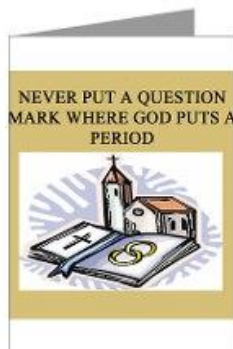


## The Martyrdom of Jeremiah the Prophet

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- It means “Yahweh exalts”.
- He was one of the “greater prophets” of the Old Testament.
- It is mentioned that he had a joyful early life ([Jeremiah 8:18](#)), however, the difficulties in Jeremiah and the Book of Lamentations have prompted scholars to refer to him as “the weeping prophet.”
- Jeremiah was called to prophetic ministry in c. 626 BC.
- Jeremiah’s job was to reveal the sins of the people and explain the reason for the impending disaster (destruction by the Babylonian army and captivity).
- According to the Book of Jeremiah, he prophesied in Jerusalem from the thirteenth year of King [Josiah](#) of Judah through the eleventh year of King Zedekiah, a period of 40 years from roughly 626-586 B.C.E. After this he continued his prophetic ministry from exile in Egypt for some time.
- Jeremiah’s prophecies contain some of the most inspiring and troubling passages in the Bible. In one breath he tells his listeners of God’s compassion, his forgiveness, and his promise of a New Covenant in which the laws of God will be written on men’s hearts rather than tablets of stone. In the next, he becomes a channel for God’s fierce, implacable wrath.



## The Martyrdom of the Great Saint Mark, the Apostle and the Evangelist

Baramouda 30/ May 8



- Mark the Evangelist (Coptic: MAPKOC; Latin: Marcus; Hebrew: מרְקוּס; Greek: Μάρκος) is the traditional author of the Gospel of Mark. He is one of the Seventy Disciples of Christ, and the founder of the Church of Alexandria, one of the original four main sees of Christianity.
- He was born in the Pentapolis or Qairawan (Now Tunisia or Libya according to other sources) approximately 15 years after our Lord was born.
- He witnessed the preaching of our Lord in Palestine as well as his passion.
- In AD 43, about 10 years after the ascension of Christ, Saint Mark traveled to Alexandria and founded the Church of Alexandria, which today is claimed by the Coptic Orthodox Church. He became the first bishop of Alexandria and he is honored as the founder of Christianity in Africa.
- He was martyred in 68 AD when pagans of Serapis (the Serapion-Abbis Greek Egyptian god) tied him to a horse’s tail and dragged him through the streets of Alexandria’s district of Bokalia for two days until his body was torn to pieces.
- The Church celebrates his martyrdom on the 8th of May each year.
- His head is in a church named after him in Alexandria, and parts of his relics are in St. Mark’s Cairo’s Cathedral. The rest of his relics are in the San Marco Cathedral in Venice, Italy.
- Of his titles are: The Evangelist, the Apostle, the Witness and the Martyr.
- His symbol is the lion.

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When God takes something from your grasp. He’s not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.



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- Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives.
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- St. Athanasius of Alexandria (Greek: Ἀθανάσιος, Athanásios).
- [B. C. (296-298) – D. 2 May 373] is also given the titles St. Athanasius the Great, Pope St. Athanasius I of Alexandria, St Athanasius the Confessor, St Athanasius the Apostolic (in our Coptic Orthodox Church, mainly) and Father of Orthodoxy.
- He was the 20<sup>th</sup> Pope and bishop of Alexandria.
- His long Episcopate lasted 45 years (June 328 - May 373), of which over 17 years were spent in 5 exiles ordered by four different Roman Emperors.
- He is remembered for his role in the conflict with Arius and Arianism. In 325AD, at the age of 27, St Athanasius had a leading role against the Arians in the first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. At the time, he was a deacon and personal secretary of the 19th Bishop of Alexandria St. Alexander. The First Council of Nicaea was convoked by Emperor Constantine in May–August 325AD to address the Arian heresy that Christ is of a distinct substance from the Father.
- In June 328, at the age of 30, three years after Nicaea, he became archbishop of Alexandria. He continued to lead the conflict against the Arians for the rest of his life. Cowed by no man, and against the whole world with uncompromising hostility towards heresy, he was called “Athanasius Contra Mundum” becoming one of the most imposing figures in ecclesiastical history, the most outstanding of the Alexandrian Bishops and one the greatest theologians of all times.
- Within few years of his departure, St. Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389 AD) called him the “Pillar of the Church”.
- His writings were well regarded by all Church fathers who followed, in the West and the East. His writings show a rich devotion to the Word-become-man, great pastoral concern, and profound interest in monasticism.
- He is also one of the four Great Doctors of the Church from the East in the Roman Catholic Church, alongside St John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, and St. Gregory of Nazianzus.

## The Book of Job

Job is a wonderful book. It has many lessons for us today. We need to read and study it and apply its lessons to our lives. There are many helpful lessons we can learn from the book of Job.

- 1- We can learn that God is the Creator of all things. His wisdom is far above anything that we can ever understand. Because He is the Creator, God has no obligation to explain any of His actions to man.
- 2- We can learn that if one has true faith in God, he should remain faithful to God no matter what happens. One might not know what or why things are happening. The only thing he knows is that God loves us and know what is best for us ([Romans 8:28](#)).
- 3- We can learn from the book of Job that innocent people suffer in this life along with the wicked. Natural disasters such as floods and famines affect everybody. Accidents can happen to anyone. Sickness comes to the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the evil and the good. Finally, death will come to everyone. These things are a part of the lives of all who live on this earth. They do not mean that a person is good or bad, but simply that he is a human.
- 4- We can learn that Satan does not have unlimited power over us. God is stronger. He will not allow Satan to cause us to do anything that we do not want to do. God will not allow Satan to take away our power to choose between right and wrong.
- 5- We can learn that Satan may use other people to discourage us. In Job’s case, Satan used his wife and his three friends. We must always put God first, even before our closest friends and relatives ([Matthew 10:37](#)).
- 6- We need to have patience as Job did. We must learn to endure the hardships of life ([James 5:11](#)). We must remember that in the end, God’s people will win.
- 7- We can learn from the book of Job that life on earth is very brief. It is filled with many troubles ([Job 5:7; 7:6; 8:9; 14:1, 2; James 4:13-15](#)).

### Phrases of Wisdom

- If you’re too open minded, your brains will fall out.
- Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
- Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

## God continually shows us in nature that there will be a resurrection

By Saint Clement of Rome

Let us consider, beloved, how the Lord continually proves to us that there shall be a future resurrection, of which He has rendered the Lord Jesus Christ the first-fruits by raising Him from the dead. Let us contemplate, beloved, the resurrection which is at all times taking place. Day and night declare to us a resurrection. The night sinks to sleep, and the day arises; the day [again] departs, and the night comes on. Let us behold the fruits [of the earth], how the sowing of grain takes place. The sower goes forth, and casts it into the ground; and the seed being thus scattered, though dry and naked when it fell upon the earth, is gradually dissolved. Then out of its dissolution the mighty power of the providence of the Lord raises it up again, and from one seed many arise and bring forth fruit.



### Partners

A famous organist was giving a recital in a church. The organ not powered by electricity; had to be pumped by hand. A young boy was engaged to do this for the occasion. Everything was going fine until the lad put his head around the side of the organ and whispered, “We are doing pretty good, aren’t we?”

“What do you mean by ‘we’?” objected the organist.

A few minutes later, in the midst of a beautiful strain, the organ suddenly stopped giving out any music. Desperately the organist tried all the stops. It was no use.

Then again he saw the head of the boy bob around the corner, a broad smile on his face. He said, “Now do you know who I mean by ‘we’?”