

he wrote. Other sections are definitely dated. We can be more exact in our idea of Jer. than we can in almost any part of Isa., because very little of Isa. is ~~precisely~~ precisely dated as to a particular year. But most of Jer. is. And whatever you think of the arrangement of Jer., chapter one certainly logically comes first in this book. It is the ~~the~~ introduction to the book as a whole. And the interpretation of 1 is not necessarily to follow exactly the same lines of approach as in the other chapters. It is an introduction ~~to~~ to the prophecy. And in this introduction, we were seeing something of how the Lord called Jer. And we had looked to the point where he had seen <sup>the</sup> seething pot in verse 13, pointing with its face toward the north, and the Lord used it as a means of bringing a message. Now the suggestion I made, that the almond rock and the seething pot, that he saw actual things, and then the Lord gave him an interpretation of them in connection with it. That is my own suggestion. If someone wants to think that he had a vision or a ~~dream~~ dream in which he saw these things, I have no objection whatever to that view. But this seems to me more ~~likely~~ likely to have been the case. In any event, the important thing is the lesson that God brought out of these things for Jer. in preparing Jer. for his extremely difficult ministry. A ministry in some ways much more difficult than the greater part of the ministry of Isa. Isa. was perhaps a prophet with a deeper insight than Jer. He would have to be, because in his insight he dealt with matters which were far less obvious. Jer. was a ~~man~~ man who had to be a prophet with a tremendous force of character and a tremendous devotion to the Lord. Because he had to stand absolutely against the current of his days. Isa. sometimes was standing against the current of his day, but sometimes he was right in line with the general current of his day as with the good king Hezekiah.

Now, we saw this vision, and the Lord said to him, this thing he saw, out of the north shall an evil break forth upon the inhabitants of the land. This word "an evil", here, as you all know, of course, means physical evil, destruction. It does not mean moral evil. It doesn't mean temptation is going to come from the north. It doesn't mean incitation to ~~evil~~