

faces lest I confound thee before them, for ~~behold I have~~ behold I have made thee this day a defended city and an iron pillar and brazen walls, against the whole land. ~~Against~~ Against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. Is there any prediction in verse 18? Does anybody see any prediction in verse 18. Exactly. Verse 18 is not a prediction, it is a statement, isn't it. But is verse 18 to be taken as a literal statement. Has God made a change in Jer. Has God made him of bronze instead of human flesh. Has he caused a change to occur in Jer.'s body, in his brain, in his soul, in his spirit, is any change in Jer. involved in verse 18. Verbally, yes, but actually is that what it means. I have made thee a defended city. Is it not exactly the same as a man who were to say to someone, I have made you my representative. Suppose you want to go to "Russia and you go there and you start walking ~~through~~ through the land and ~~pretty~~ pretty soon one of the secret police seizes you and throws you in a prison. Or they won't let you through the border even. Or something happens to interfere. And you start talking to somebody. And there is difficulty, there is trouble. But if someone were to say to you, I have made you my representative, so that no official of the land can interfere with you in any way, what that would mean is, not that he made any change in you. You would be exactly as you were, even though he said you were his representative. But what it would mean would be that he would give word to his ~~people~~ people that they were to treat you in a certain way, and that they were not to interfere with you. You were to be free from their interference. That is what it would mean. If he sent you as his representative in his land. Where his people would have to obey his word. Now

Now, when God says, I have made you a defended city, he does not mean that he has made any change in Jer., but he means that he is going to cause certain conditions around Jer. to be different from what they might be otherwise. Jer. is no different on this day than he ever was, but in the days to come, Jer. will be as safe from being injured as a defended city would be. Now a