

Judah's Resulting Judgment

11:18 to 12:17

During the reign of Josiah

As a result of **Jeremiah's** preaching about **Judah's** responsibility in breaking the covenant with **ADONAI** (**Bh - The Covenant is Broken**) there was a plot against **his** life by **his** own family in **Anathoth** and **his** second complaint (**Bj - The Plot Against Jeremiah**). At this point in the story we now get the details of that plot. This came as a shock to **Yirmeyahu** and led **him** to a third complaint (**Bk - Why Does the Way of the Wicked Prosper?**), accompanied with some deep reflection on **his** own ministry and on the meaning of human existence in general. **God's** reply to **the prophet's** complaint is unexpected: If **Jeremiah** thought things were tough now, **he** hadn't seen anything yet. . . the worse was yet to come. **This is presented in different ways by a series of five metaphors.**