyes shall see it all:

and I will give all Judah to the hand of the king of Babylon;

he shall take them captive to Babylon,

and shall slay them with the sword.

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⁵ Moreover I will deliver all the wealth of this city, and all it produces, all that is precious.

All the treasures of the kings of Judah I will hand over to their enemies, who shall plunder, and take, and carry to Babylon.

⁶ And you, Pashur, and all who dwell in your house shall go into captivity:

and when you arrive in Babylon,

there you shall die, and there you shall be buried,

you and all your friends, to whom you have **falsely** prophesied.

We in the 21st century know, from recent archeological excavating beneath the 12 acres of the City of David only 600 feet south of the Temple Mount, this name **Pashur** was found on one of two ancient government seals, the other was **Zephaniah**, associated with Pashur in chapter 21... both seals date to the time of Jeremiah – these 2 ancient names recorded in scripture have been found on ancient artifacts.

And it is as if an emboldened Jeremiah stormed out of Pashur's presence... and says

⁷ O LORD, You deceived me / actually,



LORD, You tricked me, and I was tricked / after his first pounding experience, was Jeremiah having second thoughts about being a prophet? Centuries later... Martin Luther said, If I had not known the LORD was on my side, I would have given up.

You are stronger than me, yet I prevailed / **Round ONE was a win**, but at a price: and Jeremiah starts to complain a little:

I am ridiculed daily, everyone mocks me.

⁸ When I speak, I cry loudly, **VIOLENCE** / in Hebrew,



HAMAS and DESTRUCTION / so Jeremiah sees what Noah saw filled the whole earth; so Jeremiah sees... what Jesus said it will be like... when Messiah, *the Son of Man comes again in great glory*;

I am mocked and censured

because I daily proclaim **the word of the LORD**.

⁹ But if I say, I will **not** mention it, nor speak any more in His name;



then I feel within my heart a fire burning to my bones.

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I am tired of forbearing,

and will not / will not what? Obviously Jeremiah was pushed to his wits end; without a thought of what's next, or where should he go? But Jeremiah continues his rant...

¹⁰ For I hear the slanders of many, 


Terror on every side? They say, Report him! We will report him.

Even all my friends / my associates... **watch for my halting** / they probably wonder what is my next hesitant step,

they say,

Perhaps, if we retaliate and entice him;

we will prevail against him.

¹¹ But the LORD is with me, a mighty TERROR: 

therefore my persecutors will stumble,

and not prevail: / in Hebrew the next phrases are so clear,

for they will not prosper:

but will be shamed greatly,

in eternal confusion,

never forgetting.

¹² But, O LORD of hosts who examines the righteous,

and sees the mind and heart, 

let me see Your vengeance / Your settling the score:

for to You I have opened my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD: 

for He delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of the evildoers.

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14 Cursed be the day I was born: 


not a blessed day when my mother gave me birth.

15 Cursed be the man who brought news to my father, 

saying, A boy is born to you; making him very glad.

16 And let that man be like the cities which the LORD overthrew, and returned not:

let him hear the chaos in the morning, and the battle cries at noontide;

17 Because he did not kill me in the womb 

so that my mother would have been my grave,

and her womb only pregnant with me.

18 Why did I come from the womb? / we know the answer. The LORD said, *before you came from your mother's womb, I ordained you—Jeremiah 1;*

To look on toil and sorrow;

my days to be consumed with shame? / in Hebrew, **with boshet?**

NO! Jeremiah was a forerunner of the Messiah – he was ordained to stand alone. The irreligious Pashurs' of life will come and go; they have no place in God's eternal economy of joy and peace... though He uses them along with other fools and jackasses to work His agenda. Though our lives may feel like **boshet** at times, still this is our Father's world; He is working His plan; and if we tune our ears to Him, we will hear the glorious music He is writing... to be sung through all eternity — to God be the glory!